

UACC Minutes
University Area Community Council (UACC)
February 1, 2017

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Al Milspaugh called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.
2. Welcome and Introductions Al next had the people in the room introduce themselves. 18 people were in attendance at the start of the meeting, with 10 UACC members signed in. An additional 8 visitors signed in and attended part or all of the meeting.
3. Approval/Amendments to January minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the minutes. The minutes were approved as written by unanimous vote.
3. Approval of Agenda: Al presented the February agenda. No amendments were made and the agenda was approved unanimously.
4. Informational Reports
 - A. Reports from Public Servants
 1. Andy Josephson indicated he arrived in Juneau on January 10th and he is on several committees. He said that he had pre-filed 11 bills.
 2. Ivy Spohnholz. Ivy indicated she is working on the budget subcommittee. She said that the budget has lost 22% in the last 2 years and will go down even further. She indicated they are working hard to find new reductions to the budget. She is on four committees; energy, veterans/military affairs, education, and health and social services. She is hosting an open house every second Saturday of the month, with the next on February 11 from 10-11:30AM at the Waffle Fish restaurant.
 3. Bill Wielechowski called in at the beginning of the meeting but was unable to report due to technical difficulties with the phone connection to Juneau.
 4. Elvi Gray-Jackson reported on several items that can be found in her assembly report within Attachment 1.

3. Pete Peterson reported on the status of the snowplowing situation in Anchorage. He indicated that the State has sold some of its equipment used to plow State maintained roads, so the response is slowed from previous years. He said that due to Muni budget situation, the goal to have streets plowed by 72 hours after a major snowstorm has been moved back to 84 hours. Pete indicated that Berta Gardner has posted on her website where the snow plowing within the Muni has been done.

4. Starr Marsett discussed ASD developments. She said that ASD Bond propositions will be on the April election. She indicated they will deal mostly with deferred maintenance issues, such as the West/Romic school seismic remediation work and roof and heating/ventilation system upgrades as primary projects. She said that next week's School Board meeting will include developing an academic plan and will address the academic achievement gap. The School Board will also need to deal with a \$50 million shortfall in next year's budget. The shortfall is projected to be even bigger in future years. This will require reduction in the number of employees if additional funding is not secured.

5. Kevin Smestad introduced himself is a NE candidate for a seat on the Assembly. He indicated his emphasis would be on fiscal austerity, lowering taxes, and on public safety. He said he is pro-family. He indicated that his phone number and email address is available on his website.

6. Medical Students from the UAA Capstone Project introduced themselves. They said that they are conducting a survey about health and safety in the Anchorage area. They will make recommendations to the UAA faculty about including their findings within the school curriculum.

6. Reports from the FCC Delegate -Al Milspaugh

Al said he has the "FCC Statement of Financial Position as of 31 December 2016."

Al reported that APD would like you to report **all** crimes and suspicious activities.

Call 786-8900 and press **0**. You can also make a report online.

He said that Homeless Camps: Illegal camps may be reported at muni.org home page, APD home page, or through ANCWorks. That report is placed on the

APD Community Action Policing team's workflow system to start the cleanup process.

7. Reports from UACC/AdHoc Chair Persons

a. Safety: Al reported on safety issues as they relate to the recent snowfall. To facilitate plowing please keep your vehicles off the roadway prior, during and immediately after snow falls. Un-plowed sections makes it hard for vehicles to get through, especially emergency vehicles.

b. Parks: Barbara Garner mentioned there will be a Folker Park planning meeting next Monday.

8. Old Business

1. Resolution 2017-01(Rev) Establishment of Park Rangers (Attachment 2)

Al described the resolution where the UACC requests that the MOA establish Park Rangers to monitor parks and trail systems with the Municipality. He indicated that the cost of eight (8) Ranger positions would be 254 K per year. He indicated that funds are currently unavailable for such positions, but might be included within future budgets. He has been in contact with other community councils about supporting a similar resolution through their council actions. Barbara Garner asked whether the idea had been addressed in the FCC. Al indicated that he had positive feedback on the concept from FCC members. Chris Turlettes moved to pass the resolution and Joanie Nardini seconded it. The Resolution was passed unanimously, with 8 votes in the affirmative.

9. New Business

1. Election of FCC Delegates, Safety, and Executive Member at Large. Al described the current positions available.

Al Milspaugh indicated that he is interested in remaining as the FCC Delegate. No other person expressed interest in the position. Al's nomination for FCC Delegate was approved by the UACC by unanimous consent.

