

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

City Hall – 632 W 6th Ave - Room 155

DTCC In-person meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Welcome by President Silvia Villamides & Introductions were made
- Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda Mike Ward, Seconded by Jason Motyka. Agenda was approved.
- Approval of May 1, 2024 meeting notes Mike Ward made motion, Seconded by Jason Motyka. Meeting notes were approved.
- Reports
 - **Assembly Report**
 - Daniel Volland: Meetings with councils, Chamber, Black Caucus, civil rights, to allow duplexes, multiple structures on lots, multigenerational. Tuesday meeting about body cameras and accountability, public safety issue; define requirements; policy for releasing footage; new police chief; work session Friday with attorneys; transportation meeting July 17 - People Mover will change frequency of routes because of worker shortage. Chris Constant: Special Land Use Permit, community council advise assembly, protest license appeal - come before council and be heard; participate or be tabled or voted down.
- Senate Representative Report – Loki Tobin – Report submitted by Senator, copies on the table
- House of Representative Report – Zach Fields - No Report
- House of Representative Report – Cliff Groth - No Report
- Mayor’s Office Report - No Report
- Anchorage Police Department - No Report
- Anchorage Fire Department - No Report
- Anchorage School Board - No Report
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – Radhika Krishna: Downtown improvement. Graffiti clean-up - 7 days in the summer - Live After 5 - 1000 people - recycling with Solid Waste Services - bike and park at Live after 5 - town square food trucks, vendors, music - Solstice 25,000 - 7/31 last show - Skinny Raven event - 49th State Brewery music every day

- Our Downtown Update – Daniel Mckenna-Foster: Downtown projects posted on webpage - look at alleys, right of way, utilities, compare to other cities
- **JBER** - Joy Boston - See newsletter. Open House July 20-21 air show - display photographer Bill Hess depicting Native veterans - AFN partnership - Get a Rec Pass if you want to go on base to hike, bird watch for recreation \$10/year. All projects will be posted at the library, newspaper, and their website with a link to all the documents. Public comments for all projects. Will share with FCC. (Silvia Villamides asks for info)
- **3rd Avenue Radicals** – Jim Renkert gave report. Larry Michael and Rob Cupples not present - Meetings with different representatives about speeding, pedestrians, etc.
- **Alaska Railroad** – Megan Clemens - June 30th back to operations. Support firefighters. New paint job at Depot. Paving, improvement, funding to continue, next year trails and stairs. Cruise passengers in Seward - dock is from the 60's. August 1st board meeting - construction in 2025-6. (Jason Motyka expressed concern about fire shut down impact on business and some travelers stranded in Fairbanks. Costs money. Volland asked about Fish Creek. Megan said the application is still in review - safety, right of way.) Regarding the homeless near the railroad - abatement, security 6am to 11pm. Jason Motyka: Supreme Court ruling. Volland: Shorten abatement time, limit tents to 25. Move directly to housing. Be proactive. Public safety. Parks and trails - Chester Creek. Radhika: Downtown has been prioritized.
- **Performance Arts Center** – Codie Costello - Attendance down for Aurora. Security issues and concerns. Broadway Alaska - 91 cities in Alaska came to see. 107,000 attended. New partnership. New artistic program for music development, Alaskan artists - bands. Have not found a replacement for the former Kaladi Brothers Café location.
- **ACDA** – Mike Robbins – Melinda Gant - We Are Anchorage event. Food trucks, stages, Easy Park sponsor. RV resort approved. Contractor to manage and bring events. Weekend markets. Carnival will return in August.
- **Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness** – Guest House Representative Kyle Levy – AAHLT hotels for low income housing 94%

occupied 45 and 96 units. Submit an application on website. \$840/mo
Few behavior problems. Some financial problems - some turnover.

- Covenant House Representative - Matt Schultz - Some difficult things going on around the area but neighbors along with CHA are working together on a solution.

- Continuing Business:

- **Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update** - Silvia Villamides

- King Crab Bar & Grill – New location - Good Neighbor Agreement
- Motion Matt Schultz, Seconded by Doug Farris. King Crab Bar & Grill approved.

- Liquor

- Haute Quarter Grill – Liquor License Renewal Alex in Texas (out of state) on phone call with Silvia Villamides

- Four Points Sheraton – Renewal Beverage Dispensary – Tourism

- Silvia couldn't get hold of general manager after several attempts

- Gumbo House – License Renewal -Arleeted Del Real - in business 19 years. Mike Ward made motion for approval, seconded by Jason Motyka. Motion passed

- White Spot Café – License Renewal - Christina Dodds (husband John Bridges) old business since the 40s – White is known for their halibut sandwich. Operations 7-3pm M-Sat. Motion for approval was made by Mike Ward, Seconded by Jason Motyka. Motion passed.

- Muse – Liquor License Renewal - Museum - Brian Steele - Mike Ward made motion for approval, Jason Motyka seconded. Motion passed.

- Marijuana – Denali Dispensaries/Red Run Cannabis Co – License Transfer - Brandon Bartlett - open 6 years Red Run Canvas based out of Kenai - Motion was made by Mike Ward and seconded by Matt Schultz. Motion passed.

For all of the above approvals, questions were asked about the hours, signs, servers and owners trained, lighting, security, cameras, etc.

- **Treasurer Update** - Jason Motyka talked about the State record level for tourists - 31% increase. Muni no regulation CEA shortage LNG - Alaska issue that affects housing - disaster for Alaska, an energy crisis - power solutions.
- **Anchorage Safety Patrol** - Jason Cates - intake, respond, transport - helping clients into substance abuse treatment. Calls go through APD then AFD.
- New Business - Presentations
- Introduction - new FCC executive director Arianna Bellizzi - connect network, tech support. Picnic 7/16. August 21st zoom meeting. Townhall training series.
- **Alaska Judicial Council** - Susanne DiPietro - judges on ballot in November. Judges can't campaign. Selected for merit, integrity, temperament, legal ability. Info in their pamphlet, website, outreach. Other states elect. We nominate. Governor appoints. Thorough selection process.
- **D Street Project Presentation** - Daniel Mckenna-Foster - Review process 8th & 9th - D & F block - State of Alaska parking lot, for sale for development. Housing? More info coming.
- **Project Anchorage** – Radhika Krishna - 3% sales tax - Small businesses workforce shortage. Following Oklahoma city plan to rebuild. Growth for Anchorage. 2% to offset property tax. Downtown has the highest. 1% to capital projects. Give proposals to the assembly. Ballot next April. Jason Motyka: concerns over how money is spent. John Pattee, asked for alcohol to be exempt as alcohol already has 5% sales tax. Radhika: Many items will be excluded like groceries, rent, pharmaceutical. More information will be coming forth
- New Transit Center - No report – Tabled
- **Anchorage Parks and Recreation** - proposal for improvements to Peratrovich Park (4th Ave between E and F St). Nicolette Dent, Park Planner - Improve safety, security, year-round activity, pathways, amphitheater, hot dogs, trolley, log cabin - open house Friday July 19 at 11:30 am with concert following. Parks & Recreation presented resolution. Resolution was distributed for members to review. Resolution will be coming back at the September meeting for discussion and approval.
- Motion to Adjourn – Meeting adjourned at 8pm.
Respectfully submitted - Barbara Roberts, Secretary