

## Minutes of Midtown Community Council (MTCC) Meeting

June 8, 2016    Noon

Wells Fargo Bank Museum (Northern Lights and C Street)

The meeting was called to order at noon by Mark Butler, Manager of the Community Councils Center. Mark introduced Bonnie Harris, FCC President, who would assist Mark and advise on election of new officers for MTCC. (Prior president Karen Bond and vice president Chris Bond resigned on June 1.) Twenty-three people were in attendance, with 12 of them members eligible to vote. The sign-in sheet is filed.

Due to the fact that the required 28-day notice was not given, election of officers could not take place. Instead members volunteered to serve as interim officers while notice is given and elections take place at the next MTCC meeting. Elected officers will serve until October when regular election will take place.

Those who volunteered and were approved are:

Peggy Robinson – President  
Ric Davidge – Vice President  
Al Tamagni, Sr. – Board

Officer and Board positions that still need to be filled are: Secretary/Treasurer and 3 board members.

Interim President, Peggy Robinson ran the remainder of the meeting.

MTCC Agenda and MTCC Meeting Minutes of March 9 and May 11 were approved as presented without objection.

### REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES:

Assembly Member, Dick Traini reported that items on the agenda for the next Assembly Meeting include cell tower placement, electric bikes within the Muni, no smoking in Town Square. A decision about the derelict N. Lights property owned by Peach Investments has been delayed pending receipt of further financial analysis by Municipal CFO.

Kristin Kranendonk, staff person of Representative Harriet Drummond, gave a brief update of State Legislative special session.

Felix Rivera from the Mayor's Office gave an update on efforts to address homelessness within the Municipality. Camp clean-up, inter-agency communication,

citizen reporting and anticipated new housing units are among current and ongoing efforts.

Taylor Keegan & Anna Shaw, MOA Parks & Recreation, gave an update on improvements to Cuddy Family Midtown Park to include low impact vegetation planting and waterfowl fecal matter mitigation. Upgrades to Arctic Benson Dog park will include fencing, benches, gate repair, and mud mitigation.

Kyle Cunningham, MOA Public Works, provided information on funding available to citizens for construction of residential rain gardens.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Update on marijuana business applicants' within MTCC area:

Brian Coyle, owner of AK Green Labs, LLC returned to answer further questions about his testing lab at 2509 Fairbanks Street, Suite A. After discussion, Resolution 2016-1 was approved 12/0, stating no objection to its operation. Al Tamagni made the motion.

Due to Catalyst Cannabis Company owner Will Schneider not being able to attend the meeting, Resolution 2016-2 was postponed until the July meeting. The vote was 9/0. Al Tamagni made the motion. He is holding a meeting for neighbors on June 16 at 5:00pm at 5001 Eagle Street, Suite B.

AKGLD, LLC clarified that they are only requesting review and action on their cultivation business, AK Fuzzy Budz, at this meeting. The correct address is 2612 Eagle Street. Owners James and Troy Millhouse were available to answer questions. Resolution 2016-3 was revised to only refer to the cultivation business with the MTCC having no objection. It was approved on a vote of 10/2. Al Tamagni made the motion.

Alaska Sense, LLC, was represented by Daniel Clift, architect for owner Smadar Warden, who was out of state. The business located at 521 W. Tudor Road was discussed. The Memorandum of Understanding was approved on a vote of 10/2, which outlined security, parking, and hours of operation. Resolution 2016-4, stating no objection to the business, was approved also with a vote of 10/2. Al Tamagni made the motion.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

MOA Planning & Zoning Hearing on June 13 2016, 6:30pm, Loussac Library Assembly Chambers relating to Sears Mall Nordstrom Rack Plan Review.

Due to low citizen participation, Kristin Kranendonk inquired about whether MTCC would consider combining with North Star Community Council. Interim President,

Peggy Robinson said that she wanted an opportunity to re-build MTCC before considering merging with another Council. However, she had engaged in some discussions about this with North Star Community Council and others.

Roselynn Cacy, a current candidate for Alaska State Senate, introduced herself to those in attendance.

The July meeting will take place on July 13 at noon at the Wells Fargo Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 by Peggy Robinson

Minutes taken by Pat Henderson & Peggy Robinson