

Downtown Community Council  
Minutes  
November 2, 2006

- I. Call to order at 5:37 PM by the Chair, Deirdre Cronin. Welcome and introductions.
- II. There were no October minutes available.
- III. No treasurer's report. It was noted that the DCC owed Paul Nangle \$200.00 to reimburse him for various flower purchases.
- IV. Appearances:

**Assemblyman Tesche:** Mr. Gene Storm appeared for Assemblyman Tesche. Mr. Storm reported that the assembly passed a budget for 2007 that included property tax relief in the approximate amount of 22 million dollars. This tax relief is on condition that the State appropriates the "revenue sharing" money. There will be a "Visioning of Youth" meeting on November 27, 2006 at 7 PM at St Anthony's Church located at 825 S. Klevin St. Topics will be concerning youth violence. The Assembly declared 19 parcels of downtown land in the Third and Cordova area as "Deteriorated" for the purpose of provided developers tax relief. The Assembly is looking into setting standards for building transmission towers and is still working on an "Ethics Code" rewrite.

**Liquor Licenses, John Pattee:** It was moved and duly seconded that the DCC approve the 2007 – 2008 list of liquor license renewals. The list was attached to the agenda and provided at the September and October meetings. There were no concerns or questions regarding any license on the list.

**Deteriorated Properties, Mark Marlow:** Mr. Marlow informed the council that the McKinley building became full in 7 weeks. The Dept. of Children Services will be moving into the McKinley Annex by next fall. He informed the DCC that the action the Assembly took to designate the 3<sup>rd</sup> and Cordova property "deteriorated" was necessary to make a building project economically feasible. He plans to build 3 residential towers there. Mr. Marlow stated that he has contacted all the property owners within the area and is continuing to work with them to acquire more of the property.

- V. **Old Business:** No report.

**VI. Committee Reports:**

Zoning: Paul Nangle reported that Title 21 Procedures have been drafted.

Downtown Partnership, Becky Beck: Ms. Beck reported that ADP elected Tennys Owens as new Board Chair. ADP will be focusing on projects such as a permanent downtown market and an information center that may also include a library and business center. Consultants for the Downtown Plan will arrive in December to continue work on that project. This includes planning for the possible change of the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue couplet to a 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue couplet. Some of the upcoming events are the Tree Lighting the day after Thanksgiving on the 24<sup>th</sup>. New Years Eve event and Ice Rink in December. Crystal Gallery of Ice in January. Fur

Rondy in February. And the new Snowflake lighting theme for downtown. Ms. Beck also informed the DCC that the City of Anchorage is very close to purchasing the 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue theatre and may use it to enhance civic and convention space. It was noted that the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue Garage would have 9 stories of parking and retail on the ground floor.

Anchorage Police Dept. Cindy Stanton: Sgt. Stanton informed the DCC of the “calls for service” for the downtown area for the months of September and October. The calls remained about the same at 1143 and 1152.

Deirdre Cronin provided a flyer and invited the members to join her for the Candlelight Vigil For Homeless Youth, 6PM, November 16<sup>th</sup> at the Town Square.

Adjournment at 6:25 PM

Next meeting is December 7, 2006 at 5:30 PM at The Anchorage Museum of History and Art.