

Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

January 9, 2019

3000 C STREET, 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The January meeting was called to order and the December minutes were approved 10-0.

**Reports of State Officials:** No state officials were present.

**Reports of Local Officials:** Assemblymen Felix Rivera was not expecting to attend but was present, and delivered an overview of his handout to the Council.

**Reports of Councils:** Albert Circosta updated the Council on the Council's Executive Board meeting, which was held on December 20, 2018. The council discussed identifying and assigning Executive Committees, including committees on Membership, Licensing (to include both liquor and marijuana), CIP & Budget, and Security/Safety/Homelessness. The Executive Board also discussed SB91 and the Denali St. upgrades.

**Presentations:** A representative from Albertsons/Safeway/Carrs gave an update to the council on Oakenkeg's move inside of the Sear's Mall (from the former location into the space previously occupied by Sears). The store will open in 2019 and have approximately 150 employees. They have had issues with security in the past, and so they will employ both uniformed and undercover security, as well as a lockbox installation and CCTV. They are working with the mall's Property Manager on security issues.

Melissa Branch of Big City Engineers presented to the Council on a replat of several alley Right of Ways in Midtown, which will include curb, sidewalk, gutter, and drain requirements.

Peppercini's Deli and Catering plans to relocate to a new location (239 E 26<sup>th</sup> Ave) upon their current lease expiration. Due to the primary focus now being on catering (commercial food production) rather than dining, they do not meet zoning requirements at the current location. The new location requires a conditional use permit. Albert Circosta motioned to endorse the proposal, and Peggy Robinson seconded. The motion passed 10-0.

**Hearing Notices:** In and Out on Arctic Boulevard is up for renewal. Ken from In and Out was present at this meeting to state his case: he and his wife own the business and are the only employees. Ken was adamant that they do not like to serve chronic alcoholics, as they are combative and rude to him and his wife as well as other customers, but has difficulty with enforcement. Tim Potter motioned to recommend requesting a conditional use permit, and this was seconded by Albert Circosta. The motion passed 7-1.

**Old Business:** Eddie Lee from Mom & Pops was not present because he had to appear in court proceedings of an individual who assaulted Mr. Lee and staff at the store. Councilmember Tim Potter noted that on the previous Saturday, none of the littered Steel Reserve beer cans had Mr. Lee's stamp.

**New Business:** President Tamagni is working on the Council's membership list, which was recently merged with the guest list. He will work to separate the members on its own list, which will be useful for outreach and surveys.

Albert Circosta motioned to replace Anton Villacorta as Secretary/Treasurer. This was seconded by Tim Potter and was approved 10-0.

**Public Comment:** There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:22pm

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