



DOWNTOWN UPDATE

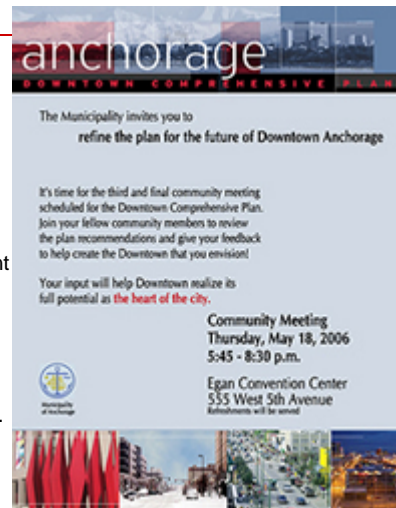
THIRD AND FINAL MEETING FOR DOWNTOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. and the Municipality of Anchorage would like to invite our Members to attend the third and final meeting for the Downtown comprehensive plan.

After more than 40 focus group meetings, advisory group work sessions, two large public meetings, and months of technical analyses, the new Downtown comprehensive plan is taking shape. This third public meeting will provide individuals with an opportunity to review and comment on the recommendations for the comprehensive plan.

The meeting will take place this Thursday, May 18, from 5:45 to 8:30pm, at the Egan Convention Center (555 W 5th Avenue.)

Please attend! Your thoughts and comments are important and welcome.



SUMMER ARRIVES AT SHIP CREEK CENTER

ADP Member the Ship Creek Center recently announced a full line-up of summertime events and activities including:

- Sourdough-themed costumed characters will welcome visitors on Saturdays from 11:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. There will also be a free performance at noon on the indoor stage. May 27 – September 9.
- Free film showings on the history of 4th Avenue and the 1964 earthquake, Monday – Saturday, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. May 27 – September 9.
- Free, daily Alaska Native dance performances by the Alaska Native Heritage Center at 1:10 p.m. on the indoor stage. June 1 – August 31.
- Free, daily Alaska Native games demonstrations by the Alaska Native Heritage Center at 4 p.m. on the indoor stage. June 1 – August 31.
- ArtWorking juried art show and fundraiser, featuring nearly 50 emerging Alaska artists and benefiting Anchorage non-profits Stone Soup Group and Mountain View Arts and Cultural Association. Show opening is June 2, and artwork is on display until the event culminates at the Latino Lions Club Fall Fiesta banquet and auction on September 9.

BALLOT INITIATIVE

Anchorage Downtown Partnership, Ltd. recently signed a resolution opposing ballot initiative 03CTAX. Ballot initiative 03CTAX - the so-called "cruiseship tax" initiative - would impose new taxes, environmental permits and other measures on foreign-flagged vessels that bring visitors to Alaska.

In opposing the initiative, **ADP joins a long list of state and local groups** opposed to the ballot initiative that includes: *Alaska Hotel and Lodging Association, Alaska Restaurant and Beverage Association, Alaska State Chamber of Commerce, Alaska Travel Industry Association, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, Anchorage CHARR, Anchorage Convention and Visitors Bureau, Anchorage Economic Development Corporation, Anchorage Port Commission, Fairbanks Convention and Visitors Bureau, Fairbanks City Council, Greater Sitka Chamber of Commerce, Haines Convention & Visitors Bureau, Juneau Chamber of Commerce, Ketchikan Visitors Bureau, Mat Su CVB, North West Cruiseship Association, Pacific & Arctic Railway & Navigation, Co., Seward Chamber of Commerce, Sitka Convention and Visitors Bureau, City of Skagway, Skagway Terminal Company, Southeast Conference, Valdez Convention and Visitors Bureau, White Pass Enterprises, LLC, and White Pass & Yukon U.S. Inc.*

For more information, feel free to visit the **North West Cruiseship Association** web site at <http://nwcruiseship.org/group.cfm?menuId=146>



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The Vision of the Anchorage Downtown Partnership is to be a not-for-profit organization that is a recognized symbol that promotes and advocates, in collaboration with the Municipality and the community at large, for a vital, "year around," clean, safe Downtown Anchorage for those who live, work and visit Downtown.