

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, June 2, 2021 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Welcome & Introductions:
Participants: Sylvia Villamides, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Andrea McCormick, Chris Jones, Zach Fields, Tristan Walsh, Officer Mayes, Kristine Bunnell, Mike Middleton, Joy Boston, Mercedes Colbert, Megan, Jim Renka
- Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda.
Richard Irwin made a motion to approve the agenda. Andrea McCormick seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The agenda was approved.
- Approval of May meeting minutes.
Andrea McCormick moved to approve the May meeting minutes. Richard Irwin seconded the motion to approve the May meeting minutes. Minutes of the May meeting are approved.
- **Reports: 3 minutes limit**
- **Assembly Report** – n/a
- **Senate Representative Report** – Mercedes Colbert for Tom Begich
 - Working on budget
 - Capital projects not in the current budget (150 pages removed) – to be considered in August
 - May 20th – the long trail – \$13.2 million project includes Ship Creek. Link in chat for details
 - PFD and more considerations on budget to be determined in August
 - Budget may be complete next week
- **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields - Tristan
 - House bill 123 – AK Enable Act – partnership with federal government to help people with ability challenges with savings accounts.
 - HB 132 – school district, university and trade schools coordinating together
 - Budget meeting now – PFD only real unsolved issue
 - Gave brief overview of bills he helped to pass; renewable energy, clean energy, child welfare, etc.
 - Reached out to new mayor regarding issues about homelessness and vagrancy
 - American Rescue Act - federal government offering funding for help with resources especially for mental health issues. Wanted to encourage new mayor to look into that
- **Mayor's Office Report** – n/a
- **Anchorage Police Department** – Officer Mayes

- Mountain View, Fairview and Downtown officers work together
- Police respond to different type incidents per shift.
- Responding to calls trying to find ways to decrease the activity that is undesirable.
Looking at locations of activity.
- Foot patrol is ongoing during the day. Day shift 7am – 5pm
- Police don't ignore prior offenses and vagrancy issues but do prioritize our response. Try to stop for everything.
- **Anchorage School Board** – n/a
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – n/a
- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell
 - Internal return draft – five chapters under review by the team. Chapter 6-8 left to do
 - By end of July – a report out for all to see
 - Coordinating projects input
 - Planning and linkage development for Fairview is being paid for by AMAT funding. Sen. Begich supported this project. 3year project
- **Update Special Activity Permit closure(s) in the downtown area** – Mike Middleton
 - Technically given the green light from engineering of traffic. Still a fluid situation. Hopefully opening outside service.
- **By-Laws Approval** – Richard Irwin
Richard Irwin made the motion to approve the amended by-laws. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - The new amended by-laws will be sent to the Ombudsman and then will be presented to the assembly.
- **CIP** – Mike Ward & Jason Motyka
 - Short list being compiled, municipality – anyone have ideas – report to Mike or Jason. Trying to coordinate projects
- **New Business:** 6 minutes limit
- **Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Update** – Sylvia Villamides
Recommendation for approval;
 - Gas Light Bar – business expansion
 - 574 Arcade Bar – renewal
 - Williwaw – renewal
 - The Quarterdeck – renewal
 - Bernie's Bungalow – renewal
 - The Bridge – license transfer
 - 49th State Brewing – brewery renewal
 - 49th State Brewing – winery renewal
 - Glacier Brewhouse – renewal
 - Orso – renewal
 - Egan Convention Center – renewal
 - Originale – renewal
 - Yamaya – renewal
 - The Sheraton Anchorage – renewal

Tequila 61 – renewal

Matanuska Brewing Company – Broken Blender – renewal

AK Alchemist – renewal

Jason Motyka made the motion to recommend approval of all of these licensees. Richard Irwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

All licensees were approved by Downtown Community Council.

Bear Paw is moving into the Hard Rock building. Coming up for transfer in next 3 weeks

- **Treasurer Update** – Jason Moytka

- \$3,669 – mostly from Duck Race.
- Sept. 11th 2021 at noon – Ship Creek.
- Online raffle still approved to do. Sold \$130,000 last year. Year prior \$35,000, without online raffle.

- **Safety Committee** – Richard Irwin

- Asking for people to volunteer to join this committee. Russ Reno has left the committee.
- East end of 4th Ave. lighting project is being completed now.

- **Presentations:** 6 minutes limit (3 Minutes To- Speak / 3 Minutes -For Questions)

- **3rd St. Radicals** – Jim

- down by old Native Hospital site – planting going on
- June 12th – a Healing Ceremony 2-4pm
- June 19th Solstice Party at park and Raven's

- **JBEAR** – Joy Boston - putting notes in the chat

- Still hiring in childcare, recreation
- New app with calendars and info. – JBEAR app
- July 30-31, 2022 – The Air Show

- **Announcements/Neighbor Comments** (2 Minute limit)

- **Downtown Community Council**

- Election in September. Let the council know if you are interested in running for an office.

ADJOURN MEETING

Richard Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 6:22pm