Joanie Nardini indicated that she is interested in remaining as the 1st Alternate FCC Delegate. No other person expressed interest in the position. Joanie's nomination for FCC Delegate was approved by the UACC by unanimous consent.

Al Milspaugh and Barbara Garner said they are interested in remaining as chairpersons for the Safety and P&R Committees respectively. The UACC membership unanimously approved their continued leadership. Filling the current 2nd Member at Large and 2nd alternate FCC position, currently held by Russ Kell, was deferred till next month's meeting as no one expressed interest in the position.

2. Zoning change from R3 to RO by Providence Health Services (Al Milspaugh). Al said the Planning and Zoning Commission denied approval of the zoning change, as supported by the UACC. Unfortunately, the proposed zoning change will still go before the MOA Assembly for approval, as it received an Assembly member sponsor. Dick Traini, did sponsor the zoning change proposal, and it will go before the Assembly at the February 14 meeting.

3. University Lake Master Plan Update (Steve Zemke). Steve reported that the Master Plan was passed by the P&Z Commission as written and previously presented to the UACC. Steve said that he has a hard copy of the Plan as presented to the P&Z Commission. The only new information was from internal agency comments, which supported the Plan, with conditions. This may be found on the Muni P&R website. Further information may also be obtained from MOA Senior Planner Steve Rafuse at 907-343-4586; RafuseSJ@muni.org).

4. Folker Park Site Plan-Maeve Nevins (MOA Senior Planner). Maeve indicated there has been four meeting to develop the Site Plan for this neighborhood Park. She indicated they are in the final design phase. She said that the Park would be an inter-generation park, serving children through seniors. She indicated expressed desires for the park to include more trails, more lighting, a place to sit and visit, and a place to work out. She presented the design schematics that showed an asphalt trail that circles the park. There are both an interior and exterior paths. The inner loop would be a place to slowly meander, to sit on park benches, or linger on one of the pullouts. It has bends and curves to enhance aesthetics. The outer loop might be one to provide opportunities for a little more speed, a place to jog or walk swiftly. This quarter mile loop would not emphasize the use for bicyclist or skate or skiers. A healing garden is also proposed, one that would provide for local input on plantings, art and visual appeal of the garden. The garden should emphasize

color, and hopefully incorporate more perennials so as to cut maintenance requirements.

Maeve stated that this would be an inter-generation park. There would be a “natural style playground. Maeve indicated the Kincaid Park contains an example of this style, which might include animal models, such as a moose, where children could climb and interact on. She also described the possibility of senior citizen exercise stations that might emphasize mobility and balance. She felt that volunteers will be needed in many facets for improving the park, from being a member on the advisory committee, to providing art for the healing garden, to helping with the general maintenance of the park.

Finally, Maeve provided information on how the Site Plan will be completed. She is looking to have a refined Site Plan ready for our March meeting. In conjunction with the Site Plan a Survey Monkey poll has been developed, with results looking to refine direction for Folker Park. Instructions for accessing the Survey Monkey are attached to the agenda. Also, a “Flyer” for developing Anchorage Park Foundation (APF) Challenge Grant proposals was available on the back table. Proposals for the APF \$40 K matching grant program are due to the APF by March 10TH.

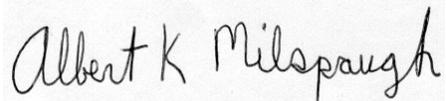
Discussion followed with several items related to the park. Selectively clipping lower of tree branches, to provide better site distance was mentioned as a method that might deter the presence of transients. It was discussed that the Park already has much of this done, and it was suggested removing some of the shrubs or other forest surface cover might be a better option. It was also mentioned that better lighting at the trail-head may make the Park a safer place in the evening hours. Finally, Barbara Garner had question about whether there might be some funds available from the year 2000 Bond issue that provided \$500K earmarked for 42nd Avenue pedestrian safety projects. Barbara Garner volunteered to follow up with retired City Planner Hal Hart about the status of the bond issue, and possible availability of funds for Park Improvement purposes.

10. Informational Items attached to the January Minutes. Al briefed the community council on each of these four items.

- 1...Survey Monkey UACC & Folker Park
2. Snail Mail Letter

3. P&Z Hearing Presentation by UACC
4. P&Z Final Decision

11. The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on March 1, 2017. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.



