

Anchorage Downtown Community Council

November 4, 2020

Virtual Meeting

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Mike Ward, Acting Chairman

Meeting called to order

Welcome and Introductions

Mike Ward, Francis McLaughlin, Richard Irwin, Elizabeth Apple, Amanda Tozer, Tristen Walsh, Sen. Mark Begich, Chris Jones, Jason Motyka, Michelle McNulty, Dave Whitfield, Starr Marsett

Agenda approved

- Amanda motioned, Richard seconded, Motion carried

Assembly Report - N/A

Senator Begich

- Covid update
- Election update
- Alternative energy legislation is being addressed
- Cares act and budget

Discussion re: extension of the emergency order

Representative Zach Fields

- Cares acts grants
- FEMA unemployment extensions
- AB 15 Alcohol license notification

Mayors Report - N/A

Anchorage Police Department - N/A

Anchorage School Board - Starr Marsett

- Tentative plans of school opening
- Five-year goals - new website for review and questions
- January meeting for further discussion
- Budget presentation in February

Downtown Anchorage Partnership - Amanda Moser

- Have met the more than 50% of property owners for support
- Update on homeless near cemetery area

- Shelters at capacity
- Working with APD, CAP, and API
- Holiday lights available for businesses
- Post-Thanksgiving event - newsletter will be sent out
- Rebranding membership meeting via zoom, let Amanda know if you want to be involved

FCC Report - N/A

New Business and Committee Reports

Marijuana and alcohol committee update - N/A

Safety Committee - Richard

- 3rd Ave. corridor project put on hold for undetermined amount of time

Presentations

- Title 21 Amendment - Francis McLaughlin and Michelle McNulty - (Planning and Zoning)
 - Homeless and Transient Shelters in B3 and B2C zoning districts
 - Anchorage Assembly requested a change in the homeless housing areas
 - Currently Homeless Shelters are only allowed on public lands
 - New zoning would be within one half mile of bus routes
 - This would possibly allow the Hope Center to be a permanent shelter instead of temporary
 - The amendment process for Title 21 process begins with the most affected community councils. Community discussions and public hearings are scheduled thereafter.
 - A project schedule has been established
 - Next process step is to meet with all community councils
 - Public hearing draft is for January, May/June Assembly approval
 - Discussion ensued
 - Hope Center requested a meeting with Planning and Zoning for clearer understanding and participation
 - Jason Motyka entered discussion regarding shelters in the Elmore Rd. area
 - Richard requested that this Re Zoning item be on future council meeting agendas
- Elizabeth reported that homeless people were entering facilities looking for restrooms

Announcements

- Amanda reported that Ice Skating will be returning to Town Square

Adjournment - Amanda moved and Richard seconded - motion carried