

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING, FEBRUARY 6, 2008

The meeting was called to order by President Susan Klein at 7:05p. The officers were introduced

The December minutes were approved on a motion by Don Hadley, seconded by Tim Neale. The January minutes were approved on a motion by Robert McClung and seconded by Don Hadley.

Patti Ginsburg of the Animal Control Advisory Committee asked to be added to the agenda. Barbara Garner also asked to be added to the agenda.

Dick Traini announced there would be a meeting regarding the Walmart support changes. The meeting is Friday at 2:00p at the Assembly Conference room in the Hill Bldg. Walmart will have to go back to P&Z because of the number of changes made by Assembly. He also spoke of the next Assembly meeting when they will pass a bond proposal to repair the swimming pools at the High Schools. They will ask for 2 million dollars from the Legislature if the bonds are passed by the voters. They will also be asking for changes to when disabled veterans can apply for property tax relief after they have been identified as 50% disabled.

Mary Ellen Tuttle of DOWL Engineers, Boyd Morgenthaler of AMC Engineers and Marvin Ungerecht of Architects Alaska, Inc. gave a presentation on the new proposed back up generator for Providence Hospital. This is a requirement by the Federal Gov't. Every hospital must have sufficient back up power to run the hospital for at least 7 days. The fuel tank will need a berm to make the landscaping look better. They will go before P&Z for a conditional use permit in the spring. The project is going to take about 10 years to complete.

Kristi Stuller of DOWL Engineers, explained the plans for Tudor and Lake Otis intersection. This includes new turn lanes and pedestrian islands. Most of the work will be done at night so traffic will have as little interruption as possible. The proposed traffic diverters planned for 42nd Ave. will not be built at this time. There was no community support for the proposal.

Terri Peters, from the Anchorage Park Foundation Challenge Grants 2008, spoke of the grants and how to apply for them. Thirty-one organizations applied for grants last year and twenty-six received them. There is 300 thousand dollars in grant money available this year. Applications of \$200 to \$40,000 can be applied for but must be matched in money, in kind donations or volunteer time. Workshops will be held to learn about the grants and application procedures, or call Terri for an application. These must be in by March 21. There will be another meeting in April about the proposed changes at Russian Jack.

Patti Ginsburg, from the Animal Control Advisory Board spoke of the effort to encourage responsible dog ownership, especially in and around fenced ballparks. They are proposing a "Scoop the Poop Stations", which are individually funded as a way for people to pick up after their dogs and have a place to dispose of the waste. They are trying to start a program to promote personal responsibility.

Barbara Garner proposed a resolution to support legislation in Juneau to reinstate rehab programs for prisoners, to reduce the recidivism. "University Area Community Council requests legislation budget support for the Dept. of Corrections rehabilitation programs in the statewide prison system." Seconded by Betty Adkison, passed with one dissent. CCRC's are regulated by Dept. of Corrections. The Rescue Mission on Tudor is a CCRC.

Frank Thomas-Mears, a volunteer at the Mission, apologized for the problems caused by the Mission clients. He agreed it was in the wrong place. He is also concerned about the safety of the people staying there. He would like to come back and address other problems as they come up.

Assemblyperson Sheila Selkregg spoke about Title 21 and the need to have someone looking at the proposed changes. The rewrites are not improvements for the most part. We need an external review of the builders north of Wesleyan. The area needs another traffic evaluation. The new Walmart is coming before P&Z again.

The meeting adjourned at 9:05p

Submitted by Betty Adkison, acting secretary.