

Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

November 14, 2018

3000 C STREET, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The November meeting was called to order and the October minutes were unanimously approved.

Reports of State Officials: Staff for Representative Drummond was present to inform the Council that the House of Representatives has still not organized for the 2019 Legislative Session. The Task Force on Reading Proficiency and Dyslexia has held two meetings so far, and the third is scheduled for the following Monday. There is also a Joint House-Senate meeting on dual enrollment for Alaska students who attend high school and receive college credit. Senator Gardner's staff was also present to say that Senator-elect Elvie Gray-Jackson will be sworn into office in January.

Reports of Local Officials: Assemblymen Dick Traini and Felix Rivera were not present.

Reports of Councils: There were no reports.

Presentations: Vice President Rick Davidge provided an update to the drug taskforce, noting that the decriminalization of drug possession has contributed to the spike in crime.

Solstice Alaska gave a presentation on the 48th Avenue and Cordova Street Reconstruction Project.

Huddle People Gathering gave a presentation on the Upgrades Project for West 32nd & East 33rd Avenues.

DOWL Engineers gave an update to the Department of Transportation & Public Facilities' Congestions and Relief Planning and Environmental Linkages (New Seward Highway, 36th Avenue, etc.)

Hearing Notices: There was a new license application (Wings'N Things and The Salad Bar) and three renewals (Amvets Post #2 Inc., Out in the Boonie's Inc, and Fred Meyer Package Liquor Store). All are package stores with the same requirements as Mom & Pops, and so there was a motion to vote all as "neutral" by Vice President Davidge and seconded by Councilmember Peggy Robinson.

Old Business: Eddie Lee from Mom & Pops was not present because he had to appear in court proceedings of an individual who assaulted Mr. Lee and staff at the store. Councilmember Tim Potter noted that on the previous Saturday, none of the littered Steel Reserve beer cans had Mr. Lee's stamp.

Rich Beasley from AK Fuzzy Buddy appeared at this meeting after the Council tabled discussion last month on the license transfer due to no one from the business being present. Mr. Beasley explained that the license was shared by two brothers, Troy and James Millhouse, and the application is to transfer Troy's half to James. Councilmember Peggy Robinson motioned to approve the transfer and Vice President Davidge seconded.

New Business: The Council held elections after a brief discussion on attendance requirements for officers (must attend 4 of the last 6 meetings). All members on the ballot were elected 11-0 in the following seats:

President:	Al Tamagni, Sr.
Vice-President:	Rick Davidge
Secretary/Treasurer:	Anton Villacorta
Board Members:	Kirk Hastain
	Brian Swartzentruber
	Albert Circosta
	Scott Bridge

The Council also voted on skipping December's meeting and holding an extended meeting in January, after a motion by Councilmember Albert Circosta, which was seconded by Vice President Davidge.

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11pm