

Anchorage Downtown Community Council

Wednesday, July 1, 2020 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome and Introductions

- Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda.
- Amanda motioned to accept the agenda. Max Buher seconded motion to accept the agenda. The motion to accept the agenda passed.
- Approval of June meeting minutes.
Amanda motioned to accept the minutes from June meeting. Richard Irwin seconded the motion to accept the minutes from June meeting. The motion to accept the minutes from June meeting passed.

Assembly Report – Chris Constant

- ◆ Funds Acquired for small business, child care and home mortgage
- ◆ Expanded street parking

Senate Representative Report – Tom Begich

- ◆ Health & Safety – mayor's mandate on wearing masks.
- ◆ Voting – absentee request form ballots for all the residents.
- ◆ Shelter people can vote and nonprofits can adopt a polling place
- ◆ Cares Act

House of Representatives Report – Zach Fields / Tristan

- ◆ AK / Cares Program -Starting to dispense money.

Mayor's Office Report – n/a

Anchorage Police Department - n/a

Anchorage School Board Reports – n/a

Downtown Anchorage Partnership – Amanda

- ◆ Streets. Closures beginning Friday
 - ABC board approved. G st. ½ block on F st.
- ◆ Health department reported – bars and restaurants increase in COVID-19. 7 recommendations given to those bars and restaurants.

- ◆ Anchorage Partnership – encouraging donations to help support their yearly fundraising efforts
- ◆ Ambassadors are patrolling
- ◆ Issue with Transit Center and those smoking nearby

FCC Report – Max Buher

New Business and Committee Reports

1. **Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Update** – Silvia Villamides
 - a. Met – June 17th to consider 3 licensees. One asking to expand seating, Alaska Sense – change from LLC to a corporation. Pakalolo – changing from one owner to another. Russ Reno made the motion to grant support of the licensee requests from the above conversation. The requests will move forward to the assembly with support from Downtown Community Council. Amanda seconded the motion. Motion passed.
2. **Treasurer Update** – Jason Motyka
 - a. \$3,000 Sept 12 – duck race. Raise more money for community council to use in downtown area and support of youth.
 - b. Fundraising/Development Committee – Max Buher & Jason Motyka
 - c. Gaming department approved the ticket sales online because of COVID-19. 2 races \$10 and \$20 tickets. The online site should be online by mid-July.
 - d. Many organizations will participate. 50% of profits go to agencies chosen by the people. Helps downtown and youth.
3. **Safety Committee** – Richard Irwin & Russ Reno
 - a. Safety concerns – cross walks needed on 3rd Ave in several locations

Presentations:

- ◆ **The Heritage Land Bank/MOA** is proposing a rezone of the Former Native Service Hospital site to bring the zoning into alignment with the master plan and the new downtown zoning code.
- ◆ Shelley Rowton – MOA. Anchorage 2040 Land Use Plan Map presented Packet submitted in next couple of weeks.
- ◆ **Downtown Nordstrom Temporary Bus Stop**- Jamie, JC Snead, Kim – owners of businesses present – concerned. Would like bus stop to be across from JC Penney where it used to be. People fighting, trash and harassment of customers has been detrimental to 5 businesses present. JC Snead – owner of Tent City communicated that they hope to open new business in next 2-3 weeks.

- ◆ April 1, 2021 start of construction of project. Relocation of transit center is Aug. 24th, 2020. Who is responsible in the future to notify the people? ACDA moving forward will take responsibility for notifying the public on future projects.
- ◆ After lengthy discussion, Richard Irwin recommended that a “in person” meeting be held with all the parties involved. Location and date to be soon determined. Location to be determined, possibly Downtown Hope Center.

Announcements/Neighbor Comments

Upcoming Meeting:

- ◆ Community Council general meeting: Wednesday, August 5, 2020 – 5:30-7:30pm – location to be determined
- ◆ Marijuana & Alcohol Committee: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 – 5:30 – 6:30pm – to be determined

ADJOURN MEETING - Silvia adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm due to the heightened communication tension in the meeting