Albert K Milspaugh

Al Milspaugh, UACC Vice President

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Atch 1: Elvi Gray-Jackson Assembly Notes

Atch 2: Resolution 2017-01 Establishment of Park Rangers

Attachment 1

- At the January 24th Assembly Meeting:
 - o The proposed Sales Tax Ordinance failed.
 - o The Automated Traffic Safety Cameras ordinance failed.
 - o The ordinance regarding a ballot proposition to adopt a two-percent bed tax dedicated to Areawide Public Safety and Promotion of Tourism failed.
 - o The ordinance to provide for an advisory vote on whether the Municipality should continue to supplement the fluoride content in water failed.

- The candidate filing for the April 4th election opened on January 27th and closes February 10th.

Next meeting – February 14th

Attachment 2

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UACC)

RESOLUTION 2017-01

A Resolution of the UACC Requesting the Establishment of Park Rangers

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Charter Art. VIII, Sec 8.01 establishes Community Councils as representatives for neighborhoods in planning and development; **and**

WHEREAS, the Anchorage Municipal Code Chap 25.10.080 B establishes MOA Parks; **and**

WHEREAS, Community Councils are intended to reflect actual neighborhoods and provide guidance advice on management of park-lands within their boundaries; **and**

WHEREAS, UACC feels that off leash dog use of the trails within some parks prevents them from comfortably being utilized by residents; **and**

WHEREAS, in many MOA parks, owners do not clean up after their dogs and do not abide by the on/off-leash regulations iaw MOA Title 17; **and**

WHEREAS, the MOA Parks and Recreation Division and the MOA Animal Care and Control Center (AACCC) need to adequately enforce the regulations regarding on/off leash dog areas to protect the health and safety of all user groups, but are unable to do so due to their limited staffing; **and**

WHEREAS, in September 2016 at the Valley of the Moon Park, the killings of two people touched off rising alarms about crime in the area and the city as a whole. Subsequently,

Mayor Berkowitz announced a gathering in response to a letter from Valley of the Moon residents pleading for more police patrols on the trail system; **and**

WHEREAS, in July 2016 by an unusual advisory, the Anchorage Police Department warned residents not to travel alone at night in "isolated areas," days after a murder occurred in a park along a popular MOA park trail; **and**

WHEREAS, in June 2016 two women walking on a Friday afternoon in Kincaid Park were attacked by a moose; **and**

WHEREAS, in June 2015, Police said they're having trouble keeping people who flout the law out of Anchorage parks. If a person is caught drinking alcohol or dealing drugs or found naked in a park, a police officer can write a ticket or make an arrest; **and**

WHEREAS, in May 2015, a cyclist was attacked by a person while he crossed a pedestrian walkway near Goose Lake; **and**

WHEREAS, in April 2015, three men stabbed and killed a yearling moose in an East Anchorage park; **and**

WHEREAS, in March 2015, a woman was attacked and stabbed as she crossed over the pedestrian walk near Goose Lake; **and**

WHEREAS, annually authorities gear up to clear out dozens if not hundreds of homeless people from what police call illegal camping spots in Anchorage woods, parks and greenbelts. Some of the camps have been there for years. Some say they don't intend to leave; **and**

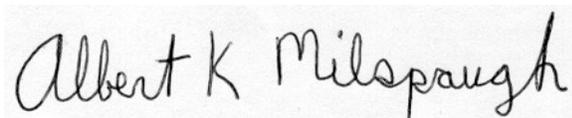
WHEREAS, the MOA would benefit if tourists and residents felt safer utilizing our parks if park rangers could provide information pertaining to our parks and city; **and**

WHEREAS, the presence of park rangers alone will help to eliminate and/or minimize dangerous and undesirable situations if they know that proper authorities will be alerted, should the need arise; **and**

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the UACC request that the MOA establish *Park Rangers*, if not on a *full-time* basis then on a *part time* basis, to monitor our parks and trail systems surrounding them.

Resolution Vote: For 8 Against: 0 Abstain: 0

This resolution was approved by the UACC on February 1, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Albert K Milspaugh". The signature is written in a cursive style and is centered on a light gray rectangular background.

Albert K. Milspaugh, UACC Vice President

Action: Each Assembly Member & Mayor

cc: Animal Control Advisory Board Commission Chairperson

 Parks & Recreation Commission Chairperson

 Assembly Public Safety Committee Chairperson