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UACC MEETING MINUTES

March 4, 2020

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- 3 **1. Opening and Welcome and Introductions** - The meeting was called to order
4 by Vice President Al Milspaugh at 7:00 pm. There were 17 persons present at
5 the start of the meeting with 12 members and 5 visitors signed in. State
6 legislators were available via teleconference line from Juneau. The President
7 asked each individual to state their name and location or business. Al also
8 mentioned that this meeting is live streamed via Facebook. He also read a
9 disclosure statement:

10 4 March 2020 Meeting

11 Our UACC meetings are streamed to our UACC Facebook page.

12 All Community Council meetings are open to the public to include the press.

13 Because we hold open meetings there should be NO expectation of privacy.

- 14 **2. Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Krista Scott, with Mark Fink second,
15 moved to approve the February 5, 2020 minutes. The minutes were approved
16 by unanimous consent.

- 17 **3. Approval of the Agenda:** Al Milspaugh introduced tonight's agenda. Steve
18 Zemke, with Krista Scott seconding, moved to approve the agenda. The agenda
19 passed by unanimous consent.

20 **4. Informational Reports**

21 **A. Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**

- 22 a. **Anchorage Police Department-** Sargent Burns provided introduction to
23 crime statistics for the northeast side of town. He left his contact
24 information at the back table. He introduced Officer Heckman who gave
25 more detailed statistics on the area. As an indication of police load he said
26 there were 216,000 calls for service last year within the Municipality. He
27 indicated that problem areas are east 36th Avenue block around the Golden
28 Lion and 36th and Latouche area. He indicated that 3 PM is the hot time for
29 police call for service. Krista Scott asked how much time the officers spent
30 in the UACC area. Officer Hickman replied that specific statistics are not
31 gathered for the area, but of the 36 sworn officers, 2 are assigned to the
32 area. He also indicated that lack of support staff has led to increased
33 response time. Al Milspaugh stated that speeding is a problem around the
34 42nd and Folker intersection and requested more officer presence in the area
35 to deter infractions. Officer Heckman said that he would like to be
36 assigned there to help in the deterrent effort.

- 37 b. **State House Representative Andy Josephson-** Andy reported the

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38 following: 1) His Judiciary sub-committee restored funding to Court
39 system that were previously vetoed by Governor; 2) the House have
40 completed this year's Operating Budget proposal; 3) the House UA
41 subcommittee restored funds to the UA system; 4) continuing working on
42 the Anti-Hate Crime reform act; 5) working on reforming the Workman
43 Compensation program to update the compensation for lost limbs; and 6)
44 and that the Governor's budget proposal is more "reasonable" than last
45 year's proposal. Mark Fink wanted to know when the PFD issue would be
46 addressed by the legislature. Andy indicated that would take bi-partisan
47 effort to deal with issue. Issues to be resolved are whether to grant full
48 PFD or to develop a new formula. He felt the way forward is to reform the
49 formula to cover the state's budget crisis and still guarantee a PFD.

50 c. **State Representative Ivy Sponholz-** Ivy reported the following: 1) House
51 passed an operating budget at a flat \$4.5 B, which amounts to a 44 % cut
52 over last 5 years; 2) the budget supports increases to Alaska Marine
53 Highway and the Senior Center; 3) but it doesn't adequately fund education
54 and health services. She also mentioned work on HR 13 which is a rule
55 based framework for PFD spending. This allows for 5.25% for 2 years and
56 then 5.0 % thereafter. This keeps the Permanent Fund increasing and keeps
57 the \$44 B corpus intact (which can't spend anyway) and allows for
58 spending from the \$18 B earnings reserve. Spending out of this reserve
59 only requires a majority vote. She also is working on several Legislature
60 Bills; SB 19 dealing with mental and rural community health; 2) HB175
61 establishing a Alaska Psychiatric Institute oversight board; and HB 265
62 which caps the cost of insulin. She will also be hosting a constituent coffee
63 March 14.

