

# UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes  
October 5, 2005

## **Opening:**

The regular meeting of the University Area Community Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on October 5, 2005 in the library of College Gate School by Susan Klein, president.

### **A. Introduction of new board and officers**

President Klein commenced the meeting by introducing the new board and officers.

### **B. Report of Assembly Member Bauer**

Assembly member Paul Bauer reported to the Council on a number of current issues before the Municipal Assembly. He discussed the “meth” problem as explained to the assembly by police officials, mentioning that ingredients such as iodine are used in methamphetamine production. Parks and Recreation has presented a facilities plan to the Assembly. The Assembly will be discussing the emergency 911 system and police headquarters building issues.

The upcoming fiscal year municipal budget discussion is coming in the immediate future. The Assembly also was presented with a museum update, and will shortly be dealing with the firefighter and police retirement funding issue. Another issue still on the table is the Fantasies under-age striptease club /proximity to alcohol problem. Under controlling First Amendment law, striptease dancing cannot be prohibited, but can be regulated as to time, manner, and place.

The Long Range Traffic Plan is also under consideration. Assembly member Traini will be advocating the Bragaw Street extension. Also under consideration is a 3% sales and use tax proposed by Assembly member Coffey. Another topic will be the reorganization of the municipal clerk’s office.

### **C. Representative Gardner**

State Rep. Berta Gardner (of District 24), who attended the meeting, indicates she was present to listen to community concerns.

### **D. Report of Cindi ‘Stanton, APD**

Our APD liaison, Sgt. Stanton, reported on recent criminal activity in our community. She said there were some break-ins in the vicinity of 40<sup>th</sup> and 41<sup>st</sup> Avenues (near Tudor), and additional patrols had been requested. She wanted to know if any of us had noticed

additional patrols. She discussed calls concerning a nuisance on Bryn Mawr – five calls had come in concerning a home tattoo parlor at that location. Barbara Garner mentioned that, concerning Folker Park, she had spoken with Ed O’Neill, who had been helpful with respect to homeless camps set up at the Park. There was a general discussion of the process of breaking up homeless camps.

**E. Report of Kelly Brown, DOWL Engineering**

Ms. Brown discussed the construction at Piper Street, where access to Providence Hospital from Tudor is being put in. Pavement will be completed in late October to mid November, and landscaping will occur in Spring. Vehicle slowing mechanisms along Piper will be installed. There will be a public meeting November 3 at 9 p.m. at Lake Otis Elementary School. New construction will include a parking lot, an additional medical office building, and a new parking garage of 5 or 6 stories at 40<sup>th</sup> and Piper.

**F. Minutes of September 7 Meeting**

The minutes of the September 7, 2005 meeting were distributed. Approval was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously.

**G. Report of Municipal Ombudsman Moyer**

Municipal Ombudsman Greg Moyer reported on efforts to deal with the tattoo parlor situation reported on by Sgt. Stanton. He passed out a fact sheet concerning the events at the parlor and the response of municipal authorities, and explained some of the regulations concerning tattoo activity. There was a general discussion of businesses operated out of residences in R-1 neighborhoods, and a discussion of a Tupperware property used as a residence by the Rescue Mission. Assembly member Traini remarked that Mission director Bettis is not concerned about the safety of persons not inside the doors of the Mission once they lock the doors.

**H. Report of Teri Albrecht**

Teri Albrecht, Municipal Community Capital Coordinator, reported on regional meetings regarding the adoption of proposed revisions to Title 21 (comprehensive plan) of the Municipal Code. She reported on a tree lighting this coming Friday at Town Square in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The municipality needs more winter trial volunteers. She suggested contacting John McCleary at Parks and Recreation regarding homeless camps.

**I. Reports of Members**

Betty Adkison attended an AMATS meeting and reported that AMATS was ranking projects for priority, and that the Bragaw Street extension was ranked second only to a “Freeway to Freeway” connection from the Glenn Highway down Bragaw and then down 20<sup>th</sup> Avenue to the New Seward Highway. The next meeting of AMATS will be October 13 at 1:00 pm at the Mayor’s Conference Room.

Barbara Garner brought up the Fire mitigation program, which was put into effect at Folker Park. Parks are rated and thinning of wood and cleaning out of dead wood approved.

President Susan Klein reported on the Federation of Community Council meeting, which did not achieve a quorum. She invited members to volunteer as representative to the FCC.

#### **J. Report of Assembly Member Traini**

Assembly Member Dick Traini reported that the annual budget cycle was about to begin, but as yet there was no information about the proposed budget. He said that he will favor hiring 30 new police officers as opposed to 15 new officers proposed by the administration, which would be adequate only to replace current retirees. The Fantasies issue will be the subject of Assembly consideration.

Assembly Member Traini will favor the creation of the Bragaw Street extension through the University when the Long Range Traffic Plan comes up for discussion. There was some discussion of that issue by the Council. Mr. Traini said that the University is not opposed to the extension, and that using Boniface instead of Bragaw would tear up too much land south of Tudor.

#### **K. Report of Rep. Cissna**

State Rep. Sharon Cissna (District 22) reported on the U Med Neighbor Meeting scheduled for October 22, from 10:00 until 2:00, at East High School. She also discussed the healthcare and medical insurance problem stemming from the rapid increase in costs. She mentioned that the homeless problem is exacerbated by towns closing due to lack of funding for town operations.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. by President Klein. The next meeting will be at 7:00 on November 2 in the library of College Gate School.

Minutes submitted by:

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