

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES
OCTOBER 2, 2003 AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

- I. The meeting was called to order at 5:35 p.m.
- II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The minutes for Sept 4, 2003 and Oct 2, 2003 will be provided on November 6, 2003 for approval.
- III. **TREASURER'S REPORT:** Ron Alleva reported 10 new members. Treasury remains about the same at approximately \$1866.00.
- IV. **APPEARANCES**
 - ASSEMBLYMAN TESCHE:**
 - I. Reported that there are 3 topics that need to be discussed.
 - 1. Budget to be released tomorrow (10/3/2003). The mayor will be conducting a press conference at 11:00 a.m. Shortfall of approximately \$35 million. Significant reduction in services, with layoffs in various areas. Realignment of positions, as well. Branch libraries to stay open with 22 layoffs. The city will not use one-time layoffs to fill gaps in the budget.
 - 2. The assembly passed an ordinance that will affect this area, including sites such as Fairview. The ordinance will allow what one would call "Mother-In-Law" apartments, which are built over garages of existing residences. This will modestly affect the downtown area by bringing more residents to the area. Assemblyman Tesche considers this to be a positive and healthy, bringing growth to the area. Site condos were also included in this ordinance, but, do not affect the downtown area so much. The site condos are low-cost housing that do not follow any particular set of regulations. The city did pass regulations for this area, but perhaps not as much as could be necessary. There is a massive revision of Title 21 zoning ordinance currently underway.
 - 3. The third issue is sign regulations. Assemblyman Tesche recommends that the DCC convene a meeting about this issue. We may want to contact the Mayor's office or call the members. Kim Macbeath volunteers to send a letter or email to request a meeting to address the sign ordinance to formulate recommendations to the Anchorage Assembly. The Assembly will have a discussion of the strategy for the ordinance in question.
- V. **PORT EXPANSION PROJECT PRESENTATION: Not Available**
 - COUNCIL BUSINESS**
 - I. **DCC Bylaws – Vote on Amended Bylaws**
 - a. Paul Nagle explains the revisions made to the Bylaws. Changes include: positions omitted, number of Board members, change in the fiscal year, required attendance for officers of the DCC.
 - b. In addition, there are no current term limits in the bylaws. Craig Cook reminds members, Board members, and officers to sign in to confirm validity of votes taken at the meetings.
 - c. **Motion to officially accept the Bylaws revised.**
 - II. **John Pattee – Liquor License Review**
 - a. Touch of Europe, a new Russian café to feature beer, wine, and entertainment. New owner gives synopsis of details of the establishments. John Pattee is in favor of approving this license, noting that it will contribute to the culture of the downtown area. Motion to accept liquor license approved unanimously.
 - III. **Officer and Board Member Elections**
 - a. **Board Members:**
 - i. James Maurer, Humpy's Great Alaskan Ale House
 - ii. John Pattee, The Avenue Bar
 - iii. Paul Nangle, Nangle & Associates
 - iv. Becky Beck, Anchorage Downtown Partnership
 - v. Sister Noreen McPartland, Archdiocese of Anchorage
 - b. **Officers:**
 - i. President – Kim MacBeath, Northrim Bank
 - ii. Vice President – Craig Cook, C.A. Cook Attorney
 - iii. Treasurer – Ron Alleva, Grubstake Auction
 - iv. Secretary – Deirdre Phayer, Covenant House
 - c. **Motion to approve nominations approved unanimously.**
 - VI. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a. Anchorage Museum Expansion – No Update
 - b. Convention Center – No Update
 - c. McKay Building - Paul Nangle has the site plan.
 - VII. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - I. Anchorage Downtown Partnership – No Update
 - II. Federation of Community Councils – No Update
 - III. Membership – No Update
 - IV. **Liquor License Renewal – John Pattee**
 - i. Two page list of renewals. By code, our response should be in by October 15th. John recommends that we vote on this today. It is recommended that Craig Cook send a letter to those with liquor licenses to invite them to join the DCC as members. John Pattee will draft a letter to solicit membership to liquor license holders.
 - ii. **Motion to approve existing licenses approved.**
 - V. **Zoning – Paul Nangle**
 - i. McKay building is the only zoning issue at this time. Mr. Nangle states that he believes this project will go through.
 - VIII. **LEGISLATIVE REPORT: Representative Les Gara**
 - I. Discussion on state property tax, municipal revenue sharing, educational funding, and other various topics.
 - o Handout: "Report to the People," End of Session Report 2003 available at <http://gara.akdemocrats.org>
 - o Handout: "A 2003 Legislative Summary" by Representative Les Gara, an Op-Ed piece in the Anchorage Daily News September 5, 2003, available at <http://gara.akdemocrats.org>

Meeting Adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, November 6th @ 5:30pm AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART