

**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**May 6, 2004**

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**DCC Members Present:** Paul Nangle, Paulette Houli, Becky Beck, Millie & Bob Renkert, Sister Noreen McPartland, Ron Alleva, Ellen Krsnak, John Pattee, Kim MacBeath

**DCC Officers Absent:** James Maurer, Craig Cook, Deirdre Phayer

**Guests Present:** Ryan Kim, Downtown Deli, Frank Clack, Downtown Deli, Susan Fischetti, Governors Office, Gordon Howell, Homeward Bound, Steve Noble, Dowl Engineers.

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**Location:** Anchorage Museum of History and Art, Anchorage, AK

**Order is called:** Kim MacBeath, Chair at 5.40pm

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- I. The minutes of the February and April 2004 meeting have not been presented are not available at this time for council approval.
  - II. The minutes for March were presented, John Pattee moved to approve, Paul Nangle seconded and the minutes for March were approved unanimously.
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- III. Treasurer's Report – Ron Alleva
    - a. As of now, the DCC account is at \$1921.19.
    - b. Please note that the Council needs to reimburse Kim MacBeath for a gavel; and that we also need to pay Xerox fees from the Council account.
    - c. Ron Alleva has been added as a signer to the bank account.
    - d. Ron made a motion to donate \$75.00 from the DCC funds to sponsor a flower basket in the Parks & Recreations Foster-A-Flower program. Paul Nangle seconded the motion, which was unanimously approved.
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Appearances:

Assemblyman Tesche –was absent for this meeting.

Governors Office – Susan Fischetti – talked about the plan to use the Permanent Fund, and stated that 45% of the funds withdrawn would go to supporting Education.

Anchorage Roads Coalition - Stan Gallagher

Anchorage Roads Coalition for Safe and Sensible Streets are working together for a better road process. Stan Gallagher talked about collector streets, safe neighborhoods, cost effective street construction, and educating users and property owners. The coalition is lobbying for a rigorous design process where all the shareholders are involved, and is asking Community Councils and the Mayor to support a resolution for Context Sensitive Solutions (this is a nationally used term). Paul Nangle made a motion to support the resolution and John Pattee seconded. After some discussion the motion went a hand vote with 7 in favor and 2 abstentions, the motion passed.

#### Alaska Coalition on Housing and Homeless – Gordon Howell

This coalition has been meeting for the past 15 years to ensure that food and shelter is provided for the homeless. The group draws membership from consumers and ex-consumers, service providers and the community. The coalition is endorsed by Governor Murkowski and recognized by the Government of Alaska. Gordon Howell talked about a new program that has been introduced to address the issue of hunger. Jeff Lowenfells a writer with the Anchorage Daily News came up with the idea of “plant a row for the hungry”; vegetable gardeners can do help out by growing an extra row of vegetables. Also, there has been recent HUD legislation that makes positive amendments to voucher funding that assists homeless people in getting on board with the assisted housing program. The Mayors Task Force Committee for housing and homeless is preparing a plan to address these issues by year end 2004, you can e-mail Kim MacBeath with any questions or concerns at: [macbeath.kim@nrim.com](mailto:macbeath.kim@nrim.com) and for more details regarding the programs that Gordon Howell talked about you can e-mail him at: [ghowell@ruralcap.com](mailto:ghowell@ruralcap.com)

#### Highway Safety Improvement Projects (HSIP) – Glenda Radvansky

Traffic Engineers are responsible for identifying high accident areas/corridors and try to come up with low cost solutions. They compile a list of urgent projects and bring these before the Community Councils. In the Downtown area L Street from 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue to 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue has been identified. At 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue’s they are installing curb bulbs to stop cars from parking too close to the intersections.

Downtown Deli – Liquor License – Transfer of ownership – John Pattee, Liquor License Chairman, introduced the new owner Ryan Kim who was present at the meeting. This is a beer and wine license transfer taking place due to new ownership. Ryan Kim stated there were no plans for changes to the menu, structural changes to the restaurant or plans for entertainment. Paul Nangle made a motion to approve the liquor license transfer, John Pattee seconded the motion, and the motion to approve was unanimous.

At this point Paul Nangle asked John Pattee to check out the Pizza Restaurant next to the 515 Club, the restaurant is running a teen dance club without a license. John Pattee is to check this out and report back to the council.

Old Business - Chair Kim MacBeath reported there were no updates at this time, but there would be an update on the Museum Expansion from Pat Wolf, Museum Director at the June meeting.

#### Committee Reports:

Anchorage Downtown Partnership – John Pattee reported on behalf of Becky Beck, The Annual Membership Luncheon for ADP is being held at the Hilton Hotel On Friday May 7, 2004

Liquor Licenses – John Pattee reported that 1) Anchorage CHARR are hoping to start a Good Samaritan program to get people who are intoxicated plus their car home. This program would be operated in conjunction with the local Cab Companies. Legislation needs to be introduced to hold cab drivers harmless in this situation. Two drivers would be needed, one to drive the person home, and one to drive the person’s car home. 2) CHARR is soliciting for funding, \$200,000 per year would be needed to fund the program. CHARR are also introducing a standard program for training security staff at local bars. They are bringing in an expert from San Diego. This training program has been supported by a number of bars in the Anchorage area. 3) John Pattee is working with the Municipality Traffic Engineering department to put a 1000ft drug free school zone at 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue between “C” and “D” Streets adjacent to the Anchorage Vocational Institute. 4) John is currently working with the Anchorage Assembly to allow bars to keep their premises open after closing time to allow people time to leave, so that bars are not pushing a big crowd of people into the street all at once. John is working with Anna Fairclough and Alan Tesche. In addition to this John is also working with the Assembly to create a standard Liquor License process for Community Councils.

Planning and Zoning – Paul Nangle stated the effective date for the neon signs ordinance has been postponed while they bring up an expert from the Lower 48. Paul encouraged members to support the Hanging Basket fund raising plan for the Downtown area, and said that Parks and Recreation spend over \$400,000 annually on flowers for the Anchorage area.

The meeting was adjourned at 7.00pm