

## **UACC MINUTES**

September 6, 2017, Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by the Chairperson Al Milspaugh at 7:05 pm.

**MEMBERS & VISITORS PRESENT:** There were 16 members and 13 visitors present.

**INTRODUCTIONS:** Al Milspaugh announced that Paul Stang would not be in attendance and that he will serve as Chairperson tonight. Al asked if there were any **NEW** members in attendance and explained that residents 18 years or more to include students and businesses within our boundaries may vote, but only one vote per item. The Chairperson asked each individual to state their name and location or business.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** Approved.

**AMMENDMENTS TO AGENDA:** None.

**APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES:** The May 3, 2017 Minutes were presented and approved.

**AMENDMENTS TO PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES:** None.

### **INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:**

#### **REPORTS FROM ELECTED & MOA DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS:**

1. Assembly Member Dick Traini: Dick mentioned that a work session to discuss the Tudor Road and Elmore development would be held on September 7<sup>th</sup>. He also described two ordinances; one requiring the mayor to inform assembly on Muni executive position staffing decisions and the second would rename the Port of Anchorage to the Port of Alaska. He also said that the SAT account program is finally happening at a cost of over 82.2 million dollars.
2. Assembly Member Pete Peterson: Pete mentioned that the Tudor/Elmore development project will have a public meeting on the 27<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8:30 to discuss the zone change from PLI to B3, which would be if the project were to move forward. He also discussed the \$3M APD lawsuit case. He also said that vote by mail is on track for next Aprils Muni election. Russ Kell asked Pete if the \$3M for APD is the last of the dollars. Pete indicated that he thinks so and the moral of the department has improved considerably under leadership of new chief and mayor.

3. Assembly Member Forrest Dunbar: Forrest said that the city will receive \$7.3M rather than \$4.4M in state revenue share appropriations. He said that the fire department urgently needs more ambulance vehicles to deal with the EMS situation. The EMS bond did not pass in the last election so the Fire Department is stretched very thin and this needs to come before the voters again. He also talked about the ordinance for banning the sale of invasive European bird cherry trees. He also talked about the need for indigenous names for public spaces and how this concept was used for the new Chacon/Muldoon Park. He also said that they are working with SWS to get bear proof waste containers available for Anchorage starting with Government Hill, then Airport Heights and Rodgers Park, and then all other area. Participation will be on a voluntary basis.
4. Assembly Member Felix Rivera: Felix talked about an ordinance the assembly is considering that would allow on site consumption of marijuana products. He said that there would be a public comment hearing on October 27<sup>th</sup>.
5. MOA School Board: Kathleen Plunkett: Kathleen said that the high school graduation rate has risen to 81.4%. Also there will be an assembly meeting September 8 from 10 till noon, in the Mayors Conference room, to discuss the school district budget.
6. Representative Andy Josephson: Andy talked about several items. He mentioned that with all of the extra special sessions required that he was in Juneau for half the year. He felt the House bill on Oil and Tax Credits was an incremental improvement, with more work needed. He said that the \$120 million Capital Budget was critical for the \$900 million in matching Federal funds. He lamented about the budget reserves plummeting from \$17.8 B in 2013 to \$2.7 B in 2018. He said that the House developed a comprehensive budget to deal with the 2.7 B budget deficit but the Senate didn't take it up.
7. Representative Ivy Spohnholz: Ivy talked about how the State budget has been reduced by 44% over the last several years. She said that the Senate set a goal to further cut \$300 million but could not find it when they had to get to specifics. She said that the Governor will likely ask for a special session in October to deal with a solution to the budget deficit. She mentioned she will be hosting a meet and greet coffee session on Sep 10 from 10 to 11:30 at the Waffle Rush in east Anchorage. Some discussion followed about the potential for a tourist season sales and income tax combination tax to deal with the deficit.
8. Senator Berta Gardner: Berta said that the governor wants "no stone" left unturned to deal with the budget crisis. She feels that the Senate leadership is holding the State back from dealing with the crisis. She feels that "industry titans" need to get involved to change the Senate's minds. She feels that the BG/BW/IS/AJ caucus can create a voice to help move things forward. She invited everyone to attend the Rodgers Park CC next Monday where she

is going to give a presentation on SB 91 dealing with the opioid crisis.

