

Downtown Community Council  
Minutes  
September 7,2006

I. **Call to order at 5:35 PM by the Chair, Deirdre Cronin.** Welcome and Introductions. A quorum was not established.

II. **August minutes to be approved at the October meeting**

III. **No Treasurer's report.** Treasure was absent.  
Discussion concerning a membership drive at the new McKinley Building. Bill Brobrick will contact Marc Marlow seeking permission to circulate a letter to the tenants inviting them to join the DCC.

IV. **Appearances:**

**Assembly member Allan Tesche:** Mr. Tesche informed the DCC of Assembly member Dan Sullivan's proposed ordinance to reduce the fine for expired parking meters from \$20 to \$10. Mr. Tesche stated he will not support it because he believes it will reduce APD funds by about \$400,000 per year, encourage scofflaws and because there is no "study" to support the reduction. Mr. Tesche states that the Park Strip Plan was a work in progress. The DCC board decided to invite the Park Strip Planning representatives to the next meeting.

**APD, Cindy Stanton:** Officer Stanton informed the board that Steve Smith will be the new Deputy Chief and Cliff Boltz was hired to fill a new position dealing with efficiency, systems and budget improvements. Officer Stanton is returning to the Community Council meetings. Her e-mail is: cstanton@ci.anchorage.ak.us

**Parks & Rec. Dave Shapiro:** Mr. Shapiro was recently hired as the new director of Parks and Rec. He stated the park strip plan is a very political issue and volatile. The planning process may be sectioned to smaller and separate park areas. Mr. Tesche pointed out that the park strip needs to be watered in June and July.

**Alaska Artisan Distillery LLC, Bill Bobrick:** Mr. Bobrick informed the DCC that he is opening up a new distillery business. He will be producing vodka using Mat-Su potatoes and other Alaskan products. The vodka will be called "Wild Alaska Vodka" and he will have several flavors. The distillery will be located within and next to the old power plant by Ship Creek. The product will be sold to local distributors who will then supply the bars, restaurants and liquor stores in Alaska. Mr. Bobrick spoke of the strict controls imposed by the federal government and of the distilling processes.

V. No discussion of Old Business.

**VI. Committee Reports:**

It was report that since the departure of Kim McBeath there is an opening for a Federation of Community Councils committee chair. Volunteers were requested but none heard.

**Liquor Licenses, John Pattee:** Mr. Pattee presented the board with a list of liquor licenses that will be up for renewal for the 2007-2008 years. He asked the members to review the list and to contact him if there are any questions or concerns with any of the establishments. The DCC will vote on the entire list at the October meeting. Mr. Pattee was tasked to seek the Police Dept. input on the list of businesses. Mr. Pattee was also asked to, research for violations, the Panhandle Bar and to report back at the October meeting.

**VII. No announcements.**

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 PM

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