

Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

July 15, 2020

3000 C STREET, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The February meeting was called to order at 12:00pm by President Al Tamagni. The proposed agenda was approved without objection

**Reports of Local Law Enforcement:** There was no local law enforcement present.

**Reports of State Officials:** There were no state officials present.

**Reports of Local Officials:** Assembly Member/Chair Felix Rivera provided an update on several issues. Most interest was in the Assembly meeting the previous night dealing in part with the MOA's proposal to acquire 4 buildings, 3 of which are in the midtown district, for the purpose of providing 'space' for the homeless on the street. It was reported that over 700 citizens showed up for this meeting opposing the initiative of the mayor to acquire these buildings, with specific concern on the Golden Lion hotel and the Tudor gym.

We had about 8 new members present who had been at that meeting and asked several often incredibly detailed questions of the Assembly man mainly in the areas of process, costs, operational issues like area security, etc. This Q&A took about 45 minutes.

Assemblyman Rivera agreed to provide the Council with a copy of the 'Gap Analysis' done by the MOA to inventory what was needed to meet the homeless demand in the MOA. Rivera pointed out that the report found that the 4 proposed structures would fill in some of the identifies need. Rivera also pointed out that it has generally been agreed that the process initiated will be dropped and a new fare more transparent and substantive land use plan, permits, etc. will be applied to ensure the goals and objectives of these acquisitions as the concerns of the community are adequately addressed.

Questions about the Tudor property focused on what it was expected to provide and Rivera pointed out that it would be both a day shelter and an overnight shelter with some level of services. There was some disagreement about the physical construct of this facility, but the Council was advised that these issues had been identified and are being addressed in the process.

There was also significant discussion on the age and environmental issues likely attached to many of these buildings as most were built over 20 years ago. Such as asbestos, Responsible Party, possibly USTs etc.

Assembly woman Meg Zaletel arrived late due to a meeting conflict and engaged the Council on a host of issues regarding the acquisition of the 3 buildings in the District by the MOA. This discussion took about 25 minutes and a great deal of information was shared. Meg agreed to provide some updates on several issues and questions that were asked as soon as she can.

There were representatives present from the Mayor's Office.

**Reports of Councils:** There was no report from the Executive, Capital Projects, or Membership committees.

**Presentations:** Dowl Engineers gave the Council an update on the 36<sup>th</sup> and New Seward Hwy upgrade. Shawn is now the PM and will send us his contact intel to ensure good communication with our members.

There was no report on the Midtown Congestion Relief Plan as the staff that was going to provide this intel had to leave for another meeting.

**Hearing Notices:** There were no notices.

**Old Business:** There was no old business. Council Member Tim Potter Tim Potter had no outstanding issues or hearing notices facing his work on Liquor and Marijuana licenses or land use plans.

**New Business:** There was no new business to announce.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30pm.

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