9. Senator Bill Wielechowski: Bill talked about how Senate leadership cannot come to terms on how to deal with the Billions in deficit. They are still talking about cutting government services and taking permanent fund earnings reserve to fund the deficit. He then talked about the rising crime rates and how they are highly related to drug and alcohol abuse. He also mentioned how police and criminal prosecuting staff cuts have exacerbated the problem. He said that SB 91 attempts to reduce the cost to the state for incarcerating addicts and transferring the money saved into treatment options.

**PRESENTATION:** Al Milspaugh requested that Senator Wielechowski come forward and then introduced a request on behalf of Ms. Rhys Ford, whom is confined to her home. Ms. Ford stated that Senator Wielechowski has been extremely helpful in assisting her in resolving issues resulting from her being confined to her home and that Senator Wielechowski and Assembly Member Dunbar had visited her at her home. Then the signing group Sweet Chilleys Barbershop Quartet sang two (2) songs. Next Assembly Member Dunbar presented Senator Wielechowski with a commendation certificate on behalf of Ms. Ford.

**FEDERATION OF COMMUNITY COUNCILS (FCC) REPORT:** No report as the FCC had no meetings during the summer.

#### **UACC COMMITTEE/AdHoc REPORTS:**

1. Safety: Officers have a 90% recovery rate for stolen vehicles. APD appreciates the community support and involvement when necessary. The community is a vital partner in some of their investigations. However, please allow officers to take the lead on criminal investigations. Officers have the required training and skills to handle these calls and our number one goal is to keep the public and our officers safe.
2. Parks & Recreation: 2. Parks & Recreation: Barbara Garner reported on the happenings in Folker Park. She said that there is a meeting on Friday September at 2PM at the Providence Horizon House. *Was scheduled for Wednesday, September 6, changed to September 27 at Anchorage Parks Foundation office.* She said that matching funding is required for the Rasmussen Foundation *Challenge Grant*, a need to raise \$12,500 to receive the Rasmussen funds. She indicated that the paved trail would be put in during the summer of 2018 with funds from the April 2017 bond issue. A lot survey, a tree survey, and engineering plan needed prior to further planning. She said the summer fix-it day was successful, 50 volunteers shrub trimming and planting of the Forget-me-not flower STREAM trail. There was discussion about the children's playground which Barbara mentioned would not have plastic and would fit into the environment. She also

said that there would be inter-generational exercise equipment installed, the Challenge Grant project. This and other information can be found on the Muni website at:

<http://www.muni.org/Departments/parks/Pages/FolkerParkSitePlan.aspx>.

She also indicated that there is a safety problem at the Folker/42<sup>nd</sup> intersection, a need for a defined ADA crossing/access to the park for Horizon House residents. A traffic study is required prior to the approaching snow season.

3. AdHoc: None

**OLD BUSINESS:** UACC Resolution 2017-02 Final (Attachment May Minutes Informational)

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Joey Sweet, Student Regent for the University of Alaska Board of Regents  
Joey said that he was appointed last summer. Joey talked about how there is an effort to increase the number of teachers in Alaska with UAA degrees. He said that there is a University of Alaska Board of Regents statewide conference call planned for October 30 from 4 to 6PM to take comment on the Strategic Pathways restructuring Program.
2. David Searls, PE ML&P Substation Engineering & Planning Supervisor  
David discussed the need for the expansion of the MLP substation at the corner of Northern Lights and Career Center Drive. He said the current station is heavily overloaded being at 100% capacity. The plan is to double the capacity of the station, replacing its 1980's transformers with new ones. The actual buildings will extend to the south, and occupy a 50 by 100 footprint. There will be new grass and probably a new fence. The overall site will stay with the existing perimeter. David said that he was requesting approval from the UACC on the site design. Susan Klein made a motion that the UACC approve the plan. Al Milspaugh seconded. The motion was affirmed unanimously.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Al Milspaugh introduced the following topics and how to get information about them.

1. MOA AMATS meeting on 7 Sep (Information - Attachment 1)
2. MOA Liquor License Renewal within UACC (Information – Attachment 2)
3. Comments on Proposed MOA Food Code Updates (Information – [FoodCode@muni.org](mailto:FoodCode@muni.org))
4. 42<sup>nd</sup> Ave Speeding Traffic (Information – Officer Nave, APD provided the following information.)

