

UACC MINUTES

April 6, 2016, Meeting

1. ALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by the UACC President Paul Stang at 7:00 pm. There were 20 members and 8 visitors present.

2. APPROVAL OF PRIOR MONTHS MINUTES: The February 3rd Minutes were approved unanimously with the following amendments identified by Al Milspaugh: Page 2 line 3 should read “University Lake Park Master Plan”. Page 2 line 43 and 44 should be changed to “nominated Joanie Nardini for Member at Large and Russ Kell was nominated by Jacob Gondek and seconded by Joanie Nardini. Both were elected unanimously as member at large”. Line 22 on page 3 should be deleted.

The March 2nd Minutes were approved unanimously with the following amendments provided by Al Milspaugh. Page 2 line 39 add “Elvi Gray-Jackson stated that she was the draftee of the ordinance and because she received over 100 citizens objecting and only two (2) in favor of the ordinance she withdrew it. It's dead. “Page 3 line 13, add “Park” after University Lake.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA: Al Milspaugh moved, with Susan Kline seconding, to approve the agenda as written. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Reports from Elected & MOA Department Officials:

1. Dick Traini reported on Assembly activities. Notably he said that the UMED Master Plan was approved.

2. Bill Wielechowski reported on activities within the State Legislature. He mentioned activities on bills related to the criminal justice system, Medicaid reform, oil tax credit reform and the State operating budget.

3. Andy Josephson discussed his activities within the State legislature. He discussed bills relating to the criminal justice system and oil tax credits. He also discussed activities within the Resources Subcommittee related to State timber sales and the AK Board of Game proposal system. He also talked about the potential for a Regional Transit Authority to look at passenger rail connections between Anchorage and the Mat Su Valley.

4. Ivy Spohnholz introduced herself as new State House representative replacing Max Gruenberg. Said she lived on Newcomb Drive in the College Gate area. She said she was a 3rd generation lifelong Alaskan. She said she had known Max for most of her life and has been an executive in non-profit organizations for the last 20 years. She reported on her activities within the Military and Veterans Affairs, the Education, and the State Affairs subcommittees. She mentioned she is hosting a meet and greet meeting on April

9th between 3 and 5 at the Denny's Restaurant on Debarr Street.

5. Felix Rivera - Felix reported on several items from the Mayor's office. He mentioned that the State Legislature are proposing several bills that if passed would cost the MOA monies that the State previously funded back to the Municipality, and these cost would be 5 million this year and subsequently much more in future years. He also talked about Vision Zero pedestrian safety program. He said there has been two public meeting so far and will be another one held next May 3 from 8 to 3 at the City Hall. He mentioned the report on the Homeless situation will now be out in May rather than March. He mentioned the city has a list of names of most of the "hard core" homeless and are working toward getting help for them and have been successful in moving some people off the homeless list. Felix was asked about the status of the UMED Northern Access Road extension. He replied that the Mayor had vetoed it, and the Assembly is not pushing for construction of the road. He indicated that its disposition (budget) is ultimately in State hands.

B. UACC BOARD REPORTS

1. SAFETY: Al reported that he has a copy of the "Summary of Findings Police Executive Research Form (PERF) Report Update 2016." The report provides a high level review of APD staffing and offers recommendations for the department's organizational structure, enhancing recruitment, and hiring and training process. Contact Al if you are interested in reviewing it.

2. FCC: Al reported on these activities:

- a. The Mayor is kicking off the "Vision Zero" program to improve safety on our streets.
- b. Al has the FCC P&L Budget vs Actual statement for review.

5. BUSINESS:

A. Functions of the Anchorage District Attorney's Office and Request for Community Concerns— Javier Diaz, Assistant DA

Javier introduced himself and discussed how the State Criminal Justice system works. He discussed the difference between the Criminal and Civil divisions. He said the 29 State attorneys (which is down from 36) are working on the 3000 felony, 3000 misdemeanor and 2500 probation cases. He described how their work deals with cases that fall under State Statues, and not Municipal Statues. He mentioned that his office is now additionally covers Bristol Bay and the Aleutians due to that office being closed recently to save money. He mentioned that other money saving efforts resulted in the elimination of special victims units and the office moving toward a triage type of system. There was discussion of the effects of a draft State bill dealing with concealed gun carry on University of Alaska campuses. There was also discussion on the plea bargain system and how it works or does not work. Javier indicated that plea bargains (95%) predominates the court cases. He said that the State can only afford so much, with approximately 100 of the cases going to trial during a year. There was some discussion about how this might not work in some cases and that justice for victims is not well served. The example of the death of Jeff Dusenbury only resulted in a criminally negligent homicide verdict of a one year sentence.

