

UAAC Minutes
University Area Community Council (UACC)
August 7, 2013

1. Opening: Jacob Gondek called the meeting to order at approximately 7:00 PM. Jacob next had people in the room introduce themselves. There were approximately 31 people attending part or all part of the meeting.

2. Approval of minutes: The first order of business was to approve the minutes of the April 3 and May 1 meetings. The minutes were approved by unanimous vote.

3. Agenda: A motion was made and seconded to modify the Agenda to include a discussion of the Rescue Mission proposal for a Mental Health Services Property cleanup and a discussion of the University Area Council Bylaws and Officer Election process. The U-MED District Plan was recommended to be moved up to the beginning of the business section of the agenda. The Agenda was approved with these modifications.

4. Informational Reports

A. Reports from Public Servants

a. Andy Josephson- Andy reported that the area did well in the Capital budget process. He next said that he is opposed the UMED northern access road, but the project was included in the budget. Though opposed to the road, Andy felt a road will be built and hoped we can make the best road possible while providing protection for and access to area trails, while mitigating other environmental and social impacts from the road.

He indicated that he is also working on the process to streamline the DNR permitting process. He is also working on potential criminal law reform in relation to decriminalizing certain non-violent offenses which may help in providing relief for the current overcrowded situation in our prisons.

b. Bill Wielechowski- Bill added additional information on the current status of prison overcrowding. He mentioned the new 280 million dollar prison is almost to capacity and how it will rapidly fill up due to the large percentage of non-violent (60%) that now comprise the prison population. This generated considerable discussion on the need for prison reform among members of the UACC members. Bill is also on the Military Committee. They are dealing with the potential move of the F16 squadron from Eielson AFB to JBER. Bill feels that this may cause disruption in both Fairbanks and Anchorage (due to the impact on an already oversubscribed Anchorage housing market). Bill also discussed the new Winterberry Charter School. He solicited discussion with UACC members on potential fixes to the traffic congestion created, with suggestions such as MOA designating the affected reach of Wesleyan as a school zone and swapping road access points.

c. Berta Gardner- She reported on the Gas Symposium she attended to learn about potential gas markets. She reported that there will be a meeting with Larry Persily (Federal Gas Coordinator) to discuss options for dealing with the stranded gas on the North Slope. She also reported on the indoor tennis courts included in the CIP and the process that was used to obligate the funds. Her three points: 1. the process for tennis court obligation lacked transparency, 2. the \$8.1 million obligated was from a pool of

dollars for 80's project renovation which the tennis courts do not meet, and 3. the project may compete unfairly with private enterprise. Berta brought up the Northern Access. She felt the data used to justify the project was outdated. She feels that the road will go through and this decision is political and has been lacking a public process. She reported that the condition to build the new sports center was not predicated on a new northern road access. This led to the information sharing from Christine Forelo from HKDowl that there will be a Northern Access Public Meeting kickoff on August 27th at East High from 6 to 8 PM. There will be email and snail mail notification coming out in the next couple of weeks.

B. Community Council Reports

1. Safety Committee - Al Milspaugh reported that starting May 1 bars will be closing at 3 AM. He also reported taxi cabs will be using cameras for security. He reported that the city wide burn ban will end on 8/7. Al passed around the 2nd quarter crime statistics (enclosure 1). Al mentioned that the rape statistics for the Providence area are skewed as many of the rape that occur elsewhere are recorded at Providence Hospital.

2. FCC report- Al reported that Dick Traini is in the lead for amending the MOA Code 2.40 that deals with Community Council charters. Al indicated that many of the Community Councils are not in compliance with the current code. The idea appears that the Community Council charters do not have to be standardized but should be in compliance with the code. Al requested that comments to the MOA 2.40 code rewrite should be addressed to himself or directly to Dick Traini. Other items pertinent to the FCC are that there will be a training session in the next couple of months for Community Council Officers so they may better identify their duties. Al also requested that people who are not receiving FCC emails should go to the FCC website and enter their names on an available form.

3. Report from the Board- there was no board reports.

5. Business

A1. UMED District Plan. The UMED planning team members were to focus on the needs and desires of the various stakeholders in developing the vision statements for the UMED District. There will be an open house at the MOA Development Office on Elmore south of Tudor to look at the various visioning statements and help provide guidance for future actions and provide the best solution to meet stakeholder needs.

The plan will contain seven different elements. The first will be to support critical medical and university organizational missions. The second is to protect the quality of life of employees, students, and residents of the area. The third is to recognize the role of the diverse populations in the UMED district. The fourth is to develop community and partnerships by assimilating the needs of all in a shared vision. The fifth is to protect and celebrate the natural resources of the area particularly the forest and wetlands and allow continuation of the uses of these resources by stakeholders. The sixth is to achieve economic sustainability. It is recognized that many of the organizations have plans to expand facilities to meet their missions which may intern conflict with the protection of the natural environment. Finally is the element of current procedures and regulations which may need adjustment to meet the needs of the District.

The meeting will look at the development of goals and objectives based on the themes. The meeting will also look at how these will meet the needs of the various organizations and stakeholders. The tentative schedule is that the meeting will be in October. From this will be a development of a draft plan for internal clients which will be available in December.

B. Checkmate Drive/College Gate- Nick Oliveira discussed the two options that that have been considered for the enhancement of safety of College Gate Elementary School children walking to school. The option that was previously supported by the UACC, i.e. road stripping was eliminated from consideration due to concerns for maintenance of the stripping and the lack of separation of road traffic from pedestrians. The preferred alternative is to put a 5 foot wide sidewalk on the west side of Checkmate Drive, while narrowing the roadway a couple of feet. This results in the need to take about an additional three feet of the undeveloped ROW. There will also be no sidewalk on Checkmate from Emmanuel Drive north to the school. There appears to be funding for 2014 construction. A meeting will be held on August 26th to discuss the option, and to gather issues, concerns, and suggestions from affected residents.

