

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
June 5, 2003
AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

Board Members Present: John Pattee
Paul Nagle

Board Members Absent: James Maurer
Richard Lazur

DCC Officers Present: Kim MacBeath
Ron Alleva
Deirdre Phayer (Represented by Zeleen Hood)

DCC Officers Absent: Craig Cook

Guests of Note: UAA attendees: Introduction to Social Welfare

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

Order is called: President Kim McBeath at 5:37 p.m.

Special notes: Scheduled speaker Assemblyman Allan Tesche is absent.

I. The minutes for May 2003 were approved with note.

- a. Mr. Alleva attempts to make a motion to reconsider the endorsement on the Salvation Army Family Enrichment Center.
 - i. It is noted by Ms. MacBeath that the motion to endorse the Salvation Army Family Enrichment Project was approved at the last meeting.
 - ii. It is noted by Ms. MacBeath that a motion to reconsider will be explored according to the DCC bylaws at the next meeting.
 1. Question of quorum and motion in relation to the Coastal Trail.
 2. Question of quorum and motion in relation to the Salvation Army Enrichment Project.
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II. Treasurer's Report – Ron Alleva

- a. As of 5-30-2003, expenditures to date are \$1,846.00 for the DCC account.
 - b. Please note that request letters for signature cards will carry additional funds.
 - c. Reminder: it is a \$5.00 fee to join the Downtown Community Council. Membership forms are available after the meeting.
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- III. Appearances – Assemblyman Tesche**
a. Scheduled Speaker Tesche is absent.
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- IV. New Business – Kim MacBeath**
a. No new business to report.
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- V. Old Business – Kim MacBeath**
a. Convention Center Update – No new business to report.
b. McKay Building Update – No new business to report.
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VI. Committee Reports

a. Anchorage Downtown Partnership (ADP)– Becky Beck

- i. Short synopsis of services offered by the ADP to include security, maintenance and events in the downtown area.
- ii. ADP is hosting 75 events in 2003, twice as many as 2002.
- iii. ADP presents “Music in the Park”. A summer concert series that is free to the public. Music in the Park presents various band performances on Wednesdays and Fridays, noon – 1p.m., located at 4th and E Street Park.
- iv. ADP presents “Live After Five”. A block-party series held on Thursday nights. This series is running three weeks in June and three weeks in July.
- v. Panhandling is on the increase.
 - a. Possible contributing factor is the recent campaign to uproot homeless camps in the Anchorage area.
 - b. ADP is available for contact in the event that one encounters an uncomfortable situation of panhandling.
- vi. ADP in conjunction with the Downtown Community Service Patrol are working to curb inebriation and vagrancy at all events.
- vii. Questions and Comments:
 1. Question about location of the Summer Solstice Party from council member. Ms. Beck notes that information is available through the Web site and by calling the ADP at 279-5650.
 2. Council member expresses concerns that alcohol distribution at the downtown events could draw homeless persons. Ms. Beck notes that the community patrol operates from 7 a.m. – 8 p.m., after which the Anchorage Police Department should be notified of any unlawful activities.
 3. Question from council member about any strategies from the Downtown Community Council in dealing with panhandling.
 - a. Ms. Beck notifies attendees that the Community Service Patrol number is 227-5000. The ADP promotes public awareness in dealing with these problems.

4. Resources can be limited, due to the ratio of Security Ambassadors to inebriates, which is 10-1. If the Community Service Patrol gets more than 30 individuals at the station, the Patrol must pull the van off the streets to ensure the safety of the Security Ambassadors at the facility. Peak capacity of the facility is 92, but staffing needs have to accommodate this number as well. Anchorage gave the ADP a supplemental contract to provide another van for the winter months.
5. Council member expresses concern about the public image of Security Ambassadors, asserting that there is a misrepresentation concerning the sole purpose of being security officers versus courtesy officers to tourists. Ms. Beck asserts that there are dual purposes for Security Ambassadors. The Officers provide information to people downtown in addition to assisting inebriates.

b. Federation of Community Councils – Kim MacBeath

i. Announcements:

1. The Anchorage Assembly will have a work session on Friday, June 6th from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on Community Council boundaries. This work session will be at City Hall on the 1st Floor. All interested parties are welcome to attend. Please note that this is a closed session whereas public comment will not be allowed.
2. The Anchorage Assembly public hearing on the Community Council boundaries is scheduled for Tuesday, June 10, 2003.
3. The Downtown Community Council Meeting for Thursday, July 3, 2003 has been cancelled due to the close proximity to July 4th weekend.

c. Membership – Richard Lazur – ABSENT

d. Liquor Licenses – John Pattee

- i. Café Savannah applied is being considered for a liquor license.
 1. Council will be looking into the specifics regarding this establishment.
- ii. A new liquor license is being presented to the Assembly on June 10, 2003.
 1. There will be a DCC Board meeting to discuss this new license.

e. Zoning – Paul Nagle

- i. In May, DCC was supposed to receive the first draft of the zoning laws, Title 21, from the City of Anchorage contracted consultants.
 1. Mr. Nagle was unable to attend the first drafting of the Downtown section due to scheduling conflicts.
 2. When the proposed draft is provided to Mr. Nagle, he will bring it before the Council.
 - a. Possibility of a workshop to discuss the draft.

- b. Mr. Nagle notes that it is important for the DCC to encourage residential development in the Downtown area.
 - ii. The Railroad is proceeding with their new train station plans that include tourist-friendly revisions to the existing train station. Mr. Nagle notes that he has a copy of the complete plans at his office should anyone want to review them.
 - 1. Federal approvals will be submitted in October.
 - 2. Construction will probably begin around Spring 2005.
 - 3. 90% of funding is in place right now.
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VII. Meeting Adjourned by Kim MacBeath at 6:20 p.m.

The July 3, 2003 Downtown Community Council Meeting has been cancelled due to the close proximity to July 4th weekend.

The Next Meeting will be on Thursday, August 7, 2003, at 5:30 p.m.