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## UACC MINUTES

April 3, 2024

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4 **1. Opening:** The meeting was called to order by President Steve Callaghan. Steve was  
5 the chair of the meeting, and Al presented the UACC Zoom Guidelines.  
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7 **2. Approval of Prior Month Minutes:** Steve Callaghan asked the attendees to review  
8 the minutes and asked for a motion of approval. Al made a motion to approve.  
9 Seconded by Mark Fink. No objections, minutes approved.  
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11 **3. Approval of the Agenda:** Steve Callaghan asked for any changes or additions to  
12 agenda. Al made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Adam Lees. No  
13 objections, agenda approved.  
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### 16 **4. Informational Reports:**

#### 17 **A. Reports From Public Servants and Elected Officials**

18 **1.—Seth for Senator Forrest Dunbar:** Not much change in the office since last  
19 month. Today a resolution from Sen Dunbar’s office to encourage. That’s all  
20 for news. United Way of Anchorage is offering free tax help for those that  
21 need it. The PFD deadline has passed but the office is happy to help...  
22 Q from Steve: What is happening with SR13 regarding ANCSA? A: No  
23 update at this time, held in committee.

24 **2.—Diedre Goins for State Representative Andrew Gray:** HB 298 is having  
25 hearing this week (alcohol cancer warning). Has a bill to address age of  
26 consent in Alaska. Operating budget to be voted on the floor next week.  
27 Q from Al: What is the status of Rep. Gray’s bill regarding a statewide sales  
28 tax? A: Held in committee.

29 **3.—Assembly Member Felix Rivera:** The assembly delayed a rezone proposal  
30 for the former national archives site to better determine administration’s  
31 vision for the site. Next step housing program has housed 82 with 62  
32 additional by May 31. They plan to house 150 addition people this summer.  
33 The assembly is looking to extend emergency cold weather shelter to May  
34 31<sup>st</sup>. Still expecting large numbers of homeless camping this summer as  
35 weather warms. Asking the AK legislature for \$4million appropriation to  
36 keep the SWS shelter open this summer. Finance committee did vote the

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37 amendment down this week but some hope this will be added and not vetoed  
38 by governor. Mayor's proposal on abatement has developed into an S  
39 version that may moderate some of the concerns. Some changes include  
40 further definition of downtown for the purpose of eliminating camping,  
41 allowing parking in some areas, and potentially defining allowed camping  
42 areas.

43 Q from Ryan: Was following today's amendments and it looks like the  
44 summer money for the shelter has been added to the budget. A: Good to  
45 hear!

46 Q from Al: What effect will the failure of the bond proposition regarding  
47 public restrooms? A: Will continue to look for solutions

48 Q from Al: It seems as though there is some correlation increasing homeless  
49 numbers and increasing funds. What will happen if this trend continues? A:  
50 Solution is to get as many people into housing as possible.

51 Q from Mary: What are the plans for the sprung structure that was purchased  
52 for the Tudor/Elmore shelter? A: Felix believes that proposal is DOA despite  
53 the mayor's insistence on pursuing. Other departments have expressed  
54 interest in using the tent structure (notably APD), but it is currently up to the  
55 mayor to decide to let those departments use the municipal property that we  
56 own.

57 Q from Mike about homeless from outside ANC and SOA's contribution as  
58 we are the hub community for the state as a whole. A: Municipality is  
59 lobbying for the State of Alaska to be more involved in funding solutions to  
60 homelessness in Anchorage.

61 Q from Russ: Would it be helpful to ask original community on an intake  
62 form? Would that help define if this is an issue? A: We do ask cause but not  
63 community of origin.

64 Discussion from Margeurite, Russ, Mike, and Karen Bronga about possible  
65 uses of tent, current storage, upcoming proposal to ship tent to be stored in  
66 Anchorage, etc.on tent...

67 **4. Assembly Member Karen Bronga:** Discussion about tent uses rolls into  
68 Karen's report. Arches community resource on Highland Dr. in Eagle River  
69 dealing with inpatient behavioral health. New program called PRICE to help  
70 refurbish and update mobile home parks. APD body cams are fully  
71 deployed. They are working well and fully integrated. Assembly got a  
72 presentation from APD about sexual assaults and there is currently no  
73 backlog – all are processed within 2 weeks.

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74 Q from Mary: Is the PRICE program for mobile home owners or park  
75 owners? A: Both can take advantage of the program.

76 Q from Mary: With regard to APD body cameras, at whose discretion is the  
77 footage released? A: Details unclear but there are privacy protections in  
78 place. Officers are quite pleased so far with implementation.

79 Q from Al: With the Saturday market moving back downtown, what will be  
80 done about homeless encampment? A: Alaska Railroad owns the property  
81 and is making plans to abate when legal to do so.

82 Q from Deirdre: Who is the point of contact from the PRICE program? A:  
83 Will follow up with offline discussion between Karen and Rep. Gray's  
84 office.

85 **5.—UAA VP Ryan Buchholdt:** UA is excited about the ribbon cutting  
86 ceremony. Library has complete congressional records for Senator Ted  
87 Stevens. Working on a project to overhaul and revamp archives in the library  
88 and will develop a “Alaska Leaders” repository of knowledge and records.

