

ANCHORAGE DOWNTOWN COMMUNITY COUNCIL

Wednesday, July 6, 2022@ 5:30pm – 7:30pm

Hope Center 240 E. 3rd Avenue (3rd Avenue entrance) 2nd floor

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CALL MEETING TO ORDER

- Welcome & Introductions
- Participants: Silvia Villamides, Jason Motyka, Richard Irwin, Alexandria McCormick, Doug Farris, Van Le, Will Webb, Larry Michael, Loki Tobin, Chris Constant, John Pekar, Art Johnson, Joy Boston, Kristin Anderson, Tom Begich, Trevor Baily, Portia Noble, Melinda Gant.
- Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of the agenda.
Addition made - presentation – 4th Ave. Theater, Muffin Man Inc.
Richard Irwin made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. Motion passed. The agenda has been approved with the addition.
- Approval of May meeting minutes.
Melinda Gant made corrections to the May 4, 2022 minutes. Richard Irwin made the motion to approve the meeting minutes of May 4, 2022 with the corrections made. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. Motion passed. Meeting minutes of May 4, 2022 with the corrections made were approved.
- **Reports:** 3minute limit
 - **Assembly Report** – Chris Constant
 - Assembly working on four items from previous sessions. Land Use Permit is involved in one. Many new items as well.
 - Draft coming to DTCC regarding a current item.
 - Assembly working on American Rescue Plan. Projects to be organized and prioritized. ARPA process
 - Due process to remove a Mayor to be voted upon by the assembly
 - **Senate Representative** – Tom Begich
 - Retiring.
 - Reapportionment -new boundaries; Fireweed, north cuts down 3rd Ave and includes Centennial Park area. Downtown area still maintains the same Senate seat.
 - Loki Tobin – running for the Senate seat
 - Budget – United Way money was vetoed.
 - Downtown Library funded
 - Money for coastal trail approved
 - Funding for blood bank – can now test the blood here
 - Farmer’s Market assoc. – snap program and more
 - School bond debt reimbursement – approved in the budget – language will tell if it goes to School District or to municipality
 - Alaska Read Acts – every district in the state may offer enrollment for children in pre-K.
 - Tom Begich will be a member of South Community Council – member at large

- **House of Representative Report** – Zach Fields n/a
- **Mayor's Office Report** – Portia Noble
 - Mayor's community grants – deadline for applications is on July 15, 2022.
 - Upcoming – Bear Paw Festival Chugiak-Eagle River, July 13-17
 - Downtown – solid waste compost program coming to an end
 - Centennial Campground – working with community for: food & hygiene items. Catholic Social Service helping and providing food. Asking churches to be more involved. Three churches have volunteered to provide food on Sundays. Community engagement. Trying to get info on clients, what are their needs, where can they be placed?
 - Navigation Center – Tudor & Elmore. – behavioral health treatment, core government services, vocational rehab, shelter - 150 up to 200 people
 - Open Fires – banned
 - Taxes on real property are due on July 31 or may be paid in two separate payments. First half due July 31 and second half due September 30.
- **Anchorage Police Department** –n/a
- **Anchorage School Board** – Margo Bellamy n/a
- **Anchorage Downtown Partnership** –Larry Michael
 - Benjamin Wilk coming to ADP. He is excited to come to this position. Supports a "Clean, Vital and Safe Community." He will be arriving the first of August.
 - Many activations this summer: Live after 5, Zoomba, Music in the Park, etc.
- **Our Downtown Update** – Kristine Bunnell n/a
- **JBER** – Joy Boston
 - Arctic Thunder Open House is July 30-31. Find updates at <https://www.arcticthunderopenhouse.com/> or on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/s/arctic-thunder-open-house-2022/868294350700826/> Come in through Boniface Gate, Richardson Gate. You will be directed to parking
 - Boniface visitor center is opened for guests. Richardson visitor center is closed until September 2022.
 - Government Hill gate will re-open July 8, hours will be 6am to 9pm daily; more construction and closure updates may be found at <https://www.jber.jb.mil/Home/Closures/>
 - There will be construction on base July 16-17 at Zuckert Ave and Zeamer Ave to repair the roads after winter weather deterioration. This area is near the hospital so it may cause impacts to any veterans trying to visit the base for care,
 - Leadership changes this summer at JBER; Colonel David Wilson – 673d Air Base Wing commander, Lt General David Nahom Alaska NORAD Region/Alaska Command/11th Air Force commander, Colonel Kevin Jamieson 3d Wing commander.
 - Please remember to use iSportsman if recreating on JBER; register for an account, see if training areas are open and safe for recreation, and sign in and out of recreation areas at <https://jber.isportsman.net>
- **ACDA** – Melinda Gant

