

MINUTES
U-MED COMMUNITY COUNCIL (UMCC)
23 January 2013

Place: Winterberry School

Present: Paul Stang, Al Milspaugh, Patty Williams, Barbara Garner, Karen Workman, David Williams, Susan Klein, Joanie Nardini, Mary Lu Harle, Susan Share, Carolyn Tuovinen, Leslie Tuovinen, Mike Harper, Kristin Hanson.

The meeting had been organized by Susan Klein. She had contacted 30+ people who were on her e-mail mailing list. The stated purpose of the meeting was to identify officers and insure continuation of the UMed Community Council.

Susan Klein started the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Karen Workman noted that Jacob Gondek has expressed keen interest in the Board position; Jacob Gondek's e-mail to Susan Klein seemed to indicate a willingness to serve in the President position. His past qualifications for leadership, current community contacts, potential schedule conflicts and possible orientation toward issues were reviewed.

Further more general comments were exchanged regarding Council needs and current issues. Then brief self-introductions were done.

Leslie Tuovinen encouraged the group to identify goals/desired end products of this meeting. The goal was: a slate of nominated officers to be voted upon at the next regular meeting (Wednesday, February 6). By-laws were briefly and periodically checked in an attempt to have any group action be in accordance with existing by-laws. The group present functioned as an ad hoc nominating committee. However, it was hoped that additional UCC members would attend the next meeting and volunteer to serve.

Positions and duties within the Board were reviewed. Carolyn Tuovinen noted that the current structure and delegation of duties may not be serving the Council well. Discussion followed and review of duties and by-laws is anticipated at a future time.

The length of the interim was not clear (next meeting? Until June? Until September elections?)
However, people volunteered to serve as interims:

Susan Klein – VP

Kristin Hanson – “Recording Secretary” (Minutes only)

Jacob Gondek will be asked to serve as the interim President

People also volunteered for other roles:

Parks committee – current members will return:

Barbara Garner, Patty Williams, and Karen Workman

Member at large – current member Karen Workman will return

FCC Delegate(s) – David Williams and Joanie Nardini

Ad hoc committee for UAA Drive and UAA Garage – Paul Stang, Susan Share, and Kristin Hanson

Ad hoc committee for Northern Access –

Paul Stang, Susan Share, and Kristin Hanson noted they would monitor this issue until another set of co-chairs or committee members were identified. They did

express concern over workload and potential conflict of viewpoints between the two ad hoc committee recommendations.

Future positions and needs were also identified. A position for Communications was deemed valuable. Joanie Nardini agreed to handle various communications at this time; Al Milspaugh volunteered to assist her particularly with website issues. Susan Klein noted that the current website was not working and she has lodged a complaint with the Community Councils.

Additionally, Mary Lou Harle offered to oversee a future By Law Revision and Carolyn Tuovinen indicated that she might be able to assist. A committee for Council development (which could include hospitality) was proposed but no one stepped forward at this time.

Actions Items - These items were identified as priorities for the U-Med council and will need follow-up/reports at the next meeting:

1. **Election of officers**
2. UAA Drive Ad Hoc Committee will draft a resolution regarding the various and current plans for UAA Drive. The committee co-chairs will pre-post this resolution on the existing (albeit limited) list serve prior to the next UMCC meeting on February 6. The resolution should be voted on at the February 6 meeting.
3. Outreach efforts that include an informative U-Med Council mailer to (and requests for e-mails from) residents who are within the U-Med Community Council area will be sent. Joanie Nardini will prepare the mailer. Al Milspaugh offered to go visit door to door which he was encouraged to do if able. Everyone present was encouraged to think of how to encourage others within the Council area to participate.
4. Request for institutional representation. 17 institutions have been previously identified as operating within the UMCC area. It was proposed that each institution be contacted and asked to send a representative to the UMCC meetings.
5. The Parks committee (Barbara Garner specifically) will contact the Curling Club to ask for more information on the Club's building plans as well as to request that the Curling Club make a presentation to the Council. (Barbara asked Susan Share to pass along all information including contacts Susan had gathered on the issue so far.)

Recommended - These items were identified and members were urged to consider them. Presumably these issues will be revisited.

1. The UAA Drive Ad Hoc Committee noted that the Urban Design Commission will meet on Feb 12 or 13. This will be the only public hearing on UAA's imminent 500-car garage at Mallard Lane. Someone should speak for the UMCC. All UMCC members and friends were urged to be present at this single opportunity to address this area-changing issue.
2. UMCC were urged to use social media to express support and demonstrate interest in these issues. Institutions monitor such usage. UMCC members were particularly encouraged to put comments on the UAA 2012 Master Plan blog, and to give a "like" to "friends of Goose Lake" (a site started by the UAA Drive Ad Hoc committee in hopes of raising public awareness of current DOT and UAA plans that would impact Goose Lake Park and the adjacent environment as well as trails. (It was noted that there had been earlier groups and possible sites for "friends of University Area Council" and "friends of University Lake". Perhaps status of these earlier groups will be explored.)

3. Future hospitality and outreach events, including a June barbeque will be considered. Carolyn Tuovinen shared the contrast between the hospitality (including refreshments) at the Airport Height Community Council meetings and the absence of such at the UMCC meetings. The tenor of our group gatherings and the constraints of meeting in a school library were discussed. Future refreshments were suggested but no plans were made given uncertainty whether food would be allowed in the school library. Earlier in the meeting, David Williams had offered to search for a new meeting place within a church. If a new meeting place can be found, there would be more options for how hospitality, summer meetings, and welcome of new Council attendees could be addressed.
4. As noted above, By-Laws review and revision will be spearheaded by Mary Lu Harle. Among possible other changes Communications position will be formally added if the Council votes in favor of the change.
5. Susan Klein will write a thank you note to the Providence facility that provided space for the Jan 2 meeting.

The meeting disbanded at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristin Hanson

Interim Recording Secretary