DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES April 3, 2003 AT THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 PM.

The minutes of March 2003 were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Ron Alleva was absent. No report.

ASSEMBLYMAN TESCHE:

- Provided overview on Bonds from April 1st election. Disappointed the library and parks bonds haven't passed for two years. Reminded members to vote on May 6th if there is a runoff election.
- Reported the Assembly is reviewing land use planning. In addition, mill levy will be set by June 15th.
- Community Council redistricting: no movement.

ANCHORAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT-Officer Holloway

- School Resource Officer Program: 12 officers are currently working in program.
- Foot/Bike Patrol is only scheduled when there are enough officers. No set schedule. There are approximately 47 Officers per shift.
- APD is working closely with CSP (Community Service Patrol).
- Partnered with CITC and Safe Cities to provide residential treatment for approximately 13 chronic street offenders.

COASTAL TRAIL EXTENSION-Rick Sinnott, Department of Fish and Game

- Provided an overview of the Coastal Trail extension from Kincaid to Potter Marsh. The proposed Modified Orange route would affect hundreds of acres of wetland, cut down thousands of trees, disturb the salt marsh and threaten various wildlife populations in the wildlife refuge.
- Fish and Game is opposed to the Modified Orange alternative. The department has not endorsed any of the proposed routes; however, the department is in favor of extending the trail and there are several alternatives in the EIS that are better for wildlife.
- In 1971 the Anchorage Coastal Wildlife Refuge was established by the Alaska Legislature to protect wildlife. The refuge protects the migration stopover of many species. Federal Transportation law does not allow federal transportation funds to build roads or trails through a refuge, if there is a feasible and prudent alternative. The State of Alaska should not ignore this requirement because it could result in the State or Anchorage residents paying the entire cost.
- The Draft Environmental Impact Statement is a flawed document. Fish and Game recommends that the EIS be redone.

COASTAL TRAIL EXTENSION- Jim Reeves and Mike Jens

- The proposed trail would provide community-wide recreational opportunities.
- The State has informed the Federal Highway Administration that it wants to build along the coastline.
- 'Friends of the Coastal Trail' are a group of private citizens who are trying to propose a coastal trail plan that eliminates impacts to property, trees and wildlife.
- Encouraged the community to comment on the EIS during the public process.

COASTAL TRAIL-DCC MEMBERS

- Ocean View, Klatt and Bayshore Community Councils have voted against the orange route.
- DCC will discuss any resolutions at the May meeting.

CLUB MILLENNIUM- John Gregoire, Neighbor

- Spoke highly of Club Millennium and staff. Club provides recreational opportunities for youth in community.
- Concerned about a specific annual event called 'Naughty School Girl Night' sponsored by the club. This event does not seem to promote healthy environment for clientele. The 'all age venue' creates an environment when minors are mixing with adults. The theme of this annual event has the potential to create a situation where minors might be victimized.

CLUB MILLENNIUM- Robinson Garcia, Owner

• Club promotes healthy events through non-alcoholic and non-smoking venues. There have been no issues involving rape, attacks or harassment. There is tight security on premises and minors are not allowed in Club Millennium after 12:30 pm curfew.

CLUB MILLENNIUM- DCC Members

• DCC requested that Club owners rethink Naughty Girl School Night theme.

LIQUOR LICENCE RENEWALS—John Pattee

• Sullivan's requested a name change on liquor license from PKG Incorporated to Sullivan's AK Incorporated.

MOTION UNANIMOUSLY PASSED

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN PARTNERSHIP – Becky Beck

- Thanked the DCC for participation in Mayoral Forum. Six candidates attended.
- ADP challenged by windstorm. Staff collected 600 lbs of debris.
- ADP staff found a \$250,000 cashiers cheque and returned it to owner.
- ADP staff participated in Covenant House orientation.
- CSP has 28-32 p/u per night. If over 30 individuals are on site the CSP van staff are needed for coverage and the van is non-active. The contract for the 2nd van has ended.

• Staff are working on issues dealing with the AK RR Spur Development and Art in the Ally.

ANOUNCEMENTS/NEIGHBOR COMMENTS/AGENDA SUGGESTIONS

NONE

Meeting Adjourned at 7:00pm

THE NEXT MEETING IS THURSDAY, MAY 1th @ 5:30pm THE ANCHORAGE MUSEUM OF HISTORY & ART

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