- Downtown Employee Discount Program: Jeff Read, Parking Director for Easy Park, and Silvia Villamides have been corresponding to schedule a meeting
- 6th Avenue Project: Construction begins December 2022, busses will be relocated at that time, Conditional Use Permit (CUP) is almost finalized. Last item to address is 1% of the Art, and Kim of Circular has been updated on the timeline for the project.
- Brownfield Grants: ACDA and MOA Long Range Planning is creating a coalition to apply for additional Brownfield Grant Funding. RFQ will be going out soon via MOA
- Backyard Country BBQ event was held on June 27th in the Chinook Lot. Another BBQ event will be on July 28th with Lee Brice & Jerrod Neman from 4-10pm. Show starts at 6pm.
- JCP Garage – Brownfield Phase 1 testing has been completed. Phase 2 will not need to occur due to the findings of Phase 1.
- Garage Facility Updates – EasyPark has been working on improving the look of the garages, including painting, floor replacements, and landscaping.
- HB 227 CPACE – Governor signed HB 227 expanding clean energy financing. ACDA supports CPACE's expansion that includes new construction which will assist on the financial gap of development projects.
- **New Business: 6minute limit**
 - **Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update** – Silvia Villamides
 - 7–8 licensees coming up next month. Transfers, renewals.
 - **Treasurer Update** – Jason Motyka
 - \$3,503.10
- **Continuing Business:**
 - None Noted
- **Presentations: 6minute limit (3minutes – To Speak / 3minutes – For Questions)**
 - **1. 4th Avenue Signals and Lighting Upgrade, G Street to E Street** – Kinney Engineering – Will Webb, Art Johnson
 - Project will replace: street and pedestrian lights, traffic signals, trees, sidewalks, pavement, gas line (from F to E), and storm drain.
 - Project will advertise for Construction Bids in Summer of 2023 (for early procurement of long lead material items)
 - Construction is planned for 2024 (single season project).
 - Funded with Anchorage Roads and Drainage Service Area Bonds.
 - Seeking bonds for phase 3.
 - Have funding now for the design

Concerns: The DTCC is concerned about having the street torn up and re-torn up for a second time. Prefer the project to be completed in a timely fashion all at once.
 - **2. Downtown Trail connection project will connect the Coastal Trail to the Ship Creek Trail** – Van Le, R&M Consultants
 - 14mile long trail. Starts at Elderberry Park and runs to Kincaid Bunkers. The trail parallels to the coast. Partnering with the railroad on this project. An aesthetic route and safety minded (not crossing rail road tracks). Mapping wetlands. Preliminary work.
 - Public open house on August 10. Will do a mailer to notify people in the area

- 2024 completion date – affected by funding.
 - 3. 4th Avenue Theater, Muffin Man Inc. – n/a
- **Announcements / Neighbor Comments:** 2minute limit
 - Fairview Fun Outdoor Event – July 23, 2022 from 11-4 – Loki Tobin
 - Motorcycles doing donuts down 3rd Ave. and racing between F&C St. – Doug Farris

ADJOURN MEETING

Melinda Gant moved to adjourn the meeting. Jason Motyka seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15PM