64 d. **State Senator Bill Wielechowski-** He said the Senate is working on the
65 Capital Budget. He also said they voted to pass the 2020 supplemental
66 budget primarily to cover increased costs associated with last years
67 wildfires and the State's share of Medicare costs. He also said they are
68 working on a Resolution that would request the State receive 90% of
69 revenues from ANWR versus the 50% under the Federal Tax bill.

70 e. **State Senator Elvi Gray Jackson-** Al Milspaugh read Elvi Gray Jackson's
71 written report to UACC. See Attachment 1.

72 f. **Assembly Chair Felix Rivera:-** Felix reported the following items: 1) Due
73 to Regulatory Commission actions the MLP sale to Chugach Electric will
74 be delayed till May 1, but will have no impact on the municipal budget; 2)
75 the AMATS 2040 Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) resolution will
76 be before the Assembly at their March 9th meeting; and 3) the Assembly will
77 deal with resolution on the midtown congestion at 36th Avenue. He also

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78 handed out a draft of the Midtown sub-plan portion of the 2019-2021
79 Anchorage Assembly Priorities document.

80 **g. Assembly Member Pete Peterson:-** Pete introduced several topics: 1) the
81 Economic Development Council recommended changing regulations to
82 allow for 200 square foot porches front porches to make Anchorage
83 neighborhoods more friendly; 2) the Assembly passed regulations requiring
84 a ¼ mile trapping prohibition buffer around trail-heads; and 3) an
85 ordinance requiring pawn brokers that take in jewelry post of picture of the
86 items on their website within 24 hours of purchase. Krista Scott had a
87 question about the Public Safety Access Roads bond that is on the ballot.
88 Felix Rivera replied that the bond this year is for planning and would be a
89 tool for the Road Service areas to get funding for construction at a later
90 date. Pete also said the idea is to provide redundancy in access,
91 particularly in regard to the extreme situation in relation to the Spruce Bark
92 beetle infestation occurring on the Hillside. Kyle Stevens had a question
93 about how water would be available for fire services. Pete said that the
94 Anchorage Fire Department (AFD) has a fully function department and has
95 contingency plans for such. Felix Rivera also indicated that AFD is
96 working with Hillside folks to address this issue. He suggested that one
97 contact the Hillside Assembly member for more information.

98 **h. Anchorage School Board Member Dave Donley:-** Dave discussed how
99 Covid 19 is affecting the Anchorage School District (ASD). He indicated
100 that a Task Force had been established to address the crisis. He said that
101 problems are associated with the fact that many youth are asymptomatic
102 when they have the virus and the Chief Medical Officer indicates there is
103 no good strategy to deal with the virus spread if school is in session. He
104 indicated that the virus is deadly to people with pre-existing health issues
105 and that children are not greatly affected by the virus. He also said they do
106 not know how to detect the virus. He said that ASD needs to figure out
107 how to take care of kids if schools close. The ASD is developing protocols
108 to deal with the virus cases when they show up. Al Milspaugh mentioned
109 that the local news indicated that schools were shutting down even as no
110 known cases were currently evident. Dave indicated that community
111 transmittal has occurred and this necessitated the shutdown of ASD at this
112 time. He also said that the ASD Superintendent has eliminated travel for
113 special trips, as the ASD cannot allow for liability of stranding students,
114 teachers, or volunteers on the trips or the possibility of bringing Covid19
115 back to the community. Hannah Davis had a question about how to
116 volunteer to help increase reading scores in ASD schools. Dave said that
117 the ASD does have a volunteer coordinator who she could call, or she could

