

DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL MINUTES

Thursday April 6 2006, 5.30pm at the Anchorage Museum of History & Art

Welcome, introductions and call to order by Chair, Deirdre Cronin.

A motion to approve the minutes of 3/2/06 was made by Becky Beck and seconded by Ron Alleva. Minutes were approved with no amendments.

Treasurer's report: Ron Alleva stated that First National Bank account has a balance of 1986.78 with just one check outstanding. The Downtown Community Council now has 25 current members.

Appearances

Assemblyman Tesche - talked about the Mayoral elections, voter turn out was low with 2 out of 3 voters not voting that equates to a 31% voter turn out. The big issue of the Mayoral election was property taxes. Both the School Bonds and the Parks Bonds failed as did the proposed 3% sales tax and the 4th Avenue Theatre Bond. For more information see Assemblyman Tesche's Blog at: www.tesche.us

APD – Sgt. Stanton – reported on the Police Academy Cadet training program. The July 2006 Academy will deal with Downtown parking issue if hired, and as in summer 2005, the School of Resource Officers will provide Officers for foot patrols in the Downtown area.

Liquor License Action

Transfer of Ownership of a Restaurant Eating Place – “Kaze” to “The Winter Thyme”

The new owners attended the meeting and stated they would be serving beer and wine only. The Restaurant will not have a bar so will be a non-smoking establishment. They will be serving lunch and dinner. Operating hours are 11.30 am to 12.00 midnight. The restaurant is located opposite the Hotel Captain Cook. Kim Macbeath moved to approve; Becky Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously to approve the transfer.

New Restaurant/Eating place – Sizzlin' Cafe

New license, restaurant will be located across from the Hilton Hotel. The location is also seeking a “Conditional Use” permit. The owners were present at the meeting. Beer and wine license only Subject to the Conditional Use permit being granted Kim Macbeath moved to approve, Becky Beck seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously in favor of the new license.

Transfer of Ownership and Location Beverage Dispensary license – McGinley's

Dan Sullivan has purchased the Billik Inn License and is moving it to the corner of 7th and G Street. Dan Sullivan was present at the meeting. McGinley's will be an Irish Pub located in the Rim Architects Building opposite the new Convention Center site. There will be Irish themed music, with a Juke Box and Irish acoustic music. The restaurant will be non-smoking and food will be good home cooking not fried food. Beer will be on tap not bottled with a full dispensary

bar. Becky Beck moved to approve the license transfer, Kim MacBeath seconded. The transfer was approved unanimously.

Ship Creek Intermodal Transportation Center

Phase 1 – Ship Creek drop off area Phase 2 – Ship Creek Plaza redesign Phase 3 – E Street Plaza.

There will be an Open House held on April 25th at 2pm, as part of the public comment period. Issues with the project have been highlighted in connection with the 5 track crossing needed in the interim prior to project completion. A team of experts has been put together from MOA/DOT/AKRR and the Design Team to deal with the safety issues involved with a 5 track public crossing. Dowl Engineers are doing a design study to look at the safety concerns. Log on at www.akrailroad.com for comments.

Covenant House – Letter of Support

Becky Beck moved to approve the letter of support for \$245,000 in HUD funding for Covenant House, Paul Nangle seconded; motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business - none.

Committee Reports

Becky Beck – Anchorage Downtown Partnership – the new phone number for the Community Service Patrol is: 227 5000 The CBD plan is in progress, consultants return in May and a public hearing will be held on May 17th. The Heart of Anchorage awards will be held 4/12/06 at the Hilton Hotel at 4.30pm. Check out the Anchorage Downtown Partnership web site at www.anchoragedowntown.org for the Heart of Anchorage Awards nominations. This summer there will be 68 Anchorage Downtown Partnership events like Music in the Park and Theatre Thursday happening every day except Tuesday.

Kim MacBeath – Federation of Community Councils - please check out the Federation of Community Councils home page at www.communitycouncils.org

Paul Nangle – Planning & Zoning Report – no report

Announcements/Neighborhood concerns

Calypso's - liquor license has been postponed the Anchorage Assembly. Residents of Fountain's condo's are concerned about the opening of a new fully licensed bar being located so close to a residential neighborhood. The residents are concerned about noise, parking, vandalism, theft, debris and the safety of Denali Elementary students. The parking lot adjacent to the bar only has 40 stalls available for a 200-person establishment.

The meeting adjourned at 6.35 pm.

Next meeting is on Thursday May 4, 2006 at the Anchorage Museum of History and Art.