

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 3, 2022 @ 5:30PM – 7:30PM

Hope Center 240 E. 3rd Avenue (3rd Avenue entrance) 2nd floor

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- **Welcome and Introductions**
- **Participants:** Silvia Villamides, Mike Ward, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Alexandria McCormick, Chris Constant, Daniel Volland, Trevor Bailly, Kristine Bunnell, Larry Michael, Dennis Lavey, Sandy Lavey, Amanda Moser, Doug Farris, Christy Terry, Kelli Toth, Amber McDonald,
- **Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda**
Addition – solid waste services – Kelli Toth
- Mike Ward made the motion to approve the agenda. Dennis Lavey seconded the motion. Motion passed. Agenda approved.
- **Approval of July meeting minutes**
Mike Ward made the motion to approve the July 6, 2022 meeting minutes. Richard Irwin seconded the motion. Motion passed. July 6, 2022 meeting minutes have been approved.
- Reports: 3minute limit
- **Assembly Report** – Chris Constant and Daniel Volland
 - **LED** – assembly protested the approval of liquor license for LED. AMCO will issue the license. Assembly has not given PLU yet that is on hold indefinitely. Owner of LED, Robert Alexander is still investing money into the new location after being advised not to do so.
 - Alcohol tax audit showing how that money has been used is forthcoming
 - ARPA process coming to an end. \$51 million dollars. Received 263 applications and only chose 69. No one chosen received the full amount requested.
 - Funding proposal made by Daniel Volland, Cameron Perez Diaz and Felix Rivera. ARPA funds were made available to help in the purchase of the Guest House.
 - Guest House already in use as transitional housing.
 - Met with community members at La Cabana to discuss concerns over the Guest House. Encouraged Reverend Shultz to join in the memorandum of understanding that was created.
Encouraged that those providing services check in with the DTCC and have regular communication with them.
 - Harder to get resources to homeless because they are disbursed.
 - Looking at emergency cold weather sheltering for the winter
 - Daniel will replace Chris's seat on the board of ACDA.
 - Working on a process for allowing restaurants to use outside areas for services.
- **Discussion, concerns, questions:**
 - Homeless housing versus work force housing
 - Work force housing needed in the summertime is now being used up for homelessness
 - Winter coming what can the community do to help the homeless situation

- **Senate Representative Report** – Tom Begich n/a - Trevor Bailly
 - Active bill signing
 - Reminder Aug. 16th – election, house seat and primary – in person
- **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields n/a
- **Mayor’s Office Report** – Portia Noble n/a
- **Anchorage Police Department** – n/a
- **Anchorage School Board** – n/a
- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell
 - Schedule special meeting with DTCC to go over the code revisions and updates
 - Downtown plan online. Let her know if you want a hard copy
 - Capacity study – done
 - Trend Report – available
 - Update and online
 - Edits will be completed by Friday.
 - Working on incentives. Code update. – will come back to DTCC to look at plan
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – Larry Michael
 - Interviewing again for lead position. Hopefully by Labor Day will have a selection.
 - Tomorrow last Live after 5. Having a drawing. Need to be present to win.
 - Had many fun activities this summer in the downtown area.
- **JBER** – Joy Boston n/a

Sent in announcements. Very successful airshow

 - The Fort Richardson Gate and Visitor’s Center is now open as of July 25th. The Visitor’s Center hours of operation are 9am – 5pm. The Boniface Visitor’s Center is still open 24/7.
 - Arctic Thunder Open House, July 30-31. Please visit <https://www.artcticthunderopenhouse.com/entry-restrictions/> for public entry information such as routes, parking, or prohibited items. Boniface and Ft. Richardson gates at D street are the ONLY gates open for public entry.
 - Exercise Red Flag, July 29 – August 12 Please note that there will be increased aircraft noise throughout this time.
 - August 11th. NORAD Region/Alaska Command/11th Air Force Change of Command ceremony: incoming commander – Lieutenant General David Nahom. Lieutenant General David Krumm, current Alaska NORAD Region/Alaska Command/11th Air Force commander, retirement. Grand Opening of the Ted Stevens Center for Arctic Security Studies. It is a new regional center established by the Department of Defense in Anchorage and will focus on arctic security and connecting military and civilian stakeholders in the region.
 - If you have questions or concerns please do not hesitate to reach out to us. Hope you have a wonderful month. V/R, JBER Community Engagement Jber.pa@us.af.mil 907 552-8996
- **ACDA** – Melinda Gant n/a – Kristine Bunnell

Will be announcing two new projects for downtown area. Will send DTCC announcement of projects
- **New Business:** 6minute limit
 - **3rd Street Radicals** – Larry Michael
 - Spotlight on 3rd and Gamble event – Thursday September 29th 5-7pm.

Purpose of event is to help people be aware of the area and that it is possible to do things there if it is developed. A proposed Master plan does exist. It needs developers to take an interest. Event will have food truck – Papaya – Thai food, music, learning about Lasagna Beds – farming techniques.

Event is still in need of support through volunteers, suggestions and participation

- Tuesday August 16th – meeting, usually at noon, e-mail Larry for location.
- Next meeting of 3rd St Radicals on Thursday. Matt Schultz will report on Guest House.
- **Solid Waste** – Kelly Toth
- Solid Waste Services – composting program. You may call Solid Waste Services and request a compost bin. Leave the bin on the curb and they will come and pick it up. Picking up compost bins
- until mid – October.
- Kelly new to position
- wanting ideas, seeing what people want to recycle.
- Jason – commercial needs – for cardboard and glass. Compactor option for commercial cardboard
- **Continuing Business:**
 - **Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update** – Silvia Villamides
 - 9 licensing: 4 alcohol – 6 marijuana, coming up Sept. 21
 - **Treasurer Update** – Jason Motyka
 - \$3,005.10
 - Duck Race – Saturday, Sept. 10th 11am.
- **Presentations:** 6minutes limit (3minutes-to-speak / 3minutes-for questions)
- **Announcements/Neighbor Comments:** (2minute limit)
 - DTCC Elections – September 7, 2022
 - Kristine Bunnell -attended speaker conference - Roger Brooks. 7 ideas for Anchorage area – #1. Way Finding.
 - Can we use Zoom and in person for DTCC meetings?
 - Recommendation to use space in the City Hall for in person and Zoom DTCC meetings.
 - Daniel Volland volunteered to follow up on obtaining the City Hall space.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mike Ward made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned: 7:10pm