

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 7, 2021 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Welcome and Introductions
Participants: Sylvia Villamides, Mike Ward, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Andrea McCormick, Chris Constant, Tom Begich, Zach Fields, Amanda Moser, Kristine Bunnell, Joy Boston, Tristan Walsh, Doug Ferris, Jack, Mark, Mercedes Colbert.
- Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda.
 - Changes: Bean's Café is not presenting today, apologizes. Add: Doug Ferris – downtown crime.
 - Mike Ward moved to approve the agenda. Amanda Moser seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Approval of June meeting minutes.
 - The Secretary read into the minutes additional comments from JBER – advertisement for more people to be involved, Honorary commander Program. More info in the chat.
 - Amanda Moser moved to approve the June meeting minutes. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- **Reports: 3minute limit**
- **Assembly Report** – Chris Constant
 - Light agenda for first meeting with new mayor.
 - Chris Constant is newly appointed Assembly Vice Chair
 - \$15 million Transitional Center – will work on compromise to proposal.
 - Renewal of marijuana licenses coming up
 - Question by Jason to Assemblymen Constant - Can you make an ordinance to disallow defecating in the downtown area? Chris Constant replied – there is no power in government to move people and make them stay in a particular area. There is no legal stand to do this. It's unconstitutional. We have to provide ample places for people to stay in the areas where they are. Create an environment where they want to be. Protect their rights.
- **Senate Representative Report** – Tom Begich
 - Governor vetoed – Long Trail for downtown
 - Governor's vetoes – likely not to be overturned
 - PFD – Governor – zeroed out the PFD
 - Question: from Mike Ward to Begich – can businesses continue on with using outside spaces? Answer: there is nothing to keep them from continuing that. Including alcohol? Sylvia to check with AMCO to see if anything else is needed.
- **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields
 - Long Trail would have connected to many different trails throughout Anchorage.
 - Governor vetoed and cut our capital budget in half.
No funds to make repairs to Universities.

- Field's concerns over a PFD for the people – how can we pay for it? Income taxes, property taxes, etc.?
- Mr. Fields met with Dave Bronson.
 - told him he wanted a relationship
 - increase funding for Anchorage Police Dept. (Recommended he ask the state for it)
 - ask for behavioral health issue treatment
 - Mr. Fields is in favor of moving homeless out of the Sullivan
- **Mayor's Office Report** n/a
- **Anchorage Police Department** n/a
- **Anchorage School Board** n/a
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – Amanda Moser
 - Our team is seeing a lot of activity in Petrovich park, 5th and Gambell, have contact and interact with those experiencing homelessness mostly substance abuse disorder, mental health issues.
 - Ambassadors aren't social workers or police officers. They are not qualified to deal with the social issues presented.
 - More 7 days a week activation downtown – is helpful and ongoing.
 - PAC and ADP have partnership and are coordinating activations together.
 - Downtown Market is coming back, for locals by locals – starts in July.
 - July 10 – live music – at Humpy's.
- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell
 - Met 3 times, another meeting tomorrow. Working through public input.
 - Subcommittee on Urban Design will be completed tomorrow.
 - New plat map showing new zoning.
 - Planning chief, acting – Kristine Bunnell. Hired two more people for positions. The plan will be out mid to end of August.
 - Question: Silvia to Kristine – do we get a copy of it to look at it before its presented? Can we, ADCC see it and read it clearly.
- **Update Special Activity Permit closure(s)** – in the downtown area – Amanda Moser
 - Continuation Updates – ADP wanted to continue the open streets program. Had 3 different streets closed down last summer.
 - Traffic department said that roads are for cars not for people. They denied it. Amanda disagrees.
 - Businesses needed the closures 7 days a week to make it work for them. Hard to staff inside and outside for the businesses.
 - Trying to work on limited street closures – short term closures.
- **CIP** – Mike Ward & Jason Motyka – Continuation Updates
 - Shared screen - Showed submissions done.
 - Next year we can look back on these and follow up or move on.
 - Most of these have really been needed over the years and don't change.
 - If someone wants input on the list or the priority of the list let them know.
- **New Business:** 6minute limit
- **Marijuana and Alcohol Committee Update** – Silvia Villamides

- Next meeting July 21 – 10 renewals -2 on alcohol the rest marijuana
- **Treasurer Update** – Jason Motyka
 - \$4,220.10
 - Sept. 11, \$10,000 – \$11,000 – many charities supported. Some of the profits for Downtown Community Council (50%). Buy a raffle ticket – from DCC. Online raffle
- **Safety Committee** – Richard Irwin
 - Nothing new to report.
 - Construction is completed on 4th Ave. near the Hope Center.
- An invitation for more Safety Committee members was made
- **Presentations:** 6 minute limit (3minutes – to speak / 3 minutes – for questions)
 - Bean's Café – LED Lounge Building – Lisa Sauder
Cancelled due to schedule conflict. Lisa will present next month.
- **Announcements/Neighbor Comments** (2 minute)
 - **REMINDER – DTCC Board Elections** – September Meeting
 - Doug Farris re: crime behavior downtown. Our building, Turnagain Arms off of 3rd and F St. were hit by criminals last week.
 - New device/product is out on the streets, it's called Snap Gun, Lock Pick Gun, can damage locks. Can get into any building, office or residence.
 - Was reported to APD.
 - 49th State was hit also on Saturday night/Sunday morning.
Couldn't get in but did damage to the door.

ADJOURN MEETING

Amanda Moser moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:48pm