

Minutes of Midtown Community Council (MTCC) Meeting
November 9, 2016, Noon
Wells Fargo Bank 2nd Floor Conference Room – 301 W. Northern Lights Blvd.

Peggy Robinson, Council President, called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm. Fourteen people were in attendance (4 members, 10 visitors). The sign-in sheets are filed. There was not a quorum, so approval of the minutes of September 14th was postponed to the next meeting. The members agreed to continue with the agenda and discussion.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES:

Assembly Member, Elvi Gray-Jackson gave an overview of some issues with the 2017 Municipal budget, including a change to how the tax cap is determined. The final meeting for action on it is November 15. The Assembly approved a \$0.50 increase to the 911 surcharge on all phones. Assembly member Dick Traini responded to a question about the status of the Northern Lights Hotel. He reported that MOA is in consultation with the owners.

Kristin Kranendonk, aide for Representative Harriet Drummond, gave a brief report, as the newly elected House members were currently in an organizational meeting. Katie Bruggeman, aide for State Senator Berta Gardner, also gave a brief report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Peggy Robinson reported on her presentation at the Animal Control and Advisory Board meeting on October 27. MTCC's resolution and request about removing the signs about the restricted times at the Arctic Benson Dog Park was on the agenda, at her request. The Board was not interested in discussing it at that time. After that meeting, Peggy obtained the minutes from the public hearing on the topic on August 14, 2014 and the subsequent ACAB meeting on August 28, 2014. Based on the comments, the preference was a separate fenced open area for small dogs. The Valley of the Moon park master plan has such a space incorporated in the plan and should be built next summer.

PRESENTATIONS: Victoria Parsons from a UAA 212 Technical Writing Class gave a presentation on Disaster Planning for Mid-Town Anchorage. Her focus was wildfires and urban fires. She also summarized the presentations of the other teammates who were not present.

OLD BUSINESS: Discussion of merging MTCC with one or more neighboring councils.

Five representatives and individuals from Spenard, Taku Campbell, and North Star Community Councils participated in the discussion with MTCC members. Their respective councils had discussed it to varying amounts but would have a fuller discussion at their next meeting and come back to MTCC's meeting on December 14. Peggy offered to lead the effort to send a Survey Monkey questionnaire to the 138

people on MTCC's email list, with the results back by the December meeting. Mark Butler, Manager of the FCC office, said he'd send it out when it was ready.

NEW BUSINESS: none

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Peggy Robinson