

UACC MEETING MINUTES

May 6, 2021

- 1. Opening and Welcome and Introductions** - The meeting, via Zoom, was called to order by President Paul Stang at 7:00 pm. Al Milspaugh acted as host for the Zoom meeting. Al Milspaugh announced that the meeting will be recorded. It will be available via Zoom and Facebook apps, and as such no privacy should be expected. Al asked that people raise their hand if they wish to make comment. He also noted that closed captions are available for persons hard of hearing. There were 33 people present during portions of the meeting (Attachment 1). Paul mentioned this may be the last meeting before UACC breaks for summer and a June meeting will be voted upon at the end of the meeting.
- 2. Approval of Prior Months Minutes:** Al Milspaugh, with Mark Fink seconding, moved to approve the April 7, 2021 minutes. The minutes were approved by vote of 11/0/0.
- 3. Approval of the Agenda:** Paul Stang introduced tonight's agenda. Al Milspaugh moved to approve to the agenda, with Susan Share seconding. Elizabeth Appleby, MOA Planning Department, requested a change to the agenda. The agenda was passed by vote of 15/0/0.
- 4. Informational Reports**

A. Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials

- 1. State Senator Bill Wielechowski:-** The Senator mentioned the disaster declaration was passed by the house and moved to the Senate. Every state but Michigan has a Disaster Declaration. The State Disaster Declaration is needed to continue Federal SNAP payments to the State. If it is not passed, the State of Alaska is at risk of losing money as of April 30. Two (2) amendments added to proposed legislation bill, one to ensure public safety employees, nurses, etc. would receive workers compensation if an employee caught COVID on the job. The second provision was limiting the use of unlimited no bid contracts during emergency procurement. The bill that passed was a mini emergency declaration. Budget is still in play. Operating budget was in finance committee. Under American Rescue Plan, Alaska is supposed to get a billion dollars. Guidance is forthcoming on May 10 for spending this money. Another billion dollars for addressing homelessness, domestic violence, university, and education. Infrastructure bill could have positive effects on Alaska and could provide a few more billion in funds. Al asked about access to private information, specifically DMV data, that is collected by the state of Alaska and is sometimes sold to

third parties. Senator Bill Wielechowski is working on this with the DMV.

- 2. State Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson-** The Senator mentioned results of a survey that was conducted regarding PFD changes, revenue options, and taxes. 51% opposed an income tax. Grant amounts for a variety of available funds were mentioned. An updated agenda of legislative activities was presented. Senator Gray-Jackson wished everyone a great summer.
- 3. Representative Ivy Sponholz:-** The Representative reported on her activities with the House Finance and Commerce Committee, 22 billion dollar infrastructure deficit and a 2.3 trillion dollar infrastructure federal bill. Need to address infrastructure deficit in Alaska. HB 189 passed, an education payroll tax amounting to $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1 percent. 20% of the workers in AK that live outside AK will pay this. Possible special session. Constitutionally protect PFD, move budget forward. Al had a question regarding if money can be put aside for future use. Representative Ivy Sponholz responded that it can't be saved, the money has to be spent. Anticipating final guidance on the use of the available COVID 19 funding. Al asked about UAA. The Representative mentioned UAA has a 1.2 billion dollar maintenance and deferred maintenance backlog.
- 4. State Representative Andy Josephson:-** The Representative mentioned UAA is receiving 30 million dollars in COVID related money. UAA rejected the third year of the "compact" between UAA regents and the governor. The UAA fiscal position is improving. House version of the budget is spending 70% of the billion dollars in COVID funding. The caucus in Juneau is tight, 19-21. Appears some grandstanding is going on and causing delays. Special session may be extended. Representative Andy Josephson has brought a bill to restore a defined benefit pension to first respondents. Hearing is scheduled on motor fuel tax, increase from 8 to 16 cents per gallon. Has not increased since 1970. Al had a comment about David Eastmen, representative from Willow and his continued list of annoying amendments to bills.
- 5. Assembly Chair Felix Rivera-** The Chairman mentioned the Assembly extended the emergency declaration into June. One or two provisions in Emergency Order (EO) 20 were rescinded and had something to do with indoor location. The other provisions of EO 20 are still in place. The assembly had a variety of work sessions regarding COVID (ARPA) funding. Two tranches of 50.5 million, total of 101 million. Awaiting federal guidance just like the state. Hopefully some of the money will be

used to fill in gaps where federal and state funds fall short. Budget was passed for 2021, along with first quarter budget. Mill rate is set for 2021, said that the Municipality will receive \$101 million in Federal Covid-19 relief funds. Assembly Chairman Felix Rivera said there will be meetings on March 19th and 29th to discuss how to allocate these funds. Regarding Anchorage Budget, a few anomalies occurred, and the first quarter budget had to be adjusted accordingly. A portion of the alcohol tax was allocated for domestic violence. The Assembly is trying to bolster their position as the local legislative branch. Possibly hiring someone. Al asked a question about a youth assembly member. The position was inactive during COVID 19.