B. New Medical Office Building on ANMC Campus- Elise Huggins, Earthscape

Elise described that the building is a 5 story building with 108,000 square feet of space, which would be constructed on a current parking lot east of the Alaska Native Hospital Buildings. The focus of the building is on pediatric dental care. The basement will contain the basic building services. First floor will be the Dental Care area with a 32 dental chair capacity. Second floor will contain educational facilities. They said the building will have a “mountain” theme, with the color and exterior panels being designed to emulate the mountain vista. There will be a 500 car parking garage attached to the north side provide for loss of the current parking lot spaces. They are requesting a Title 21 conditional use permit to allow the construction variance to go to 75 feet height from current 60 feet permit stipulation. There was a fair amount of discussion on this item, with some UACC members concerned about the height of the building. The reply was that the other large structures around the building, such as the Alaska Native Hospital buildings are currently at or over 75 feet, and this building would match this height. Also they said that the new UMED Plan calls for a higher density use on current sites, so this probably means that to meet this recommendation one needs to build taller buildings. Construction will start in early May and planned for completion in June 2018. There was concern about noise of construction, disturbing adjacent neighborhoods. They replied that heavy construction is only allowed in a 7AM to 7PM window.

C. Resolution 2016-05 re: Opposition to the proposed location (2808 E Tudor Rd) of the Happy

Farmer LLC/Alaska Best Buds- Pastor John LaMantia and Dr Paula Colescott

John described the function of the Anchorage Gospel Rescue Mission and how it serves over 8000 meals per month to 100 people. He also said that it also provides a 1 year residential program to help people recover from problems with substance abuse. John said that he had seen a sign in the window at 2801 Tudor, just south across the street from the Rescue Mission, advertising there would be a shop selling marijuana to the public. He felt that this might not be in the best interest of the public, as this overt exposure to marijuana may compromise the recovery objectives of residents of the Rescue Mission. He said that the UACC should pass the resolution 2016-05 opposing the granting of a license for the marijuana business for this reason.

John introduced Doctor Paula Colescott who would provide some background information on marijuana and its relation to substance abuse. Dr Colescott described how she felt that access to marijuana may be a problem to public, particularly to people that may be alcohol dependent. She said there is a study currently underway within Rescue Mission Residents looking at this effect. She said that the study indicates that half the alcoholics are heavy cannabis users. She felt that marijuana may lessen the ability of alcoholics to abstain from alcohol and that use of only one substance of abuse is not that common. These relationships lead her to believe that the close proximity of a retail marijuana business may compromise the ability of Rescue Mission residents to remain sober. There was some discussion on whether, and by how much, marijuana is a gateway drug. There were also question about whether the owner of the marijuana business had been contacted.

President Paul Stang said he had been in contact with the Muni Planning Department, and they said that the location for the business would not meet the criteria to be over 500 feet away from churches and schools. He said that the Planning Department indicated that even if the business was in very back of the proposed strip mall location, it would still not meet the criteria due to being too close to the University Baptist Church, so a license could not be granted. Scott Kohlhaas questioned whether the resolution needed to be passed tonight given that information. Russ Kell made a motion that the UACC table the resolution. Scott Kohlhasas seconded. The motion to Table was passed 20 for, with no opposition.

