

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, September 1, 2021 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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**CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

**Welcome & Introductions**

Participants: Silvia Villamides, Mike Ward, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Alexandria McCormick, Chris Jones, Mark Butler, Chris Constant, Tom Begich, Tristan Walsh, Amanda Moser, Steven Callaghan, Joy Boston, Margo Bellamy, Mercedes Colbert, Sue Spyker, Russ Reno, Dawn Bailey - Alaska Towing & Wrecking

**Board Elections** – Mark Butler acted as chair for the elections

Nominees: all nominees were presented and a vote of acceptance was made and seconded.

Results: Sylvia Villamides for Chair, Mike Ward for Vice Chair, Jason Motyka for Treasurer, Richard Irwin for Secretary, Chris Jones for member at large, Alexandria McCormick for member at large

**Agenda:**

Additions/changes to the agenda. Agenda approved with an added presentation by Russ Reno

**Minutes:**

Approval of Aug. 4th Minutes

Mike Ward, seconded by Amanda Moser

**Reports:**

**Assembly Report:** Chris Constant

- Negotiation with administration on sheltering and mass sheltering for the wintertime is moving forward with much discussion. No resolve to date
- 5 or 6 possible properties in consideration for sheltering
- Resolution moved by Bronson, Constant & Weddleton to appropriate money for a cost analysis of these properties

**Senate Representative Report:** Tom Begich

- In Juneau – 3<sup>rd</sup> special session
- Proposed Constitutional amendment – to be heard next week.
- Introducing new revenue bill – regarding oil tax and motor fuel tax
- House passed bill proposing PFD check \$1,100 – vetoed by governor and reduced to \$600.

**House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields / Tristan Walsh for Zach Fields

- House proposed to spend out \$1,100 for PFD – Governor disputing legal interpretation of PFD. Governor gave an amended number for PFD.
- There could be a 4<sup>th</sup> special session

**Mayor's Office:** Portia Noble – n/a

**Anchorage Police Department:** n/a

**Anchorage School Board** – Margo Bellamy

- Update from Superintendent Bishop will be out later today
- Transportation issue – because of Covid, there are not enough bus drivers
- School Board meeting next Tuesday at 6pm
- 264 cases of Covid within students today
- Contact info put into the chat

**Anchorage Downtown Partnership:** Amanda Moser

- 120 events downtown through activations of public spaces over the summer
- Launched the A & M Market, beer garden, street food, between 5<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Ends in September
- Trick or treat and activities downtown for the month of October
- ADP ambassadors are not police or social workers nor behavioral health professionals
- Talking to assembly about safety health line and how it is being used
- 10,000 calls per year that aren't being logged and counted towards Health & Safety needs in the downtown area
- Also talking with Police, Fire Department, and assembly municipal manager
- Peratrovich Park and Gambell & 5<sup>th</sup> are the areas receiving the most calls for help
- Requesting resolution or a letter from DTCC to request more resources for health and safety

**Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell – n/a

**New Business:**

- Joy Boston -JBER
- Mask mandate re-established for indoors on base regardless of vaccine status.
- Normal operating hours.
- Richardson base visitor center is the only one open beginning Sept. 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Remembrance event of Sept. 11, 2001 on Saturday, 11, 2021 at the Richardson Chapel
- New Commanding General
- Related links are in the chat box

**Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update:** Silvia Villamides

- No meeting – only one licensee – will be moved forward to next month

**Treasurer Update:** Jason Motyka

- \$3,600 in account

- Great Alaska Duck Race – Sept. 11. 50% goes to DCCCM \$60,000 so far. Volunteers for the day needed at the event.

**Presentations:**

- Russ Reno -Contracted the Delta variant of Covid and became very sick.
- He urged everyone to be vaccinated.
- He was asking if there was any non-urgent transportation service available. None in the meeting knew of a solution to this matter.

**TFH Recruitment and Support Specialist** – Alexandra Peter - AK Child & Family – foster care

- Will do presentation next month.

**Announcements / Neighbor Comments:** (2minute limit)

**REMINDER** – Great Alaska Duck Race (September 11) please buy your tickets and support our council.

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Amanda Moser made the motion to adjourn. Richard Irwin seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 6:49pm