

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday February 2, 2006, 5.30pm at the Anchorage Museum of History & Art

Welcome, introductions and call to order by Chair, Deirdre Phayer.

Approval of 1/5/06 meeting minutes –unable to approve minutes due to lack of quorum (6 members present, 7 required), tabled to the March 2006 meeting

Treasurer's report: Ron Alleva stated that First National Bank account has a balance of 1986.78 with just one check outstanding. Membership applications for 2006 are now being issued.

Appearances

Assemblyman Tesche - The Assembly passed the parks and roads bonds on Tuesday night. A ballot proposition was proposed for right of way and vehicle code violations to be done by APD personnel. Many items were tabled to the next assembly meeting, including; School Bonds, Charter Amendment for Mayoral election run-off's, and Tax proposals from Assembly members Coffey and Sullivan for 3 and 8% respectively. Other delayed items include: the Assisted Living and Large Animal Ordinances, and the Parks Plan.

APD – Sgt. Stanton – passed out the APD call statistics for the Downtown area in 2005. Juvenile problem calls are down from 2004 along with Traffic Accidents and False Alarms. Sgt. Stanton is to ask for the Intoxication incidents report for the Downtown area. Deirdre Phayer asked if we could have the school resource center again in Downtown, and made a suggestion to invite school principals to attend the Downtown meeting.

National Veterans Games – Melissa Anderson - 600 veteran athletes all in wheel chairs will take part on the 4th July. The parade is to include a hand-cycling event. 9 local hotels are involved, and there will be 15 venue sites. The athletes are representing 50 states along with Puerto Rico and the UK.

Fur Rondy 2006 – Mary Pignalberri – there will be 120 events this year. The official guide will be in the Anchorage Daily News on Sunday. The volunteers are selling lots of pins, which is a new King Salmon design for 2006. Event tickets can be purchased at the Dimond Center, the Rondy Shop and at the web site. The new sponsors this year are Allstate who are sponsoring Rondy on Ice, and there is a new event “Meet the Musers”.

MOA Parks and Recreation – Barbara Anderson – Barbara oversees the Spenard and Fairview Recreation centers along with 81 parks. Anchorage has over 10,000 acres of parkland and 200 parks. The Rasmusson foundation is donating \$400,000 to the Delany Park Strip project, and will also match individual donations dollar for dollar. A public workshop is to be held at Pete's Gym on March 14th at 4.00pm and March 15th at Denali Elementary at 6.00pm for public input.

Old Business - none.

Committee Reports

Chris Shutte for Becky Beck – Anchorage Downtown Partnership – the CBD rewrite is about one third completed. After Fur Rendezvous a draft plan will be completed, and there will be a public meeting on March 3rd. Upcoming events include a Children’s Ice Park with a renaissance fantasy theme, the Crystal Gallery of Ice, and the Heart of Anchorage Awards in April. The Municipality of Anchorage has awarded the Community Service Patrol (CSP) contract to Purcell, who won the bid from ADP.

Kim MacBeath – Federation of Community Councils – no report

John Pattee - Liquor Licenses - no report

Paul Nangle – Planning & Zoning Report – no report

Announcements - Chair, Deirdre Phayer passed around a business plan for 5th Avenue Room and Board. The owners will be attending the next meeting in March.

The meeting adjourned at 6.35 pm.

Next meeting is on Thursday March 2nd, 2006 at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.