D. Resolution 2016-3 A Resolution of the UACC regarding the MOA University Lake Park Master Plan- Steve Zemke

Steve introduced the resolution to which the UACC supports the University Lake Park (ULP) Master Plan with adherence to standards and guidelines that relate to MOA providing adequate enforcement of regulations pertaining to on leash dog areas. The resolution also requests that the MOA monitor the frequency of negative or unsafe dog/people interactions. The resolution also requests that MOA monitor environmental conditions that may be impacted from dog fecal waste deposition, as well as how the new signage, positive dog control structures and integrative education infrastructure programs meet the goals and objectives set for the ULP. Al Milspaugh suggested several corrections to the resolution were made. These are to change references to University Lake Master Plan to University Lake Park Master Plan; to change MOA Animal Control to MOA Animal Care and Control; and to change UL Park regulations to Title 17 regulations. These changes were accepted without opposition.

There were questions about how effective the standards and guidelines would be. Some felt that some dog owners would allow their dogs to run uncontrolled no matter what. Examples are that dog owners would not pick up after their dogs poop, and they would let their dogs charge and jump on people who may not care for that interaction. Dick Traini asked whether there have been documented cases where people have been injured by dogs. The answer seemed to be there have been no official reports documenting such. Other discussion points were that some feel there should be some time during the week where people could go down to the ULP and not have to interact with unleashed and/or unrestrained dogs. There was general agreement that the current signage is inadequate and exacerbates current problems.

Steve Zemke made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-2, with the corrections. Marguerite Iverson seconded the motion. No discussion followed. The motion was approved with 12 for, 4 against, and 2 abstaining.

E. Resolution 2016-04 Regarding the UAA Drive Pedestrian – Susan Share

Paul Stang mentioned that Susan Share was unavailable to introduced Resolution 2016-04 proposing to permanently block the pedestrian walkway at the Old Engineering Building; therefore, he is turning the meeting over to VP Al Milspaugh. Al then asked Paul to introduce Resolution 2014-04. Paul stated the resolution addresses the safety problems created by this crossing. Paul indicated that the crossing is now blocked as there is no

access need to the Old Engineering Building (OEB) while it is being reconstructed. He indicated that there has not been much concern about this even though the pedestrian overpass is not heavily used. There were comments that the traffic pattern has been improved since the temporary closure, and there have been no significant complaints from pedestrians or cyclists. There was a question about how the yellow blinking light works. Chris Turletes from UAA said that the traffic signal is a MOA DOT signal and not a UAA signal and the resolution needs to reflect that. He also said that the signal works on a 15 to 30 second blinking cycle rate. There was discussion about the future need to provide for crossing in the vicinity when the OEB renovation is completed. There was also discussion about where traffic from the multi-use trail on the east side of UAA Drive would cross if the crossing was not allowed there in the future. There was also a point made about the new Engineering parking garage on Mallard Lane may lessen the need for the crossing in the future.

A motion with a second was made to move Resolution 2016-04 to keep the UAA Drive Pedestrian Crossing lane permanently sealed. This includes the change that MOA DOT rather than UAA is the responsible party. The motion failed with 8 voting for, 12 voting against, and 2 abstaining.

Al then turned the meeting back over to the Chairperson Paul Stang.

ADJOURMENT: Paul Stang stated that the next meeting will be held on May 4th. A motion was made to adjourn and seconded. The meeting was adjourned about 9:00 pm.

Signed

Paul R Stang, UACC Chairperson

Appendix A

University Community Council Meeting – Assembly Report
March 2, 2016
Elvi Gray-Jackson

- At the February 9th meeting, the Assembly approved AO 2016-3(S) dealing with land-use and AO 2016-16(S) addressing licensing and regulation of marijuana. There were several amendments made to both ordinances prior to approval. Copies can be located on line at www.muni.org.
- Assembly Members Flynn and Petersen filed a notice of reconsideration of AO 2016-3(S) to address the issue of distance. Two amendments made were inconsistent with one defining distance based on pedestrian routes, the other based on lot lines. The ordinance was reconsidered at the February 23rd meeting and the pedestrian route was approved with the exception of Eagle River.
- At the February 23rd meeting, the Assembly approved Title 23, Building Codes, with several amendments proposed by Mr. Starr and Ms. Demboski. Assembly Members Petersen and Steele filed a notice of reconsideration to readdress fire safety amendments that were passed. One amendment deleted the requirement to get a permit to install hot water heaters. The ordinance will be brought back before the Assembly at the March 8th meeting.
- The Public Hearing on the U-Med District Plan will be continued at the March 8th meeting after 6:00 p.m.

