

## Downtown Council Meeting Minutes 3/1/17

Meeting Minutes approved as shown.

### 2. Reports:

- a. Josh for Patrick Flynn: No report
- b. Nancy Burke for Mayor's Office:
  - i. Announcing capital projects for Anchorage. 1<sup>st</sup> step is to send out the Community Council Survey. Attached is letter to FCC from Mayor Berkowitz
  - ii. A new position of Social Services is now placed in the Mayor's office. They will work closely with the homeless population.
  - iii. Monday the APD will announce the current status of their force.

### 3. Presentations:

- a. Alaska's Future: Executive Director, Ian Laing, presented an overview/ synopsis to the group on Alaska's historical/current fiscal situation as well as a report from his visit to Juneau on progress towards closing the gap.

### 4. Bylaws:

- a. Discussed the three changes made from the previous month's presentation. No objections.
- b. It was motioned to approve the Bylaws as written, seconded, and passed. Yes: 6 votes, No: 0 votes
- c. Bylaws approved.

### 5. New Business:

- a. ASD Presentation on School Bonds from Pat Higgins.
- b. Great Northern Cannabis from Jordan & Steve.
  - i. There were some members of the downtown community who were there expecting a full presentation on this. They received some sort of official card in the mail regarding this specifically. IDK.. I re-iterated that this is still in the process with working on getting good communication out.
  - ii. Great Northern did a good job of presenting and answering questions.
  - iii. Russ Reno motioned to extend the DTCC meeting time. It was seconded and the meeting was extended 10 minutes.
  - iv. Discussion continued: Overall consensus from discussion is that members present have a concern about the quantity of retail stores going into downtown. It was discussed that the DTCC perhaps write a position paper on this issue. It was suggested that this subject be brought before the M&A committee on March 29<sup>th</sup>.
  - v. This discussion was tabled to continue, if constituents want, to the March 29 M&A committee meeting.

### 6. Announcement:

- a. The DTCC is looking to fill the position of Treasurer. Please email nominations or self-nominations to the DTCC email.
  - i. Russ would like to nominate: Geewan Anderson and one other person. It was requested that he email the DTCC for submission.

### 7. Meeting adjourn

**ACTION ITEMS:**

1. Send Community Council Survey information to members for the Anchorage capital projects.
2. Post Approved Bylaws to the DTCC webpage.
3. M&A committee: Send Agenda and meeting invite out at least one week prior