

Minutes of Midtown Community Council (MTCC) Meeting

July 13, 2016 – Noon

Wells Fargo Bank Museum - 301 W. Northern Lights Blvd.

The meeting was called to order at noon by Assembly Representative, Dick Traini. Seventeen people were in attendance; 11 were members eligible to vote. The sign-in sheet is filed. Representative Traini facilitated voting for MTCC President. Nominated candidate, Peggy Robinson, was elected by unanimous vote. Mr. Traini then turned the meeting over to Peggy Robinson who entertained motions for other previously nominated officer and board positions.

Previously nominated candidate for Vice President, Ric Davidge, was elected unanimously. Previously nominated candidate for Board Member, Al Tamagni, was elected unanimously. The position of Secretary/Treasurer and 3 other Board Members are currently not filled. These members will serve in their positions until the next election, scheduled to take place at the October meeting (nominations will take place at the September meeting).

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES:

Representative Traini gave an overview of pertinent items discussed at the most recent Anchorage Assembly Meeting. These include: Regulations relating to deteriorated or abandoned buildings are under review and will be discussed at the 7-26 Assembly meeting. Governor, Bill Walker, called in to the Assembly Meeting to provide updates on Special Session and Budget actions. The Municipality has sufficient funds in reserve to maintain its AAA bond rating. Potential marijuana business operators will make their first appearance at the 7-26-16 Assembly meeting. Mr. Traini urged members of the public to attend.

Ric Davidge moved for approval of MTCC Agenda and MTCC Minutes of 6-8-16 meeting. Both were approved as presented without objection.

PRESENTATIONS:

ML&P General Manager, Mark Johnston, gave a presentation explaining construction of new generation plants and facilities within the service area. This is part of ML&P's efforts to inform various stakeholders and interested parties.

Information was provided about Arctic Boulevard – Phase III Surface Rehabilitation. www.arcticblvd.com provides current information relating to this project.

Additional information about the Hyatt Place Hotel, that was approved by MTCC in March, was provided. (It is located on Tudor Road, west side of Office Depot). The Planning & Zoning meeting is scheduled at Loussac Library Assembly Chambers on 8-8-16 at 6:30 for the Major Site Plan Review. Case number 2016-0077.

OLD BUSINESS:

Will Schneider of Catalyst Cannabis Company updated MTCC on his community outreach meeting of 6-16 at his place of business, 5001 Eagle Street, Suite B. 123 mailers were sent out and 1 person attended, asking general questions about operating this type of business. Ric Davidge made a motion to approve Resolution 2016-2. The resolution was approved unanimously, 10 yes.

Jamie Millhouse, an owner of AKGLD, LLC appeared to request approval of Resolution 2016-5 and the Memorandum of Understanding for neighborhood responsibility. Ric Davidge moved to approve both. Both the Resolution and the MOU was approved unanimously, 10 yes.

Peggy Robinson provided an update on the recent P&Z Hearing on The Rack at Sears Mall. Changes to include signs, parking, sidewalk markings and lighting will be made. P&Z has no authority to be involved in the design about the lack of internal access to The Rack from inside the Mall.

Anna Shaw, HUDDLE and Taylor Keegan, Parks & Rec presented several options for upgrades to Arctic Benson Park. Ric Davidge moved to recommend installation of gravel in areas prone to mud (alternative 2), no agility equipment, removal of 2 trees, 2 additional benches along the fences in the field area, fixing the entry gates, and exploration of lighting options. ML&P General Manager Mark Johnston suggested the possibility of a solar powered light, which he will explore with the vendor. The motion was approved unanimously, 8 yes.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ric Davidge moved to remove the small dog (under 25 lbs) and service dog signage from Arctic Benson Dog Park, Resolution 2016-7. The motion was approved unanimously, 8 yes.

Sylvia Caldwell moved there be no objection to transfer of Restaurant Liquor License #5017, 601 W. 6th Ave #8, Larry's Cocoon to Kim's Asian Cuisine. Son Hui Kim. The motion was approved unanimously, 6 yes.

Sylvia Caldwell moved there be no objection to New Restaurant Liquor License for Doriola's, 510 W. Tudor Rd. #5497. The motion was approved unanimously, 7 yes.

Sylvia Caldwell moved there be objection to New Beverage Dispensary-Tourism Liquor License for Hyatt House Anchorage, 5141 Business Park Blvd, #5507. William Lawson. The motion was approved unanimously, 7 yes.

Ric Davidge requested that Resolution 2016-6, VetVillageAK, be moved to Old Business at the next meeting. No objection.

Al Tamagni advised that a presentation about Municipal Property Taxes could be arranged for the next MTCC meeting. IT is about a 30-minute presentation. Peggy will make arrangements to set this up.

Peggy Robinson asked for suggestions to improve attendance at MTCC meetings by residents, business owners and property owners. After discussion it was agreed to work with the Federation of Community Councils to send an outreach letter requesting input relating to meeting time and other barriers to active participation by stakeholders.

It was unsure whether the next meeting will be in August or September.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:15pm by Peggy Robinson.

Minutes taken by Pat Henderson and Peggy Robinson