

September 6, 2023 - DTCC meeting notes

Meeting called to order by President.

Introductions.

Meeting turned over to Darrel Hess for elections.

Slate presented to the body.

Slate is confirmed uncontested

Moved by Mike Robbins

Second by Doug Farris

Passes with 16 ayes and 0 nays

Additions/changes to the agenda.

1-Forestry. 2-move ACDA agenda forward. 3-move Rep Groth forward. 3. Kim (circulars) will testify regarding the transit center projects.

Moved by Mike Robbins

Second by Doug Farris

Passed with no opposition

Approval of July meeting notes

Motion by Jason Motyka

Second by Radhika Krishna

Assembly report - Chris Constant:

- LED lounge is appealing the ruling regarding his establishment

- Port of AK design is near finalization. 2 65% designs have been approved to move forward

- Working with the Fed Gov to get more money to help the 3100 homeless in

- Anchorage. Anchorage is getting far less than other communities with similar numbers.

- appropriated 220k for police and public health response for 3rd Ave issue.

- STIP policy does not align with AMATS, needs to be resolved

- Downtown improvement district assessment is happening right now.

- Cold weather emergency shelter plan. Resolution on agenda for 2.5-3 million funding. Funding for January through April has been funded.

- change is coming and weather will force our hand

Senate Report - Loki Tobin/Mckenzie Pope:

- working on BSA to help with teacher retention and recruitment.

- Getting ready for the next session

- STIP comments have been submitted. State isn't working with the local organizations on projects. Federal law requires them to align

- downtown transit comment period is ongoing

House Representative Report - Cliff Groth:

- cell 907-952-3353. Feel free to reach out

- Housing/homeless is a big problem. Participated in the Alaska Housing Summit to help solve the problem. Wants the state to provide more funding to help deal with the problem.

- STIP comments focused on broader issues regarding safety for all.

-working on legislation to address the high cost of healthcare in the state.

APD report:

- APD is finalizing a plan to use the funding which will be provided to help dismantle the 3rd Ave encampment
- Utilizing spaces positively help to prevent criminal activity.

ACDA report - Mike Robbins:

- AFN is coming up 19-21 October
- Participating in the road study for downtown
- Transit center site selection is ongoing
- Petrovich park review process is ongoing
- City of a millions lights
- 6th Ave. hotel received a land use permit to move forward.
- Facade program is moving forward.
- Transit will return to the building until the transit decides to move.

ADP report - Radhika Krishna

- summer activities are closing down.
- Hamilton has brought a ton of people town
- planning for winter, hiring downtown ambassadors
- next big event is trick or treat street on October 28th

Our Downtown Update - Daniel McKenna-Foster

-street engineering study finishing up. What can we change to make the streets operate more smoothly? Should be available in a year.

3rd Avenue Radicals -

- 188 tents and 68 vehicles at the 3rd avenue camp ground.
- goal is to close site down. Should begin the 15th of October
- radicals have a regularly updated Facebook site

Alaska Railroad - Christy Terry

-Summer passenger season is winding down. Switch to the winter operations schedule in October

Performing Arts Center - Jason Herr

- Hamilton has been a big hit. 1 week of performances left.
- “Come From Away” is the next show starting in October
- ACA has “Princess Bride” coming up. Symphony is returning as well
- Parks & Rec is working on updating the exterior lighting
- vandalism has been an issue around the building

Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness - MASH

- guesthouse is running smoothly
- 6 individuals have found housing
- long list of applicants for the newly available rooms
- 20 new rooms in the Barrett Inn

Continuing Business:

-Resolution supporting the adoption of National Association City Transportation Officials (NACTO). Introduced at the May 3rd meeting
Motion by Jason Motyka
Second by Matt Schultz
Passed without opposition

-MOU (renewal) between Covenant House Alaska and Anchorage Downtown Community Council
-neighbors are concerned that there is more criminal activity going on around the covenant house.
Motion to vote on the MOU by Mike Ward
Second by Jason Motyka
Motion passes with no opposition

-title 21 parking language cleanup is ongoing. No recommendation to change community council boundaries

Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update:

- Liquor license renewal for Bear Paw, Humpy's, Broken Blender, Williwaw and AK Alchemist.
 - Marijuana license renewal for Canna Test and Tip Top
- Motion to approve by Mike Ward
Second by Jason Motyka
Motion passes

Treasurer update- no change in account balance

New Business:

-Chugach Electric: ML&P properties update. North Campus will be shut down and everything will be moved to the South campus. It will be a 2-year project.

-Anchorage Mushing District: 4th Ave from "G" to "A" has been declared the Anchorage Mushing District. Developing a Mushing- hall of fame and working on a commemorative arch to go over the start/finish line.

-Transit Center Study update: 41 sites nominated. Will be whittled down to 5 sites by September 20th, then narrowed to 3 sites.

-4th Ave lighting between Cordova and Ingra is going to be replaced. It is Federally funded so the DOT is getting involved. Design should be done by 2024 and project should begin in 2025

-3rd Ave Pedestrian safety improvements: 3rd and G and 3rd and Cordova are under construction now.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Ward
Second by Jason Motyka
8:30pm