
UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes
November 5, 2008

1. Called to order by president Robert McClung

Board members present: Robert McClung, Susan Klein, Betty Adkinson,
Barbara Garner, Tyler Grosshuesch

2. Minutes

- Amended by Elvi Gray-Jackson and Heather Ireland
- Minutes approved as amended

3. Agenda

- Addition: Alan Shayer, MOA zoning enforcement
- Agenda adopted as amended

4. Announcements, public documents, upcoming public meetings

- Robert: Newsletter and public meetings
 - Publishing newsletter mid-month
 - Newsletter to include notices of public meetings received by Robert and related web links
- This month: Highway to Highway project meeting, Parks and Rec. meeting

5. Elected Representatives

-Elvi Gray-Jackson

- Working with the clerk's office to make on line availability of assembly minutes more timely
- New process for review of minutes to save meeting time
- Transfer of Brown Jug liquor license approved
 - New owners on record pledging to continue community work, Ed O'Neill remains on staff
- Budget
 - Three public budget hearings, the last on Nov. 18
 - Appropriation scheduled for Nov. 25
- Council member comments
 - Many like the new heated sidewalks downtown, but there is confusion regarding the net energy use and heat source
 - Confusion regarding the new Linny parking garage public hours and rates
 - Many really like the new recycling program, one doesn't

-Heather Ireland representing Sheila Selkregg

- Trash / Recycling
 - Sheila has received complaints, happy to hear positive comments from UACC
 - Some have physical difficulty handling the large wheeled bins
- Lack of compost facility - Sheila and Administration working to resolve the issue

- Bear resolution
 - Moved by Bill Starr and referred to the Public Safety committee chaired by Mike Gutierrez, 382-5972
 - Public hearing Dec. 16
- Knik Arm bridge - wants to remove from LRTP, must first get AMATS approval
- East side district plan RFP has been put out to bid, closes Dec. 3
 - Scope includes traffic, land use, parks, drainage, etc.
 - See the Hillside plan as an example: www.hillsidedistrictplan.com
 - Implementation of the Anchorage 2020 Comprehensive plan
- Assemblywoman Selkregg chairs the Economic Development Committee
 - Advisory work groups include economic development, energy and housing and neighborhoods
 - The committee is collaborating with the United Way's Anchorage Partnership for Successful Youth
- The Assembly approved a preliminary agreement for the long term lease of Muni land off Tudor (near Tozier track) to the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center
 - Many opportunities for public comment throughout the P&Z and Assembly approval processes
 - Concern expressed regarding the current location of the Rescue Mission being used as justification for the Health Center location because the Mission is supposed to move
- Council member homelessness concerns
 - Substance abuse and mental illness are common among the homeless
 - Trails unsafe
 - Fires
 - Rescue Mission as a magnet for the homeless, without providing appropriate facilities or services and acrimonious community relations
 - Junk, garbage and waste in homeless camps

Tom Obermeyer for Bettye Davis

- Thanks for reelecting Sen. Davis
- Legislation - studies of fuel prices in AK vs. the lower 48
- Enstar's proposed natural gas price increases
 - Participation in RCA review and rejection of one price increase
 - Proposal to increase rates to pay for a pipeline to Fairbanks

Sharon Cissna

- Senior health access
 - Investigation with the Muni
 - Seniors are leaving the state to find a doctor who will see them
- UMed neighbor meeting
 - Sat. Nov. 22 - UAA Business Building
 - UAA and APU sustainability organizations will participate
 - Discuss the application of green district principles, especially regarding transportation

6. Off the Chain bicycle collective presentation

- Located inside the Paddle Boat Cafe at Goose Lake
- Bicycles, parts and repairs available in exchange for donations
- Community service work includes teaching youth bicycle repair and safe riding

- Bicycle library available
- www.offthechainak.org
- Sought a resolution in support of their activity and their continued use of the Goose Lake facility
- A resolution in support of this organization was passed by acclamation

7. MOA Land use enforcement - presentation by Alan Shayer

- Zoning enforcement authority under titles 21 and 15
 - 21 - includes construction permits, junk cars, setbacks, etc.
 - 15 - nuisance complaints including noise, dust, etc.
- Primarily reactive, responding to complaints
- Some proactive work, especially during bear season
- Conduct final zoning inspections on new construction
- Regulate using the the least enforcement-intensive method

8.UACC Goals

- Park cleanup
- Council area barbecue
- Increasing participation in UACC

9. Adjournment