

Minutes of the University Area Community Council
April 6, 2005

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Board members present: Craig Valentine, Terrie MacDonald, Jena Fowler, and Susan Klein

President Craig Valentine called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM.

The following guests were present: Captain Jim Vignola – Fire Dept., Jean Hellenthal rep. for Assemblyman Ken Stout, Assemblyman Ken Stout, Sgt. Cindy Stanton Community Council liaison from Anchorage Police Dept., Pat Ryan, Hugh Fate.

The agenda was approved.

Minutes of the March meeting were approved,

Captain Jim Vignola and two other firemen from Fire Station 14 were in attendance to answer any questions of the council. Ken Stout, East Anchorage Assemblyman and council member asked whether the fire department has any programs for the community.

Captain Vignola listed the following activities the fire department participates in:

1. Response to emergencies
2. Response to smoke detectors or CO alarms going off
3. Fires
4. Medical emergencies
5. HAZMAT incidents
6. Weapons of mass destruction possibilities
7. Natural disasters
8. Broken pipes
9. Community reading buddies, help students with math

He also reported that with the addition of Station 14 there is a faster response to emergencies.

There are three battalion chiefs – one for each shift:

A shift – Ray Barber
B shift – Tom Preston
C shift – Young Suenram

Captain Vignola also mentioned the vegetation remediation (fire hazard reduction) – through the Wildland Mitigation Team – contact is Michelle Weston

Craig introduced by-laws amendment suggested by the Assembly to bring all community councils into the same reporting of resolutions. Terri MacDonald moved to accept the amendment. Susan Klein seconded. Unanimous approval.

Assemblyman Ken Stout reported on Assembly items coming up.

1. Change to pesticide notification law – Assembly will meet 4/8/05 10 AM for a work session – issue is whether pesticide application companies need to notify adjacent neighbors 48 hours in advance of pesticide application
2. Funds for the Tudor Road project were in the bonds approved in the Municipal election April 5th
3. Discussion of 1% for Art program and who selects works
4. Muldoon town center progress – developer needs outside funding and is asking for federal money and municipal tax relief. Possibility that without federal money the center will not happen. Mr. Stout fears that if the center does not happen the area will turn into more high-density housing.

Cindy Stratton – Police Department representative to the UACC reported that the Community Service Patrol is down to one employee at the sleep off center. This impacts the police department since there have to be two drivers to pick up inebriates and bring them to the sleep off center. When the center reaches a certain amount of people one driver must help at the center. Thus the police are then called on to respond to possible inebriates. Both funding and hiring is an issue.

Ken Stout mentioned that in some cities retired police officers volunteer through an RSVP program in which the retired officers patrol and help with some police functions.

Tim Neal, past president of UACC, reported that UACC has adopted the care of Folker Park. There will be a park cleanup the first week in May. Barbara Garner is also involved with this.

Ken Stout asked for suggestions of places for speed bumps this summer. Susan Klein suggested Checkmate and Sillary Circle.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Klein, member at large