

Downtown Community Council
Minutes: March 3, 2005 at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art

- 1) Welcome and Introductions/Call Meeting to Order: The Downtown Community Council was called to order at 5:30 PM, March 3, 2005.
- 2) Approval of 2/3/05 Minutes: Motion to approve by B. Beck, seconded by Kim MacBeath, passed unanimously.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Ron Aleva reported a balance of \$1998.00, with a \$5.00 pending deposit for a total of \$2003.00.
- 4) Appearances:
 - a) Assemblyman Tesche: Assemblyman Tesche's report was given by Gene Storm. The report included:
 - i) the plan for more downtown parking in multi-use structures that incorporate housing and retail,
 - ii) information about the Panhandle Bar, and a request for STCC input on the liquor license transfer of the bar,
 - iii) Audience questions to be relayed to the Assemblyman.
 - b) Anchorage Police Department - Sgt. Stanton. The report included:
 - i) Sgt. Stanton spoke to APD about reporting DTCC specific statistics covering incidents involving alcohol and intoxicated persons.
 - ii) General discussion of issues related to users who abuse alcohol on an on-going basis.
 - c) Convention Center "Vote Yes" - Jordan Marshall. The presentation included the following points:
 - i) The Egan Center is turning away business; the existing facility is too small.
 - ii) Convention and tradeshow business has dramatically increased.
 - iii) No property taxes will be used to build or operate the convention center.
 - iv) Along with the new parking for the proposed convention center, Marshall also referenced the additional parking planned for downtown. (see item 4.a.1)
 - v) Marshall responded to audience questions.
 - vi) More information is available at www.anchorageconventioncenter.com
 - d) Museum Expansion - Pat Wolf - not present. There was no report on the Museum Expansion.
 - e) Variance Application-Ron Baird-Third Denali, LLC.: Baird explained the need for a variance so that he can construct an office building on his property, which is a vacant lot next to the McKay building. Discussion followed. A resolution of support from the DTCC for the variance, based on the proposed project as

presented, was moved by P. Nangle and seconded by B. Bobrick. The resolution passed unanimously.

- f) Panhandle Bar Transfer of Ownership - Charles Dunnagan represented the owners of the Panhandle Bar. The owners want to be good corporate citizens, and Dunnagan listed conditions for that outcome. A motion of non-opposition to the transfer of ownership was made by John Patee and seconded by Millie Renkert. It passed with a vote of 9 for the motion and 1 against. B. Beck, representing the Partnership abstained.
 - g) (Addition to the agenda) Anchorage Tomorrow - Shawn P. Snisarenko, P.E. with Tryck Nyman Hayes, Inc. made a presentation about the budgeted 44.5 million for Anchorage road improvements. Downtown projects may include E St. Corridor improvements and a Ship Creek trail. Funding will come from transit bonds, with federal funding matching each city dollar by 4 (4\$ federal: 1\$ city). Snisarenko responded to audience questions.
- 5) Old Business:
- a) Museum Expansion - see above.
 - b) McKinley Building/Annex - no report given.
 - c) Civic and Convention Center - see above.
- 6) Committee Reports:
- a) Anchorage Downtown Partnership - Becky Beck reported about the proposals to increase parking in the downtown area, described the various holiday events that happened, and discussed the rewrite of the downtown plan. Beck also reported about inebriate issues and the Foster Flower Basket Program. The DTCC decided to sponsor another 4 baskets at a cost of \$75.00.
 - b) Federation of Community Councils - Kim MacBeath - no report.
 - c) Membership - Ron Aleva reported that the "new" Panhandle Bar may be a new member.
 - d) Liquor Licenses - John Pattee - no report.
 - e) Zoning - Paul Nangle reported on the covered bridge restaurant.
- 7) Announcements/Neighbor Comments/Agenda Suggestions
- a) Becky Beck and Deirdre Phayer will represent the DCC at the upcoming Park District Workshop.
- 8) Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:55PM.
- 9) Next Meeting: The next meeting will be Thursday, April 7, 2005 @ 5:30 PM.