

(Please provide me with notification of receipt of this formal request)

To the Board of Directors,

In accordance with our bylaws I request a meeting of the executive board, to discuss my formal complaint against the President and Chair of the Downtown Community Council.

What I witnessed in last night's meeting, in my opinion, was treason against the citizens of downtown Anchorage and the body of the DCC. As a senior member of this council I have watched years of work to bring this council back in control by the citizens of downtown Anchorage. I have watched several Executive Boards take over this council and manage the council's business behind closed doors and without membership approval.

We The People, voted "transparency" -- above everything else. After last night's fiasco it has become transparently clear -- there is a behind-the-scenes rule, once again, in order of this council.

Five years ago we started a change for the betterment of downtown Anchorage. WE THE PEOPLE, choose transparency over tyranny. Why should we go backwards, after all we have accomplished?

Last night I watched citizens being silenced by a moderator who could not even control the virtual settings to silence audio that interrupted our meeting multiple times. One would think the Chair did not know how to operate the controls until the President began muting residents and members to allow Andrew Halcro to control the narrative. Mr. Halcro was determined the cause of the complaint and instead of holding him accountable as outlined in MUNICIPAL CODE; §2.40.060, the chair silenced members and forced the rhetoric of special interest into a private meeting.

1. Per our bylaws the President calls the meeting and the Secretary controls the Agenda. (The President should not be physically in control of the mechanics of the virtual meetings, the agenda and parliament. Why is the Executive Board allowing the Chair to control the narrative?)
2. The Chair of the meeting may not take liberty and controlled the narrative of the meeting. (Favoring a special interest group over members goes against everything that is DCC the Chair was out-of-line last night)
3. The meeting was closed and ended by the Chair without a call for a vote. (Chair; "You know what, I am going to close this meeting" - this is the first time in my history of the council that a Chair has deemed a meeting closed, without entertaining a motion - The President does not have this authority)
4. Our bylaws clearly state that the chair will "Ensure that these bylaws are followed and enforced;" not control the agenda. The Agenda is set by the Executive Council. (Twice the Chair recognized Halcro to take over the conversation even after he denied having anything to do with the move of the bus-stop and later reversed his involvement. The Chair silenced members requesting to be heard to allow Mr. Halcro to continue his rhetoric. The Chair is neutral and a mediator not a dictator. The President of the body must follow along with the narrative of the body not the narrative of special interest. It is up to the Executive Board to keep the President in check and the Vice President should have intervened.)
5. The chair refused to acknowledge a "Point of Order" by a member. (Fact: She silenced/muted the member when he called for order - any member can demand to be heard for parliamentary reasons -- what I attempted to do was per our bylaws AND Roberts Rules of Order yet I was still silenced even after

calling the Chair "out-of-order".

6. The chair called for a special meeting including only members of the Presidents choosing. This was after many attempts to question the SPECIAL LAND USE, without notification to the council as outlined in Municipality code §2.40.060. Calling another meeting without discussion or vote of the body to conclude this lack of basic notice is unacceptable. (While the President or assigned is the only member who can call a meeting, the only meeting the President can deem private is that of discipline or "Special Session". And even then, no voting may occur outside of a membership meeting. All meetings are open to the public and NOTHING can be decided in special session or "Private meeting" unless presented to the body by report from the President and Accepted and approved by the people. The "people" were silenced in our last meeting.)

7. I have respectfully brought my concerns directly to the President multiple times. It is painfully obvious the President refuses to even bring this up with the BOD. I formally and respectfully request a hearing of the board mediated by another member of the Executive Board other than the President, to hear my complaints.

8. Finally I have reason to believe the President is withholding documents and council notifications and not providing the members with all information and notices negating our right to act upon those notices. The President has not formally reported the actions of the Executive Board nor the Actions of the President on the councils behalf. (I believe the President is being notified of council business behind the scene and is not sharing it with the body for a vote of confidence. We have not received any documentation of reports from the President since election. Is the Executive Board meeting? Why are we not getting a report from the President? Why are we not approving the actions of the President and why is the Executive Board allowing this to continue?)

Why does a democracy include Community Councils? Municipality code 2.40.010 "to afford citizens an opportunity for maximum community involvement and self-determination."

ARTICLE IV "PURPOSE"; SECTION A

"The purpose of the Council is to provide a direct and continuing means of citizen participation in local affairs. The Council is intended to give:" "Local people a method by which they can work together for expression and discussion of their opinions, needs and desires in a manner that will have an impact on their community's development and services; Local people a method by which they can work together for expression and discussion of their opinions, needs and desires in a manner that will have an impact on their community's development and services;"

ARTICLE V; FUNCTION; SECTION A 1&2, B, C & G

"In regard to the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan"; "Evaluate compliance with the plan, alerting Municipal officials to, or proposing appropriate action regarding any inconsistencies with the plan and its adopted elements as described in municipal code §21.01.080 and listed in Table 21.01-1;" "Conduct a continuing review and study of the plan to determine its workability within the Council's geographical boundaries and to advise Municipal officials on appropriate action regarding proposed modifications or additions to the plan;" "Assume leadership and propose action in regards to enforcement of existing laws or ordinances, pursuit of rights under existing rights or ordinances, desired or opposed changes in or additions to laws or ordinances, or any matter of policy regulation;" "Respond to local government proposals or concerns submitted to the Council pursuant to municipal code §2.40.060;" "Participate in the community meeting process under municipal code §21.03.020.C when the notice from the developer is timely."

MUNICIPAL CODE; §2.40.060;

Table 2.40.060A.-1: Community Council Notice Requirements For Land Use Changes Proposed on Public Lands and Facilities

"Notice and submission of proposals for review by community council." "the mayor shall be responsible for giving to community councils an opportunity to participate in the formulation of, and to review and comment upon, all land use, social and economic proposals which in the opinion of the mayor, the assembly, or the agency head involved, will have a significant impact on all or a substantial portion of district residents." "Such opportunity for participation shall be afforded community councils in the initial stages of planning as well as in subsequent stages of proposal development." , "Where municipal ordinance or resolution requires the giving of mailed notice to adjacent or nearby residents or property owners with respect to a proposed permit application, rezoning, or land use change, the planning department shall timely send a copy of the same notice to the chairman of any community council whose boundaries contain land described in Tables 1 and 2 of this subsection, or to such other officer or contact designated by the council for receiving such notice." , "The planning director shall notify community councils beyond the minimum notification distance regarding proposals which, in the opinion of the director, are likely to have a significant impact on residents of community councils beyond the minimum notice distance." , "Minimum Notice Radius", "The planning department shall notify community councils within 1,000 feet of the subject site." , "The planning department shall notify community councils within 1,000 feet of the subject site if notice is required by 21,15.005." , "

ARTICAL VII; MEETINGS; SECTION A

"All meetings shall be open to the public." ,

ARTICLE X; OFFICERS; SECTION D, 1b & 1d, 2a; 3c & 3e,

(The President shall) "Ensure that these bylaws are followed and enforced;" , (The President Shall) "Assume, or delegate, all duties and responsibilities not assigned to any Council Officer by these bylaws. (The Vice President) "May serve as parliamentarian as needed;" (The Secretary Shall) Be responsible for the correspondence of the Council at the discretion and direction of the President;" (and) "Work with the FCC to submit agenda"

ARTICLE X; OFFICERS; SECTION F1, F2 & F4;

"MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD" , "All meetings shall be open to the general public;" , "The Executive Board shall meet at least monthly;" , "Any action taken by the Executive Board shall be presented at the next general membership meeting;" (By the President)

With Respect,

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