

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Welcome & Introductions
- Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda.
- Change on agenda. Richard Irwin moved to discuss “Decorum” right after the minutes have been approved. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Approval of September meeting minutes.
Mike Ward moved to approve the September meeting minutes. Richard Irwin seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- Meeting Participation Decorum
Richard Irwin read the proposal from the board on “Meeting Participation Decorum.” Russ Reno made the motion to accept the Meeting Participation Decorum. Mike Ward seconded the motion. The motion passed.
- **Reports:**
 - Assembly Report – Chris Constant
Gave update on: Renewal of Pakalolo license, intro of budget for 20-21, Safety lighting improvement, Coastal Trail and Ship Creek connection, end of the month MLP acquisition closes-rates should go back. CARES ACT money – validity has been settled, department of treasury gave ways to accomplish this. Will purchase all buildings.
 - Senate Representative Report – Tom Begich
 - Census was low but census will be extended to Oct. 30. 90%ile for census now
 - Absentee ballots went out – yesterday, 100,000 ballots requested. In person voting Cook Inlet, City Hall, Sears Mall, University and airport, Absentee ballots won’t be counted until Nov. 10.
 - House of Representatives Report – Zach Fields/ Tristan
 - Was not aware of how expenses and losses were being calculated for CARES Act money to small businesses. Will look into this.
 - FEMA unemployment will be distributed next week
 - Get ballots in sooner rather than later so that it gets in on time.
 - Mayor’s Office Report – n/a
 - Anchorage Police Department – Police Officer Marc Patszke
 - Description given of behaviors downtown (Sylvia) Officer response - Dayshift patrol on foot – 2 officers even through Covid. 5th & Gamble
 - Police response is prioritized – health and safety. Life & Safety. Public drinking lowest priority. An officer will report to Downtown Community Council at least every 3 months.
 - Assemblyman Constant
 - Ship Creek to Tudor has homeless people hanging out/camping.

- The Municipality is renting hotel rooms for the homeless overflow. Go to muni website and make report of camps. Call 311 and report camps to police. Send e-mail telling Constant it was reported.
- Anchorage School Board Reports- n/a
- Anchorage Downtown Partnership – Amanda Moser
 - Discussion regarding homeless population areas. Engagement of multiple entities to combat challenges.
 - Encouragement for voter / funding support
 - Assessment Renewal of support for Anchorage Downtown Partnership – pays for community ambassadors – patrol and wet clean ups, clearing sidewalks, etc. 50% of assessed value of businesses.
- FCC Report – Max Buher FCC delegate – n/a
- **New Business and Committee Reports**
 - New Proposed Council Meeting schedule 2020-2021
 - President Villamedes submitted a proposal to adjust council meeting dates. The proposal is to meet every other month. Pros and Cons were shared.
 - Proposed dates
 - 2020- October 7 & December 2
 - 2021 – 2/3, 4/7, 6/2, 8/4, 10/6, & 12/1
 - Richard Irwin made a motion to table this discussion and decision on the meeting schedule for consideration. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed
 - Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Update – Silvia Villamides - No report
 - Treasurer Update – Jason Motyka - \$574.00 from Duck Race
 - Fundraising/Development Committee – Max Buher & Jason Motyka - No report
 - Safety Committee – Richard Irwin & Russ Reno
 - Richard Irwin read document aloud that was dispersed for consideration – “Crosswalk Proposal for the Intersections of Third Avenue and Cordova Street and Crosswalk proposal for the Intersection of third Avenue and G Street.”
 - Discussion: history of the prior sidewalks and current need for them to be there now. John Crapps and Kristen Langley from the muni traffic engineering department were on line.
 - Kristen Langley – works with John from the muni. Willing to come out and asses the issue. They take the responsibility very seriously. Would come out and asses for both locations. Would be willing to put signage up saying pedestrian crossing coming up. Keep parking of cars off the corners.

Mike Ward made the motion to extend the meeting for 10 minutes. Jason second the motion. Motion passed.

- Discussion continues... John Crappy – have to follow the protocols in place for criteria.
- Kristen Langley – looked at G Street two years ago – doesn’t meet criteria

- The Traffic Div. has put signs up at Cordova and 3rd. Cameras can be placed at the noted areas for traffic / pedestrian data.

Richard Irwin made the motion for John Crapps and Kristen Langley from the Traffic Engineering Department to consider this discussion as the request of the Downtown Community Council to have the study conducted. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. The motion passed.

- **Presentations:** None Noted

- **Announcements/Neighbor Comments (2 Minute Limit)**

Russ Reno announced moving his business next door to Club Paris and currently picking up mail at old residence as well as currently living in the downtown area.

ADJOURN MEETING

Mike Ward moved to adjourn the meeting. Richard Irwin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM