

07.11.18 | Downtown Community Council

Wednesday

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5:30pm

I. Welcome & Introductions

- Michelle (P), Jonath, Mark, Doug, Jeffery, Patrick, Zack, Maggie, Nick, Tom, Chris, Silvia, Jordan, Maria, Russ

II. Approval of June meeting minutes

- Changes made to minutes in Chris's Section
- **Motion to Approve:** Silvia, Second: Nick
 - Approved

III. Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda.

- Section for Treasurer
- Change to the agenda, election just after reports, presentations we will have Zack
- **Motion to Approve** Nick, Second: Patrick
 - Approved

IV. Reports: 3 minute limit

- Assembly Report, Chris Constant
 - Real Estate Dept is bringing lease discussion to the Community Council next month
 - Assembly
 - Just appointed interim member to the Assembly, election coming up in August
 - 5 to 5 split was not good
 - Ira Perman is the appointee
 - Working on plastic bag ban
 - 2nd gen bill, ban with limitations
 - People with food stamps (Denali cards) wouldn't be charged. Funds would stay with the store
 - Dilapidated properties discussion
 - Downtown doesn't have too many buildings

- Went to SF visited Fire Service and government to talk about homelessness
 - Meet with counterpart
 - Went on a tour, sleepover center, fire truck tour
 - We have it unique their Downtown is big
 - Working on a Resolution to propose
- Questions
 - APD updates, leaving flyers for people that they've visited
 - Short-term solution there's a card now that will be left at doors to notify people we have been here, here's the status
 - Uplevel status, there's a problem at dispatch level
 - Call 311 and wait 20 minutes
 - APD is trying to hire for dispatch
 - Visual dispatching internally
- Statements
 - Many of problems that seem like nothing is being done is a failure to report.
 - When I was in SF their emergency setting were saying the same thing.
 - Over the next couple of years figuring out ways to create feedback loops to show things are happening
- Senate Representative Report, Tom Begich / Joshua Spring
 - Here on behalf of Josh Spring
 - Homelessness
 - Push back from some folks who have participated on the task force things we're working on.
 - Meeting with city people Th, F, M
 - Whenever I see Rasmusen get involved I worry about the community voice. Sometimes they take over process.
 - Which project?
 - In general the homelessness issue
 - Resist that, want to see a community based response
 - Met with Carrie, raising substantial funds, set up a small group that figures out how to distribute monies
 - \$9million
 - Making sure our voices are at the table
 - Project that Jonath is working on, focused on site out by South Central.

- It's where the new health office is going, services are going.
 - Possible tiny houses, and small houses
 - Department of Transportation actions of the bridge
 - Knik Arm did not get resurrected
 - Gov. sent note that the project is dead in writing
 - Zombie project. Why does it matter? The ANH hospital is being kept from something productive being done.
 - Property cannot be developed
 - Chronic poverty.
 - Maybe a muni ordinance
 - Expungement Bill came very close to passing this year
 - Only had a marijuana conviction in the past. 721 Alaskans that have that stigma.
 - Energy stuff
 - Get to fall and winter
 - Lighting on A St. Bridge
 - House of Representative Report – Les Gara
 - None
 - Mayor's Office Report – Nancy Burke
 - None
 - Anchorage Police Department – Sgt Jennifer Haywood
 - None
 - Anchorage Downtown Partnership - Jamie Boring
 - Jeffery Update
 - Announcements
 - We'll be having a couple of Downtown Forums
 - August 9th House District 20 Forum, more interactive then a debate, after live after 5pm. 6 o'clock gap during the music. 7:30 having the panel
 - 3 Dems
 - 3 Rep
 - 1 Libertarian
 - September 13th Governor's Race being held at the PAC
 - Happy to say that they're are cohosed by the DTCC
 - Hammering out details
 - Cutting back in Ambassadors patrolling
 - Around 6pm
 - FCC Report

- No report

V. Presentations: 6 minute limit (3 Minutes–To Speak / 3 Minutes–For Questions)

- Zack Fields
 - Running for House District 20
 - Live across the street from Sagaya, always lived in this area
 - Knocking on Doors
 - Crime
 - Achieving a sustainable budget
 - Public School System
 - If Elected
 - Address crime
 - State is down 18 prosecutors criminals know that
 - Get workforce backup to where it needs to be
 - Changing in sentencing
 - Reduce recidivism
 - Revised...vehicle theft
 - Revenue Sharing, get the number backup to improve and add police. We're just trying to return to a number before opioid epidemic
 - Not enough support staff to address property crime
 - Bridge project dead
 - Things that will make Downtown more prosperous
 - Lighting, bike lanes, businesses on streets
 - Promote a more walkable livable Downtown
 - Questions
 - Phone 201-2895
 - Who else: Cliff Groh, Elias Rojas,
 - Democratic Primary will determine the representative
 - Vote on August 21st.