Next meeting: March 8th

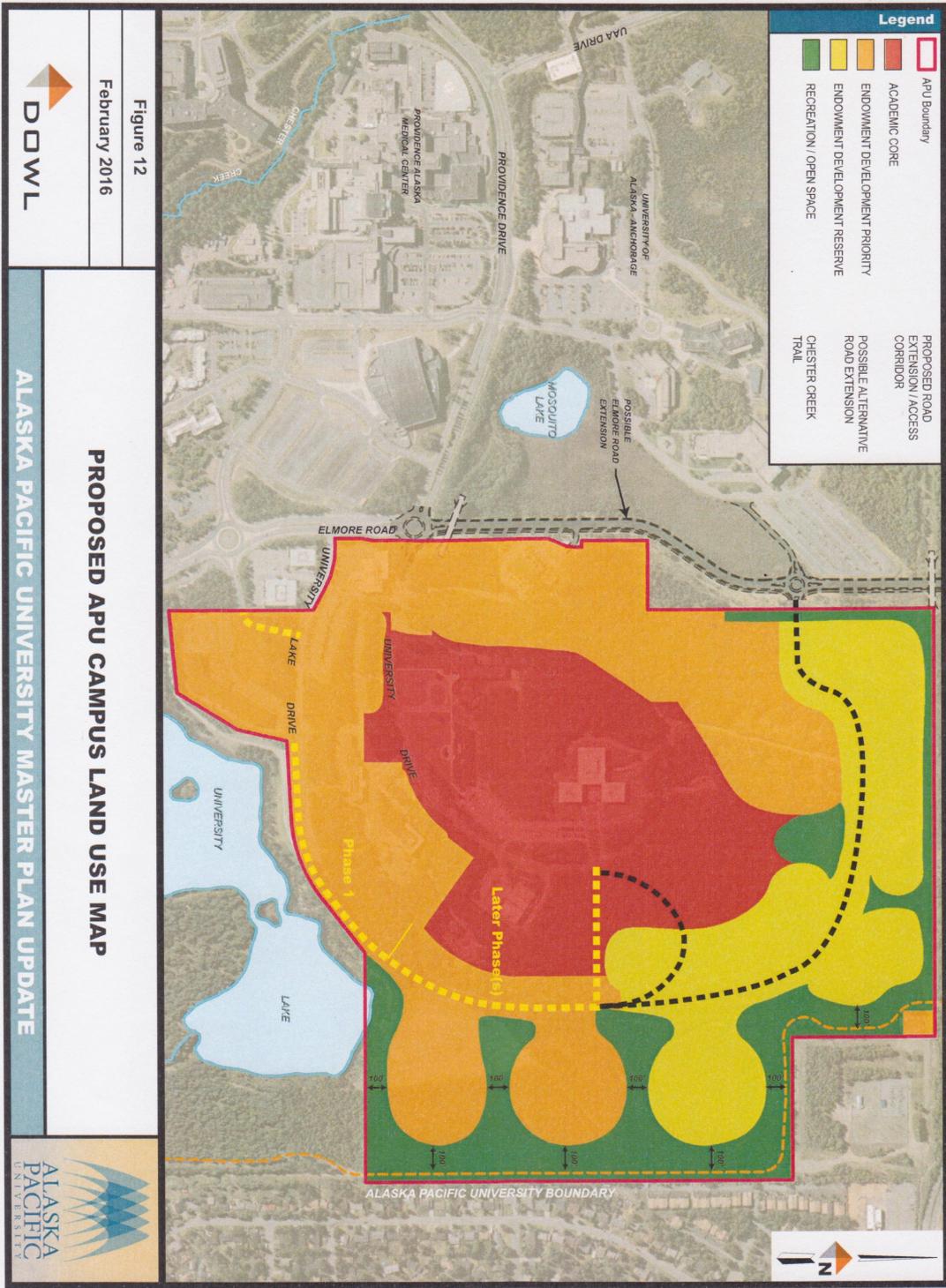


Figure 12
February 2016



PROPOSED APU CAMPUS LAND USE MAP
ALASKA PACIFIC UNIVERSITY MASTER PLAN UPDATE

