

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, April 6, 2022 @ 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, Chris Constant, Tom Begich, Mercedes Colbert, Zach Fields, Tristan Walsh, Margo Bellamy, Amanda Moser, Kristine Bunnell, Joy Boston, Melinda Gant, Mike Robbins, Kim Stalder, Officer Jackson, Larry Michael, Casandra, Terrence Shanigan,, Steven Callaghan, Logan Rammell, Cliff Groh, Jim Renkert, James Toussaint, Lieutenant Soto, Officers Graves and Grigg, Robert Manley, Sabrina Kerns, Sharilyn Wyatt, John Snead, Amber McDonald

- **Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda**  
Amber McDonald moved to approve the agenda. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed. Agenda approved
- **Approval of March meeting minutes**  
Amanda Moser moved to approve the meeting minutes of March 2, 2022. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Motion passed. Minutes approved.
- **Reports: 3minute limit**
  - **Assembly Report** – Chris Constant
    - Working on the next budget – realigning
    - Counting the election – special election for 2<sup>nd</sup> seat in the assembly for Downtown area at later date.
    - Reapportionment – downtown now in the North East district. Don't believe the community council districts will change
  - **Senate Representative Report** – Tom Begich
    - Budget is in the house. Operating budget will be worked on in the Senate
    - Education pre -K reading bill
    - Re-apportionment board is still deliberating. No House districts will change. Will affect who your Senator will be.
    - Alternative energy bill in the House. Senate has a similar bill
    - Supports resolution being discussed tonight joining Districts 17 and 23
    - Outdoor use of liquor license has been made permanent. Issue with AMCO, CHAR, ABC BOARD. They want authorization from the legislature. Will look into it and straighten it out.
  - **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields/ Tristan Walsh
    - Operating budget work – keep the lid on the PFD, inflation cost funding for schools,
    - House labor and commerce – amendments will come up when it is established

- School bonds and facilities are down
- **Mayor's Office Report** – Terrence Shanigan
  - Avalanche area re-opened
  - 95 block project, near health department downtown. Begins soon completed in 2023
- **Anchorage Police Department** – Officer Jackson
- **Anchorage School Board** – Margo Bellamy
  - Meetings on Monday nights
  - Deliberating on new superintendent
  - School bond is behind 308 votes
  - Planning graduation – Alaska Airlines Center, having proms
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** – Amanda Moser
  - Preparing for summer
  - Working on challenges downtown – more voices joining the problem to find a solution.
  - Resigning from ADP – have a great foundation for this to continue on. Will bring in an intern.
- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell
  - April 21 – on Elmore will answer questions about the Downtown Plan. Public hearing on April 26
  - Draft on public meetings for changes on the code and look at the updates.
  - Encourage the DTCC to make a resolution including DTCC for input on speed limits for downtown area.
- **JBER** – Joy Boston
  - If recreating on JBER; register for an account at <https://jber.isportsman.net>
  - Next unaccompanied veteran committal service will be Wednesday, April 27 at 2:30pm at the National Cemetery; contact Virginia for access to the base, [Virginia.Walker1@va.gov](mailto:Virginia.Walker1@va.gov)
  - Municipality's Memorial Day event "Anchorage Remembers" will be on Monday, May 30 at 9:30am at the Veterans' Memorial on I St. between 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Ave.
  - ANG Band of the South will perform at the Veterans Wall of Honor in Wasilla on Memorial Day; more info at <https://www.music.af.mil/Bands/ANG-Band-of-the-South/About-Us/>
  - Arctic Thunder Open House, July 30-31. Updates at <https://www.arcticthunderopenhouse.com/2021/12//30/2022-is-coming/>
  - Program to fly World War II and Korean War veterans to Washington DC to see Memorials. Upon their return it is requested to have people at the airport welcoming them home. Saturday April 20<sup>th</sup> at the airport
- **ACDA** – Melinda Gant
  - Working on block 95 development – start in May
  - Requests for tourist buses
  - More use of parking downtown
  - Alaska Sportsman show in Denaina Center – very successful
- **New Business:** 6minute limit

- **Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update** – Silvia Villamides
  - A few licensees coming up for renewal -procedure: questions regarding operations and changes. Also check with APD and AMCO for violations
- **Treasurer Update** – Jason Motyka  
\$4,660.
- **Presentations:** 6minute limit (3 minutes – to speak / 3 minutes – for questions)
  - **Resolution opposing the relocation of transit stops from the Downtown transit center to 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue between C Street and E Street and if Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) is unable to locate in another port of downtown, asking for mitigation efforts to offset the impact.**
    - Discussion: ACDA, transit, neighbors, and businesses.
    - Kim Stalder - update on the above discussion – had meeting on the 3/21. Outcome – Mayor directed the options be looked at and include impact on the businesses. Mike Robbins, has communicated back and forth several times. Mayor’s office responded asking for patience.
    - Kim Stalder read the resolution into the record. Amending resolution, there are 8 not 5 options.
    - Kim Stalder made the motion to approve the resolution John Snead seconded the motion. Motion passed.
    - Discussion:
    - Vote: 11 yes, 0 no, 3 abstained
  - **Resolution DTCC regarding vehicle speed limits in downtown area**
    - Mike Ward read resolution into the record.
    - To be voted on in May meeting.
    - Kristine Bunnell suggested that this go to AK DOT and several other agencies once voted on.
  - **Homeless issues downtown**
    - Concerns of neighbors and businesses downtown especially around the yellow mall. Homeless people have been camping out on the streets, vagrancy, burglary, harassment of customers, drinking of alcohol on the streets, alcohol given to minors, inappropriate behaviors of many types, at least 10 repeat offenders.
    - Requesting help from APD in dealing with these issues.
    - Lieutenant Soto will patrol with his officers and show them what numbers may be used to write citations for the above issues. Encourages other people and groups to work with APD in coming up with solutions to help address these issues. Writing citations won’t cure the problem.
    - Recommendation: DTCC, ADP, Parks, APD – have a meeting to come up with a process to move people out of the downtown corridor.
    - Committee: Amanda Moser, Richard Irwin, Logan Rammell, Officer Jackson, Sylvia Villamides, and someone from Parks.
  - **Resolution regarding re-districting**
    - Amber McDonald made the motion to read the resolution and vote on it tonight. Amanda Moser seconded the motion. Motion passed.
    - Amber McDonald read the resolution into the record.

- Checked attendance to identify those present that were eligible to vote on resolution
- Discussion on resolution
- Vote – 17 eligible to vote, 16 yes, 1 no, 0 abstained  
Resolution passes

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

**ADJOURN MEETING**

Mike Ward moved to adjourn the meeting. Amanda Moser seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at: 8:03pm