

# ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 4, 2021 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- **Welcome & Introductions**

Participants: Silvia Villamides, Mike Ward, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Chris Jones, Andrea McCormick, Chris Constant, Tom Begich, Mercedes Colbert, Tristan Walsh, Amanda Moser, Lisa Sauder, JBER- Luke Waack, Sue Spyker, Scallaghan, Sandy Harper, Melinda Gant.

- **Additions/changes**

Mike Ward made the motion to approve the agenda. Amanda Moser seconded the motion. Motion passed. Agenda is approved.

- **Approval of July meeting minutes** – Amanda Moser made the motion to approve the July meeting minutes. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed. July meeting minutes are approved.

## Reports:

- **Assembly Report** – Chris Constant – n/a
- **Senate Representative Report** – Tom Begich
  - 16<sup>th</sup> of August return to Juneau for special session
  - Hearings on budget – effect of vetoes
  - Which constitutional formula to use for PFD?
  - Friday campaign rules shut down by circuit court. No limitations on what individuals can contribute.
- **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields – Tristan Walsh
  - Difficulty coming to consensus. Power cost equalization, Scholarships.
  - Senator Murkowski – working on bipartisan committee trying to allow for Alaska State Ferry System to receive roadway transportation money.
- **Mayor's Office Report** – n/a
- **Anchorage Police Department** – n/a
- **Anchorage School Board** – n/a
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – Amanda Moser
  - Rounding up summer activations
  - Tomorrow – last “Life after 5”
  - E & 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> event to see artists, beers, vendors, etc.
  - 2 movies in the park – Molly of Denali, Cars, and more.
  - Basketball game – 3 on 3 games in City Hall parking lot
  - Partnered with Steve Gordon, local artist, who developed a piece about Springtime – a mural on building on 7<sup>th</sup> avenue. 70 separate pieces – Aug. 28<sup>th</sup> 9am-5pm (paint by number). All people are invited to come down and participate in painting the mural.
  - Call 311 and 911 if having issues
  - Need more support from police downtown

- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell - n/a
- **JBER** – Boniface gate to reopen on the 15<sup>th</sup>. Next year's airshow at the end of July.

#### **New Business:**

- **Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update** – Silvia Villamides  
Each application for a license is evaluated on its operation plan, safety, and downtown area care prior to recommendation to approve license.
- **Alcohol:**
  - Bear Paw – transfer
  - Crush - new theater license
  - Muse – transfer
  - La Bodega – new package store license
- **Marijuana:**
  - Tip Top – renewal
  - AK Sense – Renewal
  - Denali Dispensaries - Renewal
  - Cann Test – renewal
  - Peace of mind Akn Cannabis – renewal
  - Great Northern Cannabis – renewal
  - Tundra Herb - renewal

Mike Ward moved to approve recommendation for licenses, renewal of licenses or transfer of licenses to the above establishments. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Treasurer Update** – Jason Motyka  
The Great Alaska Duck Race Saturday Sept. 11 at Ship Creek. Supporting many entities. Buy raffle ticket online. Pick up ticket at local businesses and scan it to purchase it, 50% goes to Downtown Community Council. 1<sup>st</sup> place \$10,000 2<sup>nd</sup> place \$5,000. Scotty Gomez having running games for children and adults. Link for these in the chat.  
\$3,700 – in Anchorage Downtown Community Council account
- **Safety Committee** – Richard Irwin  
We need more people to volunteer for the safety committee.

#### **Presentations: Beans Café** – LED Lounge Building – Lisa Sauder – CEO of Bean's Café

Bean's Café Property Transition Plan 2021/2022 presented  
Cold winter shelter on 3<sup>rd</sup> is now located at the Sullivan Arena  
Building on 3<sup>rd</sup> will be sold  
Contracted provider of services at that location will be Catholic Social Services  
901 W. 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. – now LED Lounge Building  
Property to be a collaborative operation with the community.  
Could have a Bean's café alongside a library with office spaces for lease, etc...  
Mobile food service to be delivered elsewhere

**Chair Person Update:**

Silvia, Mike and Jason met with new ACDA director. Mr. Robbins, new director, wants to communicate better than the past administration did expanding outside of downtown with other projects. New leadership encourages open dialogue

Silvia advocated for all employees having availability for reduce parking fees.

**Announcements/Neighbor Comments: (2minute limit)**

- REMINDER – DTCC Board Elections – September Meeting

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Amanda Moser moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 6:28pm