

Downtown Community Council

Minutes

Wednesday, 05 October 2016 @ 5:30

Meeting was called to order at 5:34 p.m.

Minutes of September meeting were motioned, seconded, and approved at 5:36 p.m.

Legislative Report

Joshua Spring mentioned budget season upon us with a budget being submitted on October 4th. Assembly member Patrick Flynn mentioned that he will be keeping an eye out on how this will affect community grants, court divided, and funding the senior centers.

Tom Begich holding an event October 6th, with downtown action group to discuss how we build stronger relationship with the downtown soup kitchen.

No representative or mayor's office report updates or news.

Presentations

Anchorage Economic Development Corporation (AEDC)

AEDCs Live. Work. Play. Director Moira Sullivan presented the AEDC initiative to make Anchorage the #1 city in America to Live, Work and Play. Specifically, this meeting's presentation focused on the 7 areas of focus; Housing, Workforce Development, Community Safety, Creative Placemaking, Workplace Well-Being, One Anchorage, One Economy, and Trails. Moira shared the current focus on Housing and wanting a more attractive housing for Anchorage.

Alaska Fireweed

Owner Susan Nowland shared an update on her marijuana retail store, Alaska Fireweed. Location of this retail store will be located on 715 W 4th Ave, where previously AK boardroom was located. Susan made it clear that her marijuana shop would sell marijuana as well as retail products such as hats and shirts. The council had security questions in which Alaska Fireweed responded that they would have a screening section, along with following all of the State and Municipal codes.

Parallel 64, LLC

A new marijuana business located downtown at 225 E 5th Avenue. Travis and his partner were asked questions about what would be the security procedures at Parallel 64. They propose a screening area with onsite security as well as being up on all the State and Municipal codes. They also mentioned that they will also have signs indicating that the premises is for 21 and older. Parallel 64 brought to the council a memorandum of understanding, which will be discussed and voted on for November's community council meeting. Motion and second to approve MOU from Parallel 64, but during discussion Paul Nangle motions to table it to November meeting until the MOU has been sent out to the council. Paul's motion is seconded and voted on by the council and the tabling of Parallel 64's MOU to November meeting passed.

Brown Bag Community Issue

Turnagain Arm Apartment tenants and business owners share comments and concerns about the Brown Bag Bar. Time was extended by motion and second a total of three times. Doug Farris and Russ Reno present video footage and personal testimonials in regards to Brown Bag issues. Antoine MacLeod presented briefly, then time expired at about 7:20pm and was tabled to November meeting.

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