

Federation of Community Council Meeting 17 August 2005

The meeting was called to order by the Chair Merten Bangemann-Johnson. It was decided that there is no reason to make a special role call of Councils present as there are name cards for each Delegate and there is a sign in sheet.

There was no quorum, so we moved directly into the guest speaker's portion of the agenda.

Candace Winkler, CEO of Child Care Connection stated that the room we were meeting in this month is their conference room/library check out for parents and child care providers. You have an important role to play in making sure that our children get the education they need.

Child Care Connection is the referral agency that serves Southcentral since 1986. Their mission is to advance the quality of early childhood education development by empowering parents, educating childcare providers and the public. Their three main areas of service are Family Services - supporting parents when they have questions on "how to"; Provider Services - training for child care providers that helps them meet licensing requirements; Community Services - they give community presentations like this and hold candidate forums to educate candidates and the public on childhood education issues; they also administer the Success by Six - a United Way initiative grant for Child Care Connection. Children learn the most between birth and age six and are, therefore, need careful nurturing.

Sylvia Villamides is the Executive Director of CHARR - Cabaret, Hotel, Restaurant and Retailers Association. They promote responsible alcohol consumption through 1) TAM - Techniques of Alcohol Management - an educational program to improve point-of-sale prevention efforts in the areas of underage purchases, serving of intoxicated customers, recognition of third-party sales and identification procedures in both alcohol and tobacco sales; 2) Serv-Safe - Certified educators guide students to a good understanding of safety and best practice sanitation standards in the restaurant and hospitality industry; 3) Security Training - Anchorage CHARR members collaborate on the training of bar and nightclub security personnel so that all employ a high and uniform standard of service throughout the city for the protection of all citizens; and, 4) Community Outreach - Anchorage CHARR is committed to helping our city become a safer community through member efforts and involvement in the community with non-profit organizations, the Mayor's Homeless Task Force and on-going education efforts to drink and drive responsibly.

They are introducing a new program called Off the Road - making Anchorage safer through free rides for impaired drivers and their vehicles. This program is available to patrons of a participating licensed beverage premise in the Anchorage Bowl. It removes the number one excuse for driving under the influence - the motorist not wanting to leave their vehicle behind.

Ed O'Neill of Brown Jug is leading teams to clean up the Homeless Camps on a regular basis. If you know of a camp that needs to be cleaned up, let their office know and they will pass it on to Ed. ARBRA and Brown Jug are also doing a good job with catching underage drinkers.

There was a discussion of the Fantasies on Fifth Avenue and The Setter Bar application for a conditional use permit for their new three story building where drinkers will be able to look directly down on the stage where 18 - 21 year olds are strip dancing. Ms Villamides offered tours of the

new building to anyone who would like to go. If there is a problem in your Council area, please call her at 646-4628, and they will speak to the owner.

Debbie Bauer, Community Councils Center Office Manager, announced an Open House on Tuesday evening September 20th to see our new offices and to honor the founding members.

We have a new brochure and will have your pictures on it!

The Chamber of Commerce has invited us to participate in their breakfast training sessions.

Debbie has found two instructors for our own training - get your surveys in, so she can find instructors to give us the information we need. She then passed out "Survival kits to every Council Delegate.

Ed Leach reported that the Web Site Committee had received three bids for our Web page. This new Web page will allow the office and officers, with an administrative password, to update their Council information. For \$2 - 3000, we could have a page like we have now, which would not allow remote uploading. There was one bid for \$5000 and the other two were about \$10,000. Our budget was for about \$5000. John Weddleton suggested we look into possibly getting some University Computer Science Dept. students to help with the creation of the Web page. The Web Site Committee will look at getting more bids.

The Treasurer's Report was given, and because we didn't have a quorum, Old Business or approving the Minutes could not be conducted.

The Chair reminded the members that the Title 21 presentation is beginning at the Loussac at 7 PM.

The meeting ended with Council Sharing.