

Minutes: March 5, 2003
University Area Community Council

The meeting was called to order at 7:05P by President Tim Neale. The minutes were approved as printed. It was announced that no candidates would be invited to speak to the council since not all candidates were present and there is a full agenda. There are several candidate forums where all the candidates are scheduled to attend.

Diana Durst of UAA introduced the members of the UAA consulting team who are doing the preliminary information gathering for the UAA master plan. They will be talking to faculty, staff, students and community members to begin a process to match the projected needs over the next 10 years with the facilities on campus. This is the beginning of the UAA Master Plan. This presentation, by ZGF Architects, Inc was followed by a question and answer period. ZGF is the same group heading the U-Med Master Plan, and they agreed to answer a few questions about U-Med.

John Steiner, a member of the ASD School Board, spoke about the background of the 3 school bonds to be voted on at the April 1 election.

Clotho Spinner, DOWL Engineers, spoke about the plan to subdivide a number of acres west of Boniface Parkway and south of Tudor Road into smaller acreages. Some of these smaller plots have no access to Tudor or Boniface at this time. It was recommended that no additional curb cuts be allowed on Tudor Road. This will be coming before the Platting Board, is just the beginning of a land use plan.

Brian Whittle, Assemblyman spoke of the change in plans for the proposed teen center at the former OK Corral location. There are proposed changes in the ages of teens to be allowed to participate. This ordinance is still being processed by the Assembly.

Assemblyman Doug Van Etten spoke about the proposed ordinance regarding the "mother-in-law" apartments that are becoming more common in many single residential areas. He also mentioned that neighborhoods wanting "speed humps" to be installed should start the process soon as there were a limited number to be available.

Dierdre Ford, Chair of the Library Advisory Board, spoke in favor of the library bond issue. It would provide funds for a site design for a library in Eagle River and improvements at the library in Girdwood as well as improvements at Loussac Library.

Jacques Boutet spoke about propositions #4, 7 and 8. These are projects that came forward from Community Councils and other planning processes. The Eagle River Bond, #8, has no impact on Anchorage taxes. These are all parts of long range programs and planning.

Dan Hobert reported on the progress made by the Alaska Club in addressing the drainage problems on 42nd Ave. Some of the problems had not been addressed but were added to the list to be addressed. Everything on the list should be completed by the end of next month.

Tim Neale reported on the plans for improving safety issues on Lake Otis Parkway between Northern Lights and Tudor. This is the section under the State's jurisdiction. Several specific areas are to be considered for safety improvements.

The CIP list was briefly discussed and will be up for consideration at our next meeting.

Announcements:

- Meeting at Baxter (Elementary School) with Sharon Cissna, Bettye Davis and Harry Crawford, Sat. March 8.
- Clean-ups in Folker Park and other areas. Removing some of the homeless shelters near Goose Lake area.
- Vince Huntington (Prov) called for traffic study on Dale Street and East 42nd - use has risen dramatically in past few years.
- Providence will work on 20 bed ICU to be completed by end of year. This will be internal construction only.

Meeting adjourned at 9:05P
Submitted by Betty Adkison