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118 call her local school to offer her help.
119 **i. UAA Representative Ryan Buccholdt-** Ryan said the University is
120 working on a contingency plan to deal with Covid 19. It will deal with
121 how to run the campus if the school is closed. He also said that they have
122 foreign exchange students out in Italy and need to figure out how to get
123 them back if school closes. He reported on how the University is dealing
124 with the budget cuts. For the last 6 years the University has dealt with
125 declining budgets mainly through administrative cuts. They are now in the
126 place where programs and educators need to be cut. For those programs
127 cut, they need to figure out how to allow students to finish their degree.
128 They are also conducting listening sessions with students with the goal to
129 better take care of students. They are working on plans to focus on what
130 the University system will look like after the transition to the lower budget
131 levels occurs. Barbara Garner had question about whether On-line
132 University system delivery could help save some of the programs. Ryan
133 indicated that that UAA is looking at expanding the on-line program. He
134 also said that every 7 years all UAA programs are evaluated. They look at
135 the students enrolled and the employment opportunities and adjust program
136 delivery or elimination from there. Al Milspaugh suggested that UAA
137 needs to outreach to high school students. Ryan indicated that teams of
138 recruiters go to local high schools to give students information on what is
139 being offered at UAA.

140 **B. Reports from UACC Committees/Ad Hoc Chair Persons**

141 **a. Parks- Steve Callaghan-:** New Parks and Recreation Subcommittee chair ,
142 Steve Callaghan, noted that April Bond election includes funding for
143 University Lake Park. It was discussed that funding is needed to provide
144 school age exercise equipment for Folker Park.

145 **b. Safety-Al Milspaugh:-** Al Milspaugh reported that if you want to get to
146 know the community service staff, i.e., the American Red Cross you can do
147 so by practicing bad safety habits.

148 **C. UACC FCC Representative: Al Milspaugh.**

149 1. March 15 is the last day to turn in your property tax exemption forms for
150 which you may qualify for.

151 2. April 7th MOA Ballot Propositions are listed on Attachment 1 of which I
152 have detailed information from the sponsors.

153 3. The MOA Assembly Priorities are Communications, Homelessness,
154 Quality of Life, Public Safety, and Economic Development.

155 4. AR 2020-41 Establishes a public deliberative process for developing a
156 plan for use and budgeting of new tax revenue sources dedicated to specific
157 purposes. He had a copy for review.

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- 158 5. He had the abbreviated AMATS 2040 MTP Public Review Draft for
159 review.
160 6. Draft AO 2020-04 amends MOA Code Chapter 10.20 relating to
161 pawnbrokers. He had a copy for review.
162 7. AO 2020-10 (S): Amends Title 21 Sec 21.06.030 to exempt up to 200 sq
163 ft of area to encourage the construction of front porches on single-family
164 dwellings. He had a copy for review.
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166 **5. Old Business- Solar Energy: Steve Trimble – CEO**

167 Steve reported on the actions that have occurred since the last meeting. He
168 said that they are proceeding with projects in the UACC/Tudor area,
169 Bayshore/Klatt and the Bayshore areas this season. The work was awarded
170 through a competitive bid process Arctic Solar Ventures. Hannah Davis
171 questioned about how much money one would save through solar panel
172 installations. Steve indicated that one would use ½ to 2/3 less utility power.
173 Depends on how many panels are installed. Usual installation is 60% to 100%
174 of annual power use. The system uses net metering and excess power generated
175 in summer is sold back to the utility at wholesale rates. Al Milspaugh wanted to
176 know whether snow needed to be removed from panels in winter. Steve
177 indicated that the mid-winter period generates only only 10% of the power as
178 during summer periods so removing snow does not significantly influence
179 overall power generation so removing snow is not needed. Also panels generate
180 some heat which may hasten to melt snow during this period. Steve Zemke had
181 a question about how net metering works. Steve Trimble indicated that for 30
182 days the utility buys back power at full retail value, from 30 to 60 days is at
183 wholesale value, and the remaining period doesn't pay. Ryan Buccholdt
184 indicated that the student sponsored solar array on the UAA admin building had
185 a 3 to 5 year payback period. Krista Scott wanted to know how large a
186 company ASV and whether they had capacity to complete the many projects.
187 Steve said they have 11 people employed, they completed 150 projects last year
188 installing over 1200 panels, and they have built in ways to upscale if needed.
189 Steve indicated that there is still a \$500 incentive for persons who sign up
190 before April 15. There was question about whether ASV also deals with solar
191 hot water heat installations. Steve said this is a complex system and they do not
192 deal with them.

