

**DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**May 1, 2003**  
**AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART**

The meeting was called to order at 5:35 PM.

The minutes for April 2003 were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Alleva reported \$1,300 in the DCC account. Mr. Alleva's information needs to be added to the account. Signature cards need to be completed.

**ASSEMBLYMAN TESCHE:**

- Reported that it was business as usual at the Assembly.
- Solicited ideas are made for a new department in the Mayor's Office that would focus on downtown growth and development issues. The downtown area serves as the hub of activity for many business and civic endeavors. This new department would coordinate efforts of existing municipal departments when downtown issues are involved. The office would specialize in our downtown community. Downtown encompasses a complex area with a large number of businesses and institutions. This office would not add additional cost, but would reallocate existing resources. The DCC was in favor of further discussion.
- Community Council redistricting: work session on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup> from 10:30 to 12:00. All are invited to attend, but there will be no public comment.

**THE SALVATION ARMY—Captain Robert Rudd and Kerry Sinnett:**

- Overview of the plan for the new Salvation Army Family Enrichment Center @ Chester Creek. Over the next four years the facility would house: McKinnell House and Family Services, Care for Kids Crisis Nursery, SAFE Disaster Relief and Older Alaskans Program Facility. Groundbreaking ceremony planned for Spring 2004. This is an 18M project.
- Four Acres between A and C Street (south of E 16<sup>th</sup> Ave).
- Salvation Army assisted 55,000 Alaskans last year. The program turned away 100 families due to lack of space.

**The DCC approved a resolution in support of the Salvation Army project. The vote was six in favor of project and one opposed.**

**ANCHORAGE AREA WIDE TRAILS REHABILITATION-Dave Yanocek:**

- Anchorage is home to four major trail systems, making up over a hundred and fifty miles of multi-use trails. The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) retained CRW Engineering Group to update the 2002 Trail Report. The purpose of this update is to review the condition inventory of the trail systems, evaluate alternatives to repair segments that are deficient, and recommend preferred alternatives for design and construction based on previous recommendations, cost considerations and public input.



- The report is specific to the following trails: Coastal Trail, Chester Creek Trail, Campbell Creek Trail and Fish Creek.
- CRW Engineering Group is seeking public input to assist in identifying and prioritizing the following conditions: safety-related hazards, pavement conditions, drainage/embankment erosion and shoulder conditions.
- This project is funded through the Federal Highway Administration. The budget is 1.65M.
- For more information, contact Dave Yanoshek at #562-3252.

**HIGHWAY SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS-Anne Brooks:**

- The State/City are in the process of evaluating accident ratios in an effort to outline safety projects. This will include signal head upgrades, consistent one-way stop signs, and new overhead signs for clear understanding of lane usage.
- Ms. Brooks will keep the DCC updated.

**COASTAL TRAIL-DCC Members:**

**The DCC approved a motion to take no position on the extension of the coastal trail. This motion passed 5 in favor and 2 opposed.**

**CONVENTION CENTER- No Update**

**MCKAY BUILDING- No Update**

**ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP- No Report**

**MEMBERSHIP- Richard Lazur:**

- Two new members.

**LIQUOR LICENCE RENEWALS—John Pattee:**

- Sassafras: new beer and wine license.

**DCC unanimously approved motion of support for license.**

- Blondie's: renewal.

**DCC unanimously approved motion of support for license.**

**ZONING-Paul Nangle:**

- Update on RR Passenger Terminal.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/NEIGHBOR COMMENTS/AGENDA SUGGESTIONS:**

- Mr. Alleva requested that the DCC reconsider position on homeless issues.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:55pm

**THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, JUNE 5th @ 5:30pm  
THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART**

