

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN

COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, August 5, 2020 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome & Introductions

Approval of Agenda

- Max Buher motioned to approve agenda, Mike Ward seconded, motion passed.
- Max Buher motioned to approve the July minutes. Amanda Moser seconded, motion passed.

Reports:

Assembly Report – Chris Constant

- Assembly to disperse \$7 million for restaurants, bars and tourism.
- Vote coming up on the assembly August 11 to decide if four properties should be bought for homeless system.
- \$15 million for rent and mortgage relief. Rent relief will go thru United Way. Cook Inlet will handle money for other purposes.

Senate Representative Report – Tom Begich N/A

House of Representatives Report – Zach Field N/A

Mayor's Office Report- N/A

Anchorage Police Department- N/A

Anchorage School Board Reports- N/A

Downtown Anchorage Partnership – Amanda Moser

- Homeless gathering at 5th and Gamble. Creating problems in the area. Solutions are being pursued by stakeholders and APD.
- Support small businesses, get funding out, help with ideas that will support small businesses. Creating more space outside at Fat Ptarmigan, Wild Scoops, etc.

FCC Report – Max Buher FCC delegate

- FCC didn't meet in April, May & June. Treasurer \$26,000 received \$90,000 grant.

- FCC office is open and receiving mail & calls.
- Eklutna to Muldoon offramps
- Midtown traffic relief project
- ASD

New Business and Committee Reports:

Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Update – Silvia Villamides

- Did not have a meeting, next one Aug. 19. Alcohol licensee and new distributor will be discussed along with several Marijuana store licensees.
- Empty marijuana containers being dispersed around the Hope Center area and others. Safety issues and violence to be discussed.

Treasurer – Jason Motyka

- \$3,300 in fund. Great Alaska Duck Race has launched its account. Share the link. Sept. 12. 50% of profit will be given to Community Council to give out to the community. State wide. Aug. 12 media campaign to start this. Non-profits can apply to add a team. Will send Sylvia a link to share. Televised online the event as it happens. Buy \$10 or \$25 ticket.

Fundraising/Development Committee – Max Buher & Jason Motyka

- Jason gave the report in previous report

Safety Committee – Richard Irwin & Russ Reno

- Richard Irwin requested that Amanda Moser keep him informed of areas of safety concerns downtown.
- Silvia Villamides requested that Richard Irwin attend the Aug. 19th meeting because it concerns safety on east end of downtown

Presentations:

The Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness 2021 community priorities

- Melissa Hernandez – Gap Analysis – Anchored Home – 3year plan
- Prevention & diversion
- Housing and Support System
- Public Health & Safety
- We build and work collaboratively to meet the needs
- Homelessness Response: Resource & Referral, Outreach, Shelter
- Transitional, Rapid Rehousing,
- Permanent Supportive Housing

ACDA's 6th Avenue Garage Redevelopment Project

- Project update Van La – Melinda Gap –Encroachment permit has been a hold up. The DOT does approve. The encroachment is a 6.5ft overhang from the project. (24ft above the sidewalk) ACDA would be responsible for the encroachment area. Want Permit of

conditional use. Oct. 5 public hearing, then conditions to meet, construction to start March 2121.

- Bus relocation will be on hold until the project begins construction – ACDA
- Sylvia – everything on hold until October or November – no decision of moving the temporary bus stop until then.
- Administration is moving. Aug. 24, 2020 will be opened in new location. ACDA – Easy Park – offering parking for free to downtown diners.

Announcements / Neighbor Comments:

- Sylvia – elections for Downtown Community Council in September

Adjournment: Richard Irwin moved, Nick Coltman seconded. Motion passed

ADJOURN MEETING – 6:48pm