193 **6. New Business and Public Comment**

194 **A.Streaming UACC Meetings: Kyle Stevens – North East CC**

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195 Kyle indicated the meeting was being streamed. He went over the Flyer “Get
196 ready 2 Go live!”. He indicated that Al has gotten FCC support for the project.
197 He and Al mentioned there were 7 people live streaming the meeting and if ad-
198 vertised there should be a lot more. Equipment requirements are a smart phone
199 or other video recording device, Wifi access, and a speaker and microphone
200 system. Milspaugh indicated that UACC would need to have a speaker and
201 mount system to make the streaming system work. Al indicated that a \$50
202 speaker/mike system and a \$20 mounting hardware are adequate for the UACC
203 to make streaming meetings happen. Krista Scott moved for Al Milspaugh to
204 be authorized to spend \$70 on the speakers and mounting equipment. Steve
205 Zemke seconded the motion. The motion was approved by unanimous consent.
206 Funds will come from FCC funds available to the UACC Outreach.
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208 **B. Liquor License Renewal: NANA Mgt Services LLC – Al Milspaugh**

209 This proposal is primarily for renewal of the liquor for the Alaska Center.
210 Ryan Buccholdt indicated it is for the Center Restaurant and for special events
211 hosted by UAA. Discussion indicated there was no opposition for the renew-
212 al of the license. Al Milspaugh will respond such to the Anchorage City
213 Clerk.

214 **C. AO 2020-10 (s) Amend Title 21 Sec 21.06.030 to exempt up to 200 sq** 215 **ft of area to encourage construction of front porches on single family** 216 **dwelling- Al Milspaugh**

217 Al presented the ordinance that will be taken up by the City Assembly.
218 UACC consensus was positive as long as these were not used for car parking.
219 Steve Callaghan felt that having no direct driveway attachment would pre-
220 clude this.

221 **7. Other Business**

222 Krista Scott announced there will be a lecture on March 17th about Covid
223 19 the State Public Health Officer and other officials.

224 **8. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 9:00 pm.
225 Our next UACC meeting will be held on April 1, 2020.
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Paul R. Stang, UACC President
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231 **Attachment 1**

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233 University Area Community Council – Senator Gray-Jackson’s Report March 4,
234 2020

235 • On Saturday, Feb. 28th, I had the privilege and honor to be a part of the Second
236 Annual Bettye Davis African American Summit. I was excited to come together
237 with community leaders who are passionate about the fight for equality which
238 continues today. The late Senator Davis was the first African American elected to
239 the Alaska State Senate, a former Alaska State Representative, and Anchorage
240 School Board Member. She was also my mentor and a friend. It was only fitting
241 that during February’s Black History Month, we were able to immortalize the
242 memory of the late Senator Davis with naming a room in the capital after her and
243 continuing the legacy that she left behind.

244 • Supplemental Budget The governors FY20 supplemental budget was passed by
245 the House of Representatives on Wednesday, February 26th. This supplemental
246 budget was the largest in Alaska’s history, totaling at \$526.2 million. \$293.6
247 million of this is in state UGF funding, and the remaining \$225 million is federal
248 funding. The budget primarily funds Medicaid, firefighting efforts, and earthquake
249 relief costs. The supplemental budget also includes funding for: the Alaska Marine
250 Highway System, the Department of Public Safety, Alaska Psychiatric Institute, the
251 Utquiagvik (formerly Barrow) DA’s office, the Adult Public Assistance program,
252 and the Adult Preventative Dental Program.

253 • I want to invite everyone to join me and my staff for “Coffee with Elvi” so we
254 can hear your priorities during this legislative session. We will be meeting at the
255 Black Cup, 341 Benson Blvd. on March 7th, from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. Come share your
256 thoughts, opinions and enjoy a cup of coffee with us.

257 • I hope you are enjoying my monthly E-newsletter. If you’re not receiving them,
258 please send your email address to my staff at Keith.Bauguess@akleg.gov.

259 UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY COUNCIL – SENATOR GRAY-JACKSON’S
260 REPORT