

## Downtown Community Council Minutes

January 5, 2006, at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art

- 1) The meeting was called to order, by the President, at 5:38 PM. The President welcomed members and guests and all present introduced themselves.
- 2) A motion was made, seconded and passed unanimously to approve the December 1, 2005 minutes.
- 3) Treasurer Ron Aleva reported that there is \$1921.78 in the bank with two bills outstanding. They are \$76.95 for flowers to the new downtown school and \$77.00 for reimbursement of expenses for police officer Aaron Whitt. These are expenses for the downtown police station memorial and naming ceremony some time ago.
- 4) Tesche Report: Downtown Assemblyman Allen Tesche reported that the Anchorage Assembly would be very busy for the next two months. Issues coming before the Assembly are:
  - Sign ordinance revisions
  - Eminent Domain restrictions concerning leisure facilities
  - No Cyclotrons production in residential neighborhoods.
  - Sales taxes proposals
  - Removing parking code enforcement by Anchorage Police
  - Limiting Assisted Living housing in neighborhoods to 8 clients
  - Parks plan
  - Returning to the 50% plus 1 requirement for Mayoral elections
  - Loosening the Land Clearing ordinance
  - School and Road bonds for the Spring election
- 5) Anchorage Police Dept. - Sgt. Cindy Stanton  
Sgt. Stanton asked members for feedback concerning three areas where APD is meeting expectations and three where APD is not meeting expectations, and to list areas of improvement in the last year. A hand out was provided to the members explaining APD's request for feedback.

Robberies and Vehicle break-ins have increased dramatically during the holidays

Ron Aleva spoke about the need to move a "Soup kitchen" from an alley in the downtown area.

- 6) Transfer of ownership and location of the beverage dispensary license for Calypso's:  
The owners and legal council of the establishment were present and reported their intentions for the new "Martini Bar." They stated that it would be an upscale martini bar with some food such as sushi. Surveillance will be used and parking provided by leasing spaces from Diamond parking. No stripping will be allowed and the bar will be well lit.

Mr. Pattee move and it was seconded that the DCC approve the license transfers, conditional use permit and restrict stripping and nudity.

After much discussion about requiring this establishment to provide parking spaces, Mr. Nangle moved and it was seconded that Mr. Pattee's motion to approve the license transfer of ownership and location, the conditional use permit and restrict stripping and nudity, be amended to also require the establishment to provide 20 spaces for its customers. The amendment failed by a 6 to 6 vote. The original motion by Mr. Pattee was then voted on and passed 9-2.

7) Anchorage Downtown Partnership – Becky Beck:

Ms. Beck reported that the Community Service Patrol pickups were increasing, as was the age of the clients picked up.

She also reported that the New Years celebration downtown was a great success and, the Consumer Market Analysis will be done soon. This analysis will help identify why people do and don't come downtown.

8) Federation of Community Councils – Kim MacBeath:

Ms. MacBeath reported that the Federation of Community Councils has a new web site. The site address is \_\_\_\_\_.

9) Zoning – Paul Nangle: Nothing to report

10) Liquor Licenses – John Pattee:

Mr. Pattee reported that the "Off the Road" program was working well and that Anchorage CHARR is working on a program similar to the Downtown Ambassadors. The program calls for late night patrolling downtown between the hours of 12:00 AM to 4:00 AM. This program is to be funded by the licensed establishments and the private sector.

11) Craig Cook noted that Government Hill activist Stuart Hall passed away recently and recognized Mr. Hall for all his good work over the years.

It was moved and seconded that the meeting adjourn.