VI. New Business

- Elections for open Board Seats:
 - Member at Large
 - Discussion
 - Silvia: Being on the Board is a lot of work
 - Nominations
 - Mike Ward
 - Jonath Rendon

- Votes
 - Mike Ward (6)
 - Jonath Rendon (5)
 - Mike is our new Member-at-Large
 - Committees
 - Marijuana and Alcohol Committee
 - Presentation: Great Northern Cannabis, Marijuana
 - Went through the Committee Process ask the Owner to come to the meeting to get the blessing
 - Jordan
 - August 4th is our 1 year anniversary have had very very few problems
 - One NOV from the state
 - Take compliance and public safety
 - Discussion
 - Turned down the tax
 - It was 5% and had the ability to go up 7%
 - It wasn't going to translate
 - AMCO
 - Per ounce is \$50.
 - One pound of marijuana business are paying \$800
 - Questions
 - Can the Assembly bring it up at anytime?
 - Debatable
 - Expenses
 - 10X the actually expense
 - Additional Comments
 - If you compare it to the Alcohol industry
 - It's not fair and equitable to expect one industry pay
 - \$40 million from the liquor side
 - Complaints or concerns?
 - I haven't heard one complaint, praise and recognition

- **Motion to Approve** Northern Cannabis MOU
 - Motion Silvia, Second Mike
 - Approved
- Presentation: Tundra Herb Company, Marijuana
 - Maria Pillafont, Represent the owners
 - Resume, Williwaw, Rustic Goat
 - John Youth and Tyler Russell
 - Plans, 6th Avenue Outfitters building, right next to the Williwaw entrance.
 - Proceeds toward Crawford dogs
 - Chris, declares a conflict introduced owners of the building to Crawford dogs.
 - Silvia
 - Main things that concern us, security and lighting
 - We know they cannot be the guard dogs
 - Move it forward to approve.
 - Questions/Discussion
 - Where is this?
 - Historical, temporary library
 - What is the sentiment of marijuana business?
 - Advising what we need to do is to do a resolution from the council, specific what we want to make it to
 - As of the whole city
 - Hesitant and resistant, we tying the downtown AHDNS. Any proposal to limit the number of licenses as a city wide.
 - That was the general consensus for a moratorium.
 - Generally done per capita, to do that actually retains
 - For a moratorium to be enacted a resolution is what is needed, communicated to neighbors.
 - Getting all the councils to talk about what we want to do. The liquor licenses is by capita, not anymore unless they sell it.
 - Much better perception of what's happening, not concern with the saturation, concerned about variances.

- Silvia, Thank You - Community Patrol is near and dear to heart
- Bring individual issues to Safety Committee
 - Develop a process for complaints and grievances and then bring it to the full board.
 - It's great to have a set standard. M&A Committee can help set up process if need be
- Resolution for the DTCC Community Patrol
 - There are funds for community patrols at the state level. So we can get funding.
 - Resolution is Read aloud
 - Whereas...
- **Motion to Approve** Russ, Second: Silvia
 - Approved
- Membership/Events
 - Accepting Volunteers for Chair
- Treasurer, Jason, Chair
 - Approval to create a new Entity with the State to obtain Non-Profit business licenses for Bank Account creation
 - Michelle read Jason's email
 - Entity was dissolved
 - Need to fill out forms
 - Forms filled through the state
 - Business License
 - Comments/Questions
 - Not a non-profit, just saying that it's a business license
 - What happened to the money?
 - \$100 in a lock box.
 - We owe the hotel
 - **Motion to approve all of the asks** Nick, Seconded Mike
 - Approved
 - Patrick, Michelle, and Jason will be the signers.

VII. Announcements/Neighbor Comments/Agenda Suggestions (2 Minute limit)

- Russ
 - We've had, a gang of people identified tools and backpacks. Skateboards stripe the lights and bells whistles. Caught them in a couple of different places. White pick-up.
 - Two or three skateboards and backpacks.

- Who owns the Brown Bag?
 - Smalling constructions, waters being turned off.
- Muni can fine people.

Motion to Adjourn: Silvia, Nick

- Approved

7:30pm

ADJOURN MEETING

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Next Meeting – Committee meetings:

Marijuana and Alcohol: Canceled for the Month of July Safety Committee &
Homelessness Committee: Monday, August 6, 2018 at Kaladi's

Downtown Community Council meeting: August 1, 2018, 5:30 – 6:30 @ The Historic Anchorage Hotel, 330 E Street