

Downtown Community Council

Meeting Notes

March 4, 2020

Call to Meeting – Silvia Villamedes

Council Members in Attendance: Silvia Villamedes, Mike Ward, Jason Motyka, Chris Jones, Max Buher

Welcome and Introductions: - Silvia Villamedes

Approval of Minutes – February 5, 2020

- Motion: David
- Second: Mike Ward
- Motion to accept the minutes passed

Meeting Agenda Approval

- Motion: David
- Second: Mike Ward

Additions/Corrections – none noted

Reports:

Assembly Report – Chris Constant

- Assembly hearing regarding ASD Tuesday, March 10
- Liquor store in midtown on conditional license having issues
- Abatement procedure – to go from a criminal use issue to a land use issue. Assembly hearing on March 24th
- Midtown congestion plan – Glenn to Seward Highway connection
- Proposition 12 - #two for all

Senate Report – Tom Begich

- Juneau report
- House working on budget
- Coronavirus – working on a plan – no cases yet in Alaska

- Capital requests – Chester Creek Parks improvements, Homeless continuum
- Pioneer Bill
- Education Bill
- Insurance – if a person is robbed an insurance company cannot drop coverage
- Redacting – those convicted of marijuana violations will have record redacted because it is now legal

House of Representatives – Zach Fields

- Coronavirus – waive money to be tested for it if someone doesn't have the money
- Bill – regarding treatment plans – for example; no violent people held in Providence Hospital
- House Bill 96 – to lower Pioneer Home rates

Mayor's Office Report – N/A

Anchorage Police Department – 2 officers, 1 of which covers the downtown area

- Have stats – who to give them to?
- 1,157 calls this year for service. 786 cleared
- Econo Lodge on 5th -troubled area
- Domestic violence – have to serve warrant with 24 hours
- Number of violent crimes in downtown area is down significantly
- Increase in walk-ins at downtown Police station – positive
- DUI's are down
- How can we the police department help you?

Anchorage School Board – Andy Holleman

- ASD budget – cut health teachers position and reassigned the teachers. This will result in 1 or ½ day of no school per week and instruction time to go down by 1 hour.
- ASD school bond on the ballot upcoming

- Superintendent banned school travel outside the state for spring break.

Anchorage Downtown Partnership – Amanda Moser

- March 17, 6-7:30pm at the Anchorage Museum
- 1st Friday Schedule handed out – solstice closing of 4th Ave.

FCC – no report

New Business:

Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Update – Silvia Villamides

- Only 1 license coming up for renewal
- Next month – Thus far there are 13 licenses up for renewal

Treasurer Update – Jason Motyka

- \$3,6042
- Silvia wrote a grant for matching funds - \$3,000 Downtown Community Council - \$7,000 the state = 40 cigarette receptacles for the downtown community area

Presentations:

Resolution NO. 2020-04 6th Ave. garage mixed use project

- Motion: Max Buher
- Second: Mike Ward
- Motion passed

Resolution NO. 2020-01 – Planning and Zoning Commission recommendation for Step 1 – reformatting Title 21

- Motion: David
- Second: Mike Ward
- Motion passed

2ForALL campaign update - Jim

Announcements/Neighbor Comments:

- 2 committees added to Downtown Community Council – fundraising & safety
- Snow removal of Fur Rondy snow is cleared well on 4th but not other downtown areas, A St. down
- MLP and municipality representatives to be invited to come at the same time to Downtown Community Council Meeting

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20pm