

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, December 2, 2020 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome & Introductions

Member Roll Call:

Silvia Villamides, Mike Ward, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Andrea McCormick, Russ Reno, Larry Michael, Cheryl Frasca, Art Johnson, Elizabeth Appleby, Tristan Walsh, Francis McLaughlin, Julie Makela, Will Webb, Brix Hahn, Amanda Moser, Elizabeth Sterigiou, Sabrina, Steven Callaghan,

Additions/changes to the agenda – 2 items added

- Approval of agenda. Russ Reno made the motion to approve the agenda. Amanda Moser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Approval of November meeting minutes

- Amanda Moser made the motion to approve the meeting minutes from November. Richard Irwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Reports:

- Assembly Report – Chris Constant
OE16 was implemented yesterday. OE16 supported by 4-5 community councils.
Budget passed. Redirect \$15million of money. 1-2 weeks vaccine will arrive.
- Senate Representative Report – Tom Begich
 - Brax Hahn – waiting for governor’s budget to come out. Citations for positive businesses and people for recognition.
- House of Representatives Report – Zach Fields
Tristan – Focusing on Cares Act and return to work health safety
 - Invitation to Japanese airlines to come back to Anchorage. Cruise ships travel may be slow this coming spring.
 - Jason Motyka – encourage legislature to encourage tourism for 20/21 season
- Mayor’s Office Report – n/a
- Anchorage Police Department – n/a
- Anchorage School Board Reports – n/a
- Anchorage Downtown Partnership – Amanda Moser
 - Encourages shopping downtown

- Ice skating rink downtown,
- Installed holiday tree on steps,
- New Year's Eve event
- FCC Report – Max Buher FCC delegate – n/a
- New Business and Committee Reports
 - Treasurer Update – \$3,669.10 in DTCC bank account
- Fundraising/Development Committee – Max Buher & Jason Motyka
- Safety Committee
 - Richard Irwin & Russ Reno - discussion regarding lighting downtown
 - Russ Reno – requested that people make note of the lighting needed in their area and e-mail info to DTCC, Richard or Russ
 - Council to consider any new spring projects
 - Council to look into pedestrian mobility for summer
 - Amanda – Anch requests – app to report lights that are out
- Proposed EO16 Resolution: Richard Irwin presented a council proposal given to him by a business owner, Paul Burger opposing latest EO16 - Discussion
- Reworded Resolution Proposed: Jason Motyka

Resolution read aloud. Richard Moved and Mike Ward seconded – unanimously accepted.

- Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Update – Silvia Villamides
 - 2 license renewals – Hard Rock Café & Cajun Corner
 - Russ Reno moved to approve the renewals for Hard Rock Café and Cajun Corner. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion approved

Presentations:

- Transit Center Closure – Concerns from neighbors – ACDA, MOA, ADP
 - Mr. Halcro – not available. Decision made to ask Halcro for special meeting.
 - (Business Owner) Sabrina – challenges regarding homeless individuals harassing local businesses. The need for public restrooms
 - Chris Constant stated will pursue resolving public restroom solution in downtown
- Proposed Title 21 Amendment:
 - Homeless and transient shelters in the B-3 and B-2C Districts – Continuing conversation
 - Elizabeth Appleby & Francis McLaughlin - B-3 zoning allowing for shelters are no longer in the Downtown Community Council area. B-2C no longer being used in Downtown Community Council area.
- Downtown Upgrades:
 - Kinney Engineering – signal and lighting upgrade project in downtown area.

- 2020- first upgrade project, 4th Avenue, A Street to Cordova Street was constructed and is mostly complete.
- Preliminary design of the second upgrade project, 4th Avenue, E Street to A Street.
- Will Webb – 4th Avenue Signals and Lighting Upgrade E Street to A Street. Update
- Cheryl Frasca – Common Wealth North. Website upgrade
 - Results of survey on website – will be shared with the legislatures.
- Frequency of DTCC Meetings – No changes to monthly meeting schedule
- Announcements/Neighbor Comments
- Amanda Moser moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Ward seconded, Motion passed.
- Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.