- 6. Assembly Member Forrest Dunbar** - The Assembly Member mentioned the first round of the election was certified. Chairman Felix Rivera and Assembly Member John Weddleton maintained their incumbent positions. The Mill rate increased from 2020 to 2021, 9.0 to 9.22, with 0.61 mills for filling the gap created by State of Alaska no longer reimbursing bond debt. Senator Gray-Jackson added a comment regarding the mill rate. Mark Fink had a question about bond debt, Senator Gray-Jackson answered the question regarding bond debt reimbursement. Assembly Member Dunbar also provided a response to Mark Fink regarding reimbursement of school bond debt.
- 7. Assembly Member Meg Zaletel** - The Assembly Member mentioned school bond debt will show as a separate line item on the green assessment card. The Municipality is transitioning out from the Emergency Operations Center into more normal operations status. Covid-19 testing and vaccination responsibilities will go to the Health Department. The mass care is going to be handled through MOA Development Services. Big meeting regarding a smooth transition when emergency orders end. Assembly could expedite procurement, ordinance to allow flexibility and moving quickly to disburse COVID 19 money.
- 8. Margo Bellamy-Anchorage School Board (ASB)**- Ms. Bellamy mentioned there are four (4) new board members. Andy Holleman is new vice president. Margo is the new president. Clerk is Carl Jacobs, Kelly lessens is the treasurer. The week of May 5 is teacher appreciation week. Six students graduated from the Whaley School. Big 8 graduation ceremonies next week, starting May 10. Graduations will be outside rather than online. There will be summer learning, make up learning. I or F grades can be made up. This can be attended virtually or in person. Will be a robust summer school. Anticipating a lot of enrollment. Two (2)

blocks a day, one in the morning and one in the afternoon. Meetings will be held regarding CARES act funding this summer. Al had a question regarding our new representative. Carl Jacobs will be our new school board representative.

- 9. UAA Representative Ryan Buchholdt** - Ryan reported that the UAA had over 1,000 graduates this year. The graduation was virtual. Eight (8) candidates are being considered for the new Chancellor. The President is making a decision on this soon. Decisions are being made to determine what to do in the future for classes and COVID 19. Car bomb exercise and active shooter on campus exercise will occur in the next few weeks. Will not impact classes or community. Training will be provided to local law enforcement regarding the active shooter and car bomb exercise. Question from Al regarding Nixle notification. Ryan responded the public will be notified ahead of the exercise.
- 10. Brian Meissner** - Brian presented for Holly Spoth-Torres regarding the UAA Campus Master Plan. The plan is moving along, survey next week. Engage stakeholders, presented master plan update. Beginning the master plan process now in 2021, ending in 2022. Showed four (4) slides. 2013 master plan captured students from outside. How is UAA different? Celebrating Alaska lifestyle. New master plan is addressing local education needs and celebrating local lifestyle. 2013 was at the end of a major growth phase. Growth through focus and renovation, make better, not bigger. How will Zoom affect Campus needs. How is UAA changing due to Zoom and other technologies. Inward growth will be emphasized along with looking at outward growth. In September, UAA will be back. There will be lots of opportunity for input.

B. UACC Board Reports

- 1. P&R Committee Chair - Steven Callaghan** presented information regarding Folker Park and 42nd Ave, lights and paving replacement to be noted. MOA Parks and Recreation is working on signage. Horizon house donated three birdhouses. The Anchorage Parks Foundation has money for installing a few pieces of musical play equipment. The reflexology path will hopefully be completed. Labyrinth needs new paint. The University Lake Park concept drawing and timeline was quickly presented. A dog memorial was found and will be moved. University Lake Park, parking lot, is planned for construction in 2021.

42nd Ave, Detailed design will start this summer. Some of the new intersections will be raised intersections to slow traffic. Barbara Garner commented on the Piper/42nd intersection and explained the history of the

Piper /42nd intersection. A question was raised regarding bond funding. Steve Callahan mentioned the bond funding will be piece meal over time. Barbara Garner expressed concern over costs going up. Susan Share provide an update on Goose Lake Park. Very well used this winter, skiers, racers, etc. Excellent job by MOA! Hard to keep clean. AWC produced signs to pick up after dogs. Transitioning from winter to summer uses. BG monitored lights and paving at utility crossings.

