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**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 6, 2003
ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART**

Council Members Present: Kim Macbeath, Ron Alleva, Craig Cook, Richard Lazur, James Maurer and Carol Aspery (for Deirdre Phayer).

Council Members Absent: John Pattee.

Kim Macbeath called the meeting to order at 5:40pm.

Approval of January minutes. **Motion passed.**

Ron Alleva – Treasurer’s Report – Increased membership in 2003. \$70.00 for new members. As of today we are up to \$1,846.00.

Appearances

Assemblyman Tesche – Absent.

Fur Rondy 2003

Mary Pignalberi reported the following:

- Starts on Friday, February 14th thru Sunday, February 23rd.
- Grand Parade theme this year is Rockin’ Rondy.
- There will be over 120 events again this year (8 of which are new events).
- This year Fur Rondy lost the Grand Prix (Tesoro stepped aside as a sponsor) but will be back next year.
- Hilton Hotel will be featuring the “Big Easy” – an evening with authentic Cajun food & New Orleans blues on Saturday February 15, 2003 at 7pm.
- As of now, the snow events are still on. Snow Sculptures will be held on Monday, February 17th.
- Free event at UAA Wendy Williams Auditorium featuring “Saturday Night Live” banjo player. Free concert with limited seating.
- Next year, Fur Rondy will be moving the dates a week later (extending to 3 weekends instead of 2) the last weekend being the Iditarod.

Ship Creek Intermodal Project

John McPherson – Project Manager.

- Mr. McPherson showed the council two alternative plans for Ship Creek Center.
- New transportation center down in the vicinity of Ship Creek area.
- Plan includes rail station (transport passengers from rail to buses).
- Improvements on public parking.
- Key components of project to have better connections for pedestrians and buses interfacing into the downtown area.
- Discussion on long and short-term parking.
- The new design will have features such as adequate baggage and passenger services; safe passenger zone; new sidewalks along the roadways, which ties into the existing sidewalk.
- Total project costs: \$11 million dollars.

Ship Creek Intermodal Project (Cont.)

- The plan also will include shuttle from downtown Anchorage to Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport. Trains running between Anchorage to Seward and Anchorage to Whittier.
- Pedestrian connections will be between Ship Creek Intermodal Center and downtown Anchorage (between 1st Avenue and 3rd Avenue).

New Business

James Maurer – Humpy’s Chum Room.

Duplicate License Application. **Motion Approved Unanimously.**

March 2003 – Liquor License Renewals:

The following restaurants were approved for liquor license renewals:

- The Wood Shed.
- Ristorante Orso.
- William A. Egan Civic & Convention Center.
- Marx Brothers Café.
- China Express.
- Club Paris.
- Crow’s Nest.
- Fletcher’s
- The Quarterdeck.
- Whale’s Tale.
- Glacier Brewhouse.
- Soraya’s.
- Yamaya Restaurant.
- Rumrunner’s Olde Time Towne Bar.
- Simon & Seafort’s Saloon & Grill.
- Ginza Restaurant.
- Wings ‘N’ Things.
- Moose’s Tooth Brewing Co.
- La Mex.
- Cyrano’s.

Motion Approved. Passed Unanimously.

Old Business

Community Council Boundaries

Craig Cook – No real change from last October.

Brother Francis Shelter

Sherry Hill, Director of Community Relations, Catholic Social Services reported the Planning and Zoning Board approved the Conditional Use Permit for the Brother Francis Shelter Rebuild at the February 3, 2003 meeting.

Anchorage Museum Expansion

Kim Macbeath – Pat Wolf will report on the Museum expansion at next month’s meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Anchorage Downtown Partnership- Becky Beck.

The following was reported to the council:

- This year, there have been reported a total of 26 deaths. In regards to the deaths, they keep records of who logged in and breathalyzer on a monthly basis.
- Issues of panhandling and porter potties around the downtown area.
- One question that was raised are the porter potties around town another place for people to hide and get drunk?
- Anchorage Downtown Partnership has 8 security ambassadors.
- Any issues that we are concerned with please bring it to Ms. Beck's attention at the next meeting.

Membership

Richard Lazur –

If you are interested in joining the DCC, please fill out the form and the cost is \$5.00.

Announcements

Kim Macbeath brought up a suggestion to have the DCC purchase a gavel to pass down to the next President. **Motion approved.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:45pm by Kim Macbeath.

**NEXT MEETING WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003 AT 5:30PM.
LOCATION: ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART.**

