

UNIVERSITY AREA COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Minutes of November 2, 2005 Meeting

President Susan Klein called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.
Minutes of the October meeting were approved as corrected by Barbara Garner
The Agenda was approved as written.

Report of Cindi Stanton, A.P.D.

Sgt. Stanton brought a handout with statistics regarding neighborhood police activity for the quarter ending October 31. She reported that the police are starting to enforce the civil nuisance fine ordinance.

Report of Teri Albrecht

The block heater program is in place, with grants permitting the purchase of the heaters for \$25. The JC Penney parking garage has been acquired by the Municipality and will be remodeled extensively. It will be incorporated into the new convention center parking plan. Ms. Albrecht reported that she will be moving from her current position to project management and engineering.

Report of Robert (Beau) Bassett

Mr. Bassett lives on East 40th Ave. and reported on a meeting with Providence Health Systems' Dale Rahn, regarding the removal of trees along the north side of 40th Ave, adjacent to the new Providence House parking area. No promise was made but there is some hope of a redesign to restore the greenery buffer along that street. There was general discussion of the new hospital development adjacent to the Piper Street access.

Report of Kelly Brown

Ms. Brown, with DOWL Engineers, reported that the parking was indeed changed as a result of Mr. Bassett's efforts, and there will be a better buffer. She invited members of the council to a focus group activity and walk through of new features of the Providence campus. Piper Street is now open, the signal on Tudor Road has been activated, and the Folker Street signal deactivated. There will be further design and engineering at the Lake Otis/Tudor intersection. On November 3, there will be a public scoping meeting regarding a traffic calming study, at Lake Otis Elementary.

Report of President Klein

President Klein reported on new articles of incorporation and bylaws for the Federation of Community Councils. Van Zant reported to the FCC meeting on assisted living facilities. Each Community Council will now have its own Web site.

Report of Rep. Cissna

Rep. Sharon Cissna reported on the U-Med meeting on October 22. State labor economist Neal Fried made a presentation, showing that the medical industry is the

largest employer in the state. A joint UAA/APU project on sustainability in the economic/social/environmental area was reported. Frank Von Hippel gave the results of a survey on Chester Creek. A focus and strategy session on land and transportation issues was held.

Report of Rep. Crawford

Rep. Harry Crawford discussed the recent turnover at the department of natural resources, and his views on the current natural gas pipeline negotiations; as well as the change in the pension system for PERS/TRS as it effects the pension shortfall. He also discussed the proposed Pebble mine, which is reported to be contemplating using heap-leaching extraction.

Report of Assembly Member Stout

Assembly Member Ken Stout discussed the Lake Otis/Tudor expansion controversy, indicating that the Assembly did not want to move forward with that expansion until the plans regarding a possible Bragaw Street extension were solidified. He discussed the proposal for \$24 million to be spent on trails, indicating that he thought that was not an appropriate expenditure level.

Mr. Stout also discussed a variety of other budget issues.

Report of Assembly Member Traini

Assembly Member Dick Traini also discussed the budget, including the fact that state money was being withdrawn except as to retirement funding. He reiterated his support for the Bragaw Street extension. His plan is for Bragaw to be extended to Dowling, which will itself be extended to Minnesota. He discussed the coastal trail, the Fantasies issue, the Bryn Mawr tattoo parlor, the condominiums planned for the former Dr. Heinze residence; and his opposition to the police in the schools program if not funded by the school district. Fire station 4 is to be moved to a former trailer park location for expansion.

Mr. Bassett invited council members to participate in a family volunteer day.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Michael Jungreis, Secretary