

November 1, 2023 – DTCC meeting notes

Meeting called to order by President Silvia

Introductions

Agenda was moved, seconded, and approved.

Approval of September meeting notes - Motion by Mike Ward, Second by Matt Schultz, meeting notes approved.

Senate Report – McKenzie Pope for Loki Tobin

Tobin to receive award for top 20 under 40

Working on many projects – visit Guest House, homeless meetings, childcare task force, postsecondary ed, capital project application, blood bank, coffee at Sagaya downtown Nov 18, see newsletter and web for more info

House Representative Report – Cliff Groth

Concerned about roads, schools, energy, fire department – toured schools, funding and facilities, third grade Govt Hill 32 students – bad potholes, Boundary no sidewalks for major thoroughfares – tour fire department 4th Ave downtown, need more compensation, pension, for public employees – homeless, people with substandard housing, working with HFC – natural gas supply gap – join Cliff for Saturday milkshakes at Lucky Wishbone 12-2 pm – Kavas pancakes 5-7 pm Saturday – contact info for Cliff 907-952-3353 or Alaska legislative website

AFD Report – Capt. Dustin Molley

Safety tips: Many fires in residences result in casualties because of no smoke alarms – Clean your wood stoves – Tune up your furnace before winter – use gravel to prevent falls on ice – make your house number visible – Narcan kits are available

ADP report – Radhika Krishna

Trick or Treat a success, over 5000 attendees, partnered with Easy Park for free parking – holiday tree lighting coming up, small business Saturday, November 7 free lights for downtown partner members and others

Our Downtown Update - Daniel McKenna-Foster

Planning dept notes if any questions, engineering study, grant ground field work, D Street plan, looking at options: housing on park strip, mall, town square

3rd Ave Radicals – Jim Renkert, Rob

Rob has been monitoring the old hospital site, abated and cleaned out as of today – what will happen April 30?

The municipality cleaned it out in two days, the Fire Department has been quite involved all along; liability of Native Hospital as it sits, muni owned; the neighborhood came together – 12 people – call to action, crisis, Fairview, Mt View, Govt Hill all need to come together – need to develop that site

Performing Arts Center – Jason Herr

Activities: opera, symphony, youth orchestra, Nutcracker, Anchorage Concert Association, Alaska Jr Theater; lighting helps, APD presence; bond for elevators that broke during Hamilton, freight elevator also – used sky bridge to Egan – building 35 years old

MASH had handout for information

ACDA – Melinda Gant

Easy Park loan for new parking meters; parking advisory committee; donated \$600 collected items to Food Bank of Alaska; 6th St H St elevator renovated, 40 year old parking garage, replacing doors, flooring – ACD million city lights project ; arch for mushing association downtown; New Years Eve fireworks \$25,000; Toured Adelaide – dormitory style living – McKinley 4th Ave – PAC Parks and Rec partners, November 14 AFN, lights, see Petrovich Park lights & town; JL lights, park service, ADP light up business November, come by 245 W 5th; housing study; UAA housing week presentation

Covenant House – Randi

Emergency overnight beds (25) for youth 18-24 , continue resources, referrals, noticing car camping near and on 3rd and 4th – plugging in heaters, dangerous

Assembly Report - Daniel Volland

Transportation committee – downtown safety aesthetics, DOT, state, beautify, take streets back (3rd & 4th) metropolitan, committee with DOT, DEC, mayor – advisory, plan, policy, triplex & 4 plex permit working on, lot size, zones; anchoragehousingaction.org

Toured Adelaide apartments, Summit Friday at UAA, Thursday presentation night

Cancel \$105 mil for south Anchorage – instead do Eagle River artillery rd interchange \$33 mil plus Fairview highway connection Gambell & Ingra pedestrian safety, please email mayor about this issue, state DOT wants south, needs have changed, reconnect, otherwise lose soccer fields, other priorities, project called O'Malley to Dimond reconstruction - Two lanes and underpass, Brayton pedestrians - City plows 5th & 6th - Want banners, flowerpots, sidewalks

Anchorage Transit Center – Jeanne Bowie – Kinney Engineering

6th Ave garage, downtown, 3rd by railroad station, 5th Ave garage, DMV Benson & Spenard, Northern Lights & Arctic - 200 responded to the survey – 6 sites – Public Advisory Transit Board – policy decision – Conoco Philips parking lot a possibility – people use the bus for work, errands, school

Call to Action – Silvia

Presents document – 4 areas: funding, treatment, shelter, enforcement – put together by leadership of 7 community councils – What is our number one problem downtown? Homelessness

Need assembly support – plan is to present to the assembly from presidents of community councils Govt Hill, Fairview, Midtown, Mt. View, Downtown, South Addition, and 3rd Avenue Radicals.

Will have special meeting in November or December for council endorsement - email will be sent

Member updates –

Mike Ward reported Gaslight Bar and Pioneer Bar drinking underage problem – close parking lot after hours midnight to 6 am on the weekends – kids are in cars smoking – no loitering, Diamond Parking posted signs lot is closed – APD reports it has been dangerous. This is an effort between DTCC, APD, Diamond Parking, Gaslight Bar and Pioneer Bar.

There are loans for lights

Downtown Partnership – two new businesses – Wild Smoke BBQ (Roscoe's) and Kaladi Bros in Conoco Phillips building open to the public

Motion to adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 7 pm