C. University Lake Trail signs – Barbara Garner discussed the signs to be installed at the University Lake Dog Park. She indicated that the signs were supposed to be placed on both the University Lake Dog trail and the paved APU bypass trail that connects the Campbell Creek trail to the Chester Creek trail. The MOA Parks plan calls for trail maps and interpretation signs only on the unpaved dog trail but no signage for the paved APU bypass trail. Barbara indicated that there was supposed to be signs here, and there is an urgent need for signs on this trail indicating that it is not an off lease trail. She said that there has been numerous incidents of unleashed dogs harassing hikers and bikers. Discussion of various alternatives for addressing these concerns, such as fencing along the southwest side of the dog park and better dogs on leash signage at key access points was discussed. No decisions was made on the whether to support any of the alternative discussed. The matter will be brought forward at the next UACC executive meeting.

D. Mental Health Services Property Cleanup- The Anchorage Rescue Mission has requested that the UACC ask for cleanup of the MHS property at Folker and 40th as they feel it creates an atmosphere conducive street inebriate vandalism and other associated problems. After discussion the UACC president will send an email to MHS to request cleanup of the property

E. UACC By laws and Officer Elections - Barbara Garner led a discussion on the need to evaluate the need to amend the UACC bylaws. After limited discussion, it was felt that substantive amendments should wait until the current rewrite of MOA 2.40 is completed to assure consistency with whatever comes out of that process.

F. UACC Award presentations

Susan Klein and Barbara Garner received an award from the UACC for their efforts in planning the very successful June UACC BBQ/Social. Enclosure 2 includes all the sponsors who provided prizes awarded at the Picnic. Thanks from the UACC to all our sponsors.

H. Next Meeting- The next meeting will be held on September 4th at 7 PM at the Baptist Church at Tudor and Wright.

6. Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at approximately 9:00PM.

Enclosure 1

**Anchorage Police Department
CALLS FOR SERVICE**

University Area Community Council

04/01/2013 - 06/30/2013

Count of CALL TYPE

CALL TYPE	Apr/May/June/Grand Total			
Alarm	22	28	14	64
Animal Problem	5	4	2	11
Arson	1			1
Assault	22	21	29	72
Assault With Weapons	1	1	3	5
Burglary	43	3	10	56
Burglary In Progress	1	3	1	5
Child Abuse/Neglect	2	10	8	20
Civil Problem/Standby	3	6	11	20
Community Policing	13	8	2	23
Disorderly Conduct	2	1		3
Disturbance	59	65	54	178
Disturbance With A Weapon	1	1		2
Drugs	3	6	8	17
Drunk Problem	18	19	33	70
Drunk Transport	15	11	11	37
DUI	4	2	7	13
DV Violation	3	1	1	5
DV Writ Service	8	4	5	17
Eluding	2			2
False Information	1	1		2
Follow Up	79	66	55	200
Found Person	1	1	1	3
Fraud	2			2
General Locate	72	71	69	212
Harrasment	2	3		5
Hazard In Roadway	7	11	7	25
Hit and Run	8	6	4	18
Hit and Run With Injuries	2	2	1	5
Indecent Exposure	1	2	3	6
Juvenile Problem	9	5	5	19
Liquor Law Violation	2			2
Loud Party	2	1	3	6
Medic	19	21	21	61
Mental Person	10	12	7	29
Misconduct Involving Weapons	1	4	3	8
Missing Person	6	4	3	13

Misuse of Plates	1			1
Noise Complaint	11	2	4	17
Officer Hailed	8	2	5	15
Parking Problem	44	29	25	98
Prowler	2	1	2	5
Public Assist	1	3	8	12
Rape	11	10	5	26
Reckless Driving	1			1
Resisting Arrest	1			1
Robbery	2			2
Runaway	1	2	2	5
Security Check	6	9	21	36
Sexual Abuse of a Minor	2	3	1	6
Shoplifting	1			1
Stalking	1			1
Stolen Vehicle	2	5	5	12
Strong Arm Robbery	1			1
Suicide/Suicide Attempt	16	13	15	44
Suspicious Person/Veh/Circumstance	11	31	21	63
Theft	29	21	20	70
Threat	6	6	6	18
Trespass	17	15	15	47
Vandalism	7	3	2	12
Violation of City/State Regulations	18	18	11	47
Warrant Service	24	19	20	63
Grand Total	625	596	574	1795

** Within the boundaries of the University Area Community Council (UACC) are several institutions or agencies such as Providence Hospital, API, Alaska Native Medical Center and others. These are locations where certain person crimes are reported to the police even though they may or may not have occurred there.

Enclosure 2

SPONSOR NAME	ITEM	Special Door Prize
Alaska Heart Institute	CPR Learning Anytime Personal Learning Program (1)	YES
College Gate Community Patrol	1 st Aid Tote Bags (2)	YES
L&M Motor Inc	Certificate for Free Oil Change (1)	YES
UAA Athletic Department	Season Tickets to Men's and Woman's Basketball (2)	YES
UAA Athletic Department	Season Tickets to Woman's Volleyball Games (2)	YES
UAA Athletic Department	Tickets to Kendall Classic Hockey Tournament (2)	YES
UACC	Counter Assault Bear Deterrent (1)	YES
UACC	Emergency Space Blanket (18)	
UACC	Safety Vest (9)	
UACC	Sparkie Fire Starter (39)	
UACC Member – Secret Garden (Barbara Garner)	Various Ferns & Trees	
UACC Member (Susan Klein)	Various Plants (15)	