89 **6.—Assembly Member Meg Zaletel (after new business [6]):** Keep CIP list  
90 updated with playground improvements. They are looking at changes to the  
91 timeline to encourage more community involvement. The assembly will take  
92 up a mayoral veto of an ordinance to require assembly approval of any city  
93 advocacy to the state or other agencies regarding Eklutna River restoration  
94 project. There are a lot of competing voices on this issue. Hope to find  
95 consensus. Meg feels that the assembly position has been broadly  
96 misrepresented. They hope to facilitate fish habitat restoration and be  
97 mindful of power issues as well.

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100 Goose Lake Tiki Bar idea appears dead at this time.

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## 102 **6. New Business:**

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104 **A. LaQuita Chmielowski from DOWL in conjunction with SCF:** New SCF  
105 behavioral health center and detox facility to be built on SCF land on the  
106 northwest corner of at Tudor and Elmore. Current car wash and old Ernie  
107 Turner Center will be torn down this summer. Site plans are currently in  
108 development with an eye toward parking and ingress/egress at busy  
109 intersection. Goal is to provide needed space for services and alleviate strain  
110 on other inpatient beds at ANMC. Steve laments the closing of his favorite car

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**B. Tanisha Gleason regarding UMED branding:** Working on a project to develop neighborhood specific branding in conjunction with CIRI and consultants. Showed options for UMED area and solicited feedback from the group. Little discussion.

**C. Alaskans For Better Elections:** No show

**D. CIP Summary:** Al highlighted the CIP projects that are posted on UACC website. Solicits feedback for top 7 projects on our list. There will be offline discussion between several UACC members before the CIP list is due in June.

**E. APF Grants, Mike Grunst:** Mike emailed a link to all parks and playgrounds in our district. Castle Heights Park is missing. There is an opportunity in the next year to put in grants for parks improvements in our area. Some of his ideas: move playgrounds from level 4 to level 1 which are fully ADA compliant, install

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## 7. UACC Committee Reports

**A. P&Z Committee, Mark Fink:** Rezoning plans have been delayed – UACC passed a resolution last meeting regarding the current proposal. This will be back before planning and zoning in the coming months.

**B. P&R Committee, Mike Grunst:** No updates

**C. Safety Committee, Al Milspaugh:** Don't throw away lithium batteries in the landfill. There are hazardous waste disposal sites here in Anchorage that will handle these for free

**D. President, Steve Callaghan:** Bond for 42<sup>nd</sup> ave. passed so hoping that this project will move forward. Is contingent on bids coming in within engineer's estimates. Several projects have been canceled due to this discrepancy. This will be for phase 1. AWWU will be paying for water pipe replacement. Project will be going out to bid

**E. FCC Delegate, Al Milspaugh:** AK legislature has recognized UACC in April of 2019, there are posters on offer for those in person. FCC going through management changes in the next month.

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## 8. Public comments-Open Dialog

**A.** Steve asks if we want a presentation on the HOME initiative at the next meeting. None heard initially – Adam thinks this might be helpful to hear. There are changes in the works. MORE STUFF FROM MEG/ADAM.

**B.** General announcements: Medical fair at Begich Middle School. Alaska Long Trail

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148 meeting at Loussac Library on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Free lithium battery disposal. Karen  
149 Bronga adds that there has been a pretty major fire at the landfill due to these  
150 batteries.

151 C. Rumor about Scenic Foothills Resolution addressing housing density. No further  
152 information. Discussion returns to 8A above.

153 D. PM&E project list discussion

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155 **9. Adjournment:** Mark Fink moves to adjourn. Seconded by Russ. The meeting was  
156 adjourned at 8:53 pm, the in-person portion of the meeting left the facility, UAA Lyla  
157 Richards Room. The next meeting, hybrid format, is scheduled for *Wednesday May*  
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Ian Blake, UACC Secretary

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164 1. Attendance Roster

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## 165 Attachment 1 Attendance Roster

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<b>Attendance Roster</b>	
<b><i>Name</i></b>	<b><i>Affiliation</i></b>
Steve Callaghan	Member, President, in-person
Al Milspaugh	Member, Vice-President, online
Mike Grunst	Member, online
Ian Blake	Member, in-person
Deirdre Goins	Guest, online, Staff for Rep. Gray
Mark Fink	Member, in-person
Adam Lees	Member, in-person
Seth Tigarian	Guest, online, Staff for Senator Dunbar
Assembly Member Meg Zaletel	Guest, Presenter, online
Assembly Member Felix Rivera	Guest, Presenter, online
Assembly Member Karen Bronga	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Mary Weiss	Member, in-person
Russ Keil	Member, in-person
Karen Cameron	Member, online
Ryan Buchholdt	Member, UAA, in-person
Annie Collie	Member, online
Paul Stang	Member, online
Marguerite Iverson	Member, online
Ahmbra Austin	Guest, online
Corrie Chaplin	Guest, online
Brenda McLaughlin	Guest, online
Tanisha Gleason	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Shawn Glenn	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Deanna Nafzger	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Brian McCutcheon	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Michelle Baker	Guest, Presenter, in-person
Krista Phillips	Guest, Presenter, in-person
LaQuita Chimiolowski	Guest, Presenter, in-person

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