

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, November 3, 2021 @ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Virtual Meeting

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Welcome & Introductions

Participants: Silvia Villamides, Mike Ward, Richard Irwin, Chris Jones, Alexandria McCormick, Chris Constant, Joey Bosworth, Zach Fields, Portia Noble, Melinda Gant, Amanda Moser, Kristine Bunnell, Joy Boston, Hannah Palmer, Tom Davis, Steve Callaghan, Bryce Carpenter, Jim Renkert, Chris Jones, Margo Bellamy

Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda

Richard Irwin moved to approve the agenda. Chris Jones seconded the motion. Motion passed. Agenda approved.

Approval of October meeting minutes.

Chris Jones moved to approve the October 6, 2021 meeting minutes. Richard Irwin seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting minutes approved.

Reports: 3minute limit

- **Assembly Report** – Chris Constant
 - Redistricting is coming
 - Assembly and the administration are unified in homelessness response: Navigational Resource Center, smaller shelters elsewhere, and housing are the focus.
 - Budget being worked on – continuation of lighting on 4th avenue project has been cut from the proposed budget.
 - State has stopped funding Capital projects at this time
- **Senate Representative Report** – Tom Begich / Joey Bosworth
 - 4th special section over – regular session in January
- **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields
 - School board had removed Inlet View School from the school bond, but has reinstated it
- **Mayor's Office Report** – Portia Noble
 - Flyers shared on screen
 - Alaska Startup Week Roundtable – Friday Nov. 12th 12 – 1:30 Mayor's Conference Room 632 W. 6th Ave. 8th floor
 - ARPA Nonprofit Recovery Fund – provides businesses downtown funding if they haven't received any prior – link shared on chat. May apply up to Feb. 2022
 - Tuesday public testimony on the budget

- Clothing drive for Sullivan Arena – bring to City Hall
- Mayor's office looks forward to working with the public – "Open door policy". Anyone who wants to meet and talk may call Portia Noble and she will arrange it
- **Anchorage Police Department** – n/a
- **ACDA** – Melinda Gant
 - Exploring all of Anchorage not just downtown area
 - Mike Robbins Director – adding additional lighting prior to the holidays downtown.
 - All ACDA parking garages have new LED lighting. Garage stairwells are locked at night, cleaning area more. Increasing security in all garages.
 - Safety first program changes – no longer dispatchers as of first of the year. Removing Safety First language.
 - ACDA is bringing Roger Brooks to Anchorage January, 26. Open to public. To speak to, "What more can we do to bring more to Anchorage?"
 - 6th Ave. project – Downtown Transit Center – reconstruction project. Local developers. Oct. of 2022 to begin. Final approval from the assembly is last step
- **Anchorage School Board** – Margo Bellamy
 - Inlet View addition to the bond
 - Next meeting on the 16th
 - Superintendent is retiring – in Process of finding a new one will include the public
 - Vaccinations with 5-11 years old approved – Have clinics for the children with parent consent
 - Process monitoring on Level 3 – college life and readiness
 - Covid dashboard Keeping ASD Covid free with mitigations
 - November is Alaska Native / Indian month
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – Amanda Moser
 - Safety First – coordinated with ADP and ACDA - stay committed to keeping the downtown a safe area. End Safety First December 31. Working with APD and Mayor's office – increasing the patrols downtown
 - Completed Trick or Treat – it brought guests and customers downtown all month of Oct.
 - Bringing back Downtown First Fridays. Light up the tree and movie at PAC end of the night. Bring back ice skating rink.
- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell
 - Several meetings are planned for presentation and discussion.
 - Dec. 6 public building and planning commission.
 - Can e-mail questions.
 - Presentations also looking for funding of early projects.
 - Omnibus bill coming out related to Title 21. Work session and public session. Topic update the parking
 - Watch website for meetings
- **JBER** – Joy Boston n/a

New Business: 6minute limit

- **Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update** – Silvia Villamides

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Aviator Hotel – remodeling of the whole hotel.

- **Treasurer Update** – Jason Motyka
 - Will report next month

Presentations: 6minute limit (3 minutes – to speak / 3 minutes – for questions)

- **The Conquer COVID Coalition** – Bryce Carpenter
 - Works with non-profits, businesses, with testing and vaccinations, following mitigations.
 - Works with community outreach and with schools.
 - Continue to see large number of Covid Delta.
 - Conquer Covid.com - Can find info and download info to share with others.
- **Community Discussion Draft of amendments to Anchorage Municipal Code Title 21-land use Planning requirements for parking and site access** – Tom Davis MOA Planning Department n/a

Announcements/Neighbor Comments: (2minute limit)

- There will be no Downtown Community Council meeting in December 2021
- FCC posting for individual CCM is broken
- Richard Irwin – announcement
 - DSK Hope Center to purchase Uptown Suites to house students and staff.
 - Invitation for the community to invest
- Third Street Radicals – Jim Reinhert
 - Now trying to attend all community council meetings in Downtown and Fairview
 - Will be active and get comments in
 - Like winter city ideas
 - Like DCC and ADP working in coordination

ADJOURN MEETING

Richard Irwin moved to adjourn the meeting. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed.
Meeting adjourned at: 6:33pm