Al Milspaugh read into the record an email from Officer Nave who wrote:” Here is that information I told you I would get to you. If there are concerns about speeding vehicles or

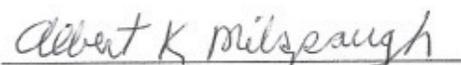
rather any traffic related issues, your community members can call the traffic hotline and report them. The traffic hotline is essentially a voice mail box that goes directly to the APD traffic enforcement office. They get the information and the officers in that unit will respond accordingly. The number is 786-8949. If a person reports a traffic problem on the hotline tell them to be specific in their location i.e. 42<sup>nd</sup> St between Lake Otis and Piper. If the location is too broad such as just 42<sup>nd</sup> St they may not get the desired response as 42<sup>nd</sup> St could mean anywhere along that road. Also tell them to be specific in the type of traffic violation they believe to be occurring there and the time of day the infraction occurs most.

I have also included an attachment with a list of numbers they can call for any other problems that might occur. I hope this helps. If I am able to make it to the meeting I will try but as of right now I am unable to. Sincerely, Ofc Nave.”

Discussion on the speeding that is occurring 42 Avenue followed. People living on the Avenue definitely felt that speeding was a problem and that speed bumps might be a method that would be employed to address the problem. Dick Traini indicated that the previous Mayor did not allow the construction of new speed bumps and that fire code says not to build speed bumps because of problems with getting fire equipment over them. Forrest Dunbar indicated that there is a 400 street “wait list” for speed bumps.

After considerable discussion and concerns by Erik Hodgins of E 42nd Ave regarding vehicle high speeds along 42nd Ave, Mary Lu Harle made a motion that the UACC Executive Committee submit a resolution requesting a 42<sup>nd</sup> Avenue traffic calming study from Lake Otis Parkway to Florina Street . Al Milspaugh stated that it's the responsibility of the individual presenting the item to generate a resolution and that he would assist in its development, but he would not do it. He further stated that we are individual residences making up the UACC membership and we all need to help resolve concerns. The motion was approved by unanimous vote. Note: After the meeting Al Milspaugh met with Mr.Hodgins and obtained his information and that night forwarded a resolution template and a previously approved resolution, non-related, to him and advised him to contact Al for any needed assistance.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The Chairperson stated that the next meeting will be held on **October 4, 2017**. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.



Albert K Milspaugh, UACC Vice President

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1. MOA AMATS meeting on 7 Sep
2. MOA Liquor License Renewal within UACC

## Attachment 1

Hello,

AMATS will be hosting an **Inter-agency Winter Maintenance Forum** on September 7<sup>th</sup> from 1pm to 4pm at the Municipal Planning Department Training Room (30).

Our goals for this forum are as follows:

1. Provide an opportunity for productive discussion about how best to achieve winter maintenance standards for bicyclists and pedestrians with continuing state and city budget cuts.
2. Look at various ways to prioritize maintenance schedules to ensure that streets with the most bike/ped traffic and residents who depend upon the non-motorized network are plowed first. Specifically, lower income and disabled residents.
3. Document current challenges and opportunities related to winter maintenance.
4. Present methods that are being used successfully in other winter cities to address these and similar challenges.
5. Develop an action plan to move us forward and make progress on this issue.

We will be sending out an event flyer soon. Please RSVP to me if you would like to attend.

### **Joni Wilm**

Senior Transportation Planner | Bicycle & Pedestrian Coordinator

**AMATS**

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## Attachment 2

### Subject: 2018/2019 Liquor License Renewal Notice

Dear Community Council:

Notice:

On or before September 1 of each year, the Municipal Clerk is required to notify all Community Councils of liquor licenses located within their boundaries that will be reviewed by the Assembly for renewal during the licensing year, 2018/2019 (AMC 2.30.120C). To comply with this provision of the code, the Clerk's Office has attached a spreadsheet of the 2018/2019 liquor license renewals, sorted by community council.

Public Hearings and Resolutions:

The municipal clerk is also required to advise community councils that they may request a legislative public hearing before the Assembly on any liquor license renewals within their boundaries (AMC 2.30.120C). To request a public hearing, the community council must adopt a resolution asking the Assembly to hold a public hearing on the liquor license renewal and must send the resolution directly to the Office of the Municipal Clerk at [munilicenses@muni.org](mailto:munilicenses@muni.org) <<mailto:munilicenses@muni.org>>.

**The request for a public hearing should be in the form of a resolution** and preferably containing the following information: Number of community council member votes in favor of the request and the number of votes opposed; specific facts, including dates; and supporting documentation. **The resolution must be received no later than October 15, 2017.**

Please contact me if you have questions.

Regards,

**Mandy Honest**

Business License Official

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Varsity Sports Grill	Restaurant/Eating Place	Anchorage,	3550 Providence Drive
Alaska Airlines Center	Recreational Site	Anchorage,	3550 Providence Drive