

Downtown Community Council
Minutes

Thursday May 4, 2006 at the Anchorage Museum of History & Arts

- I. Call to order at 5:30 pm by the Chair, Deirdre Cronin. Welcome and introductions
- II. It was moved, duly seconded and approved that the July meeting of the DCC will be cancelled.
- III. It was moved, duly seconded and approved that the minutes for the April 6, 2006 be approved.
- IV. No Treasurers report was presented

V. Appearances:

Assemblyman Allen Tesche: Mr. Tesche informed the council about upcoming sign ordinance changes and an amendment to increasing the required distance between licensed beverage establishments and churches or schools. There was discussion concerning the consequences of changing the distance from 200ft. by shortest walking distance to 500ft. using a straight-line measurement. Mr. Tesche invited members to the public hearing on June 6, 2006.

Anchorage Downtown Partnership: Cheri Spinks and Becky Beck presented the council with the schedule for all the summer events downtown. There will be events every day of the week. ADP is supporting a Street Performance program to enhance the downtown experience. It will be closely monitored and many of the performers will be young people. ADP is planning on expanding the hours of the Security Ambassadors to 10 PM to midnight. APD is also presenting the results of their Consumer Market Analysis results at its May 10th annual meeting. The report should help identify ways to market downtown and address stakeholders concerns.

Denali Elementary: Principal Glen Nielsen and Project Manager Alison Stirling addressed the council with safety concerns with the tunnel below A Street at 9th Avenue. Public inebriants, trash, found weapons and other safety issues are potentially endangering the pupils at the school. They propose barricading the tunnel using school funds. Discussion centered around how to barricade the tunnel and its consequences, traffic speed on A Street and keeping the flashing lights on during the summer months. **It was moved, duly seconded and approved that: The Downtown Community Council supports Denali Elementary School in their efforts to barricade the**

tunnel in an appropriate way and research the possibility of continuing the blinking school zone lights into the summer months.

Winterberry Charter School: Sara Wilson Doyle presented the council with their plans to improve Quiyana Park downtown.

It was moved, duly seconded and approved that: Craig Cook be appointed to the Delaney Park Strip Improvement Committee.

VI. **Old Business:** No reports

VII. **Committee reports:**

Zoning: Paul Nangle reported that the Railroad is proposing closing North C Street to make room for more railroad tracks to service the expanding depot and that ground breaking should begin this fall for the Eastward expansion of the depot.

Liquor licenses: John Pattee reported that the ABC Board approved the use of catering permits for Club Millennium on the same nights (Saturdays) as the Teen Club operates. There were concerns from members and Mr. Tesche. It was decided to invite the owners of Club Millennium and a representative of the Anchorage Police to the next meeting to address concerns.

VIII. There were no announcements, comments or agenda suggestions

IX. Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Next meeting is Thursday June 1, 2006 at 5:30 PM