2. Planning and Zoning Committee-Krista Scott- Chair:- Krista thanked everyone and mentioned to have a good summer! No new news!

3. Safety Committee-Al Milspaugh:- Al's safety message: do not wait until the fall to complete tasks around the house the. Work on home repairs etc. now, in case you run out of time and have to wait another year.

C. FCC Representative -Al Milspaugh:- Nothing from FCC. Al said he would skip discussion of FCC topics in the deference to time constraints.

5. Old Business- UACC Comments Pedestrian Crossing: Tudor Rd & Wright Street Safety - Compiled by Krista Scott and Annie Collie -UACC Board

Paul presented the final comments for Tudor and Wright Street that were sent to MOA. No comments or questions.

6. New Business and Public Comment

A. Paul presented a letter of commendation to Susan Klein. UACC appreciates all of Susan Klein's efforts for UACC and efforts for FCC. Barbara Garner also commended Susan on her diligent efforts.

B. Paul Stang opened elections for Member at Large for UACC. Mark Fink was nominated. Mark quickly described himself and his interest in UACC. Paul asked for additional nominations. There were none. Al called for a vote for member at large. Vote seconded by Krista. Vote 9 in favor 0 against.

C. MOA Planning Staff, Elizabeth Appleby and Tom Davis presented a slideshow regarding site access and parking. Elizabeth introduced herself and Tom. Tom began the presentation. This is an amendment to parking and site access requirement in Title 21. Parking can be excessive in residential uses. Street parking a bit differently and make it more site specific. Allow for reductions from the minimum parking requirements. Elizabeth explained a few of the area spe-

cific requirements, Downtown and UMed, including transit corridor parking requirements. Parking reductions would be non-discretionary and approval from the Traffic engineer would not be needed. Electric Vehicle (EV) stations and smart app stations, Uber, could potentially count towards parking. Long term secured bike spaces could also be included. Tom mentioned changes to driveways, and circulation in residential development. This is a work in progress, initial draft this summer. Paul thanked Tom and Elizabeth for the presentation.

D. Paul presented and explained the UACC's CIP list in a ranked order. Barbara Garner had a clarification regarding Folker Park, and ensuring Folker Street Pedestrian improvements extend past Horizon House. Mark Fink had a question about voting on it. He wished to abstain. Al called for a vote with Barbara Garner changes incorporated into final CIP list. Vote seconded by Susan Share. The vote passed 8 for, 0 against, 1 abstain.

7. Public Comments/Open Dialog- None

A. Luke Waack of JBER described an ongoing exercise. There will be additional traffic from the exercise in the next few weeks. The Post Road gate will be closed due to construction. JBER is hiring 150 people JBER Life! has listings. Al had a question about the entrance at Boniface and road paving. Luke was not aware of the paving project.

B. Comment from Barbara Garner about electric school buses being used elsewhere.

C. Paul encouraged everyone to vote.

D. Paul asked if there was a motion for a June meeting. None was made.

E. Comment from Susan Share, appreciated Paul and all of his efforts, coordinating speakers, and writing motions. Everyone appreciates Paul and his diligence!!!

8. Adjournment: Paul asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Al Milspaugh moved to adjourn the meeting. Joanie Nardine seconded. The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent 9:00 pm.

Signed

Paul R. Stang, UACC President

Attachment 1- May 6, 2021 Attendance Log

Name	Affiliation
Al Milspaugh	Vice President
Paul Stang	President
Steve Callaghan	P&R Chair
Joanie Nardini	Member at Large
Krista Scott	P&Z Chair
Assemblyman Felix Rivera	Visitor
Marguerite Iverson	Member
Ryan Buchholdt	Member
Kate Wedemeyer	Member
Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson	Visitor
Representative Andy Josephson	Visitor
Senator Bill Wielechowski	Visitor
Barbara Garner	Member
Mark Fink	Member
Annie Collie	Member
Assemblywomen Meg Zaletel	Visitor
Kim Mahoney	Member
Keith Baugess	Visitor
Assemblywomen Forrest Dunbar	Visitor
Christine Hill	Visitor
School Board Member Margo Bellamy	Visitor
Tom Davis	Visitor
Luke Waack	Visitor
Brenda McLaughlin	Member
Joy Boston	Visitor
Hannah Davis	Member
Brian Meissner	Visitor
Representative Ivy Sponholz	Member
Elizabeth Appleby	Visitor
Christopher McConnell	Visitor
Susan Share	Member
Dela Grey	Member
Scott Stansbury	Member