

Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

February 13, 2019

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

The February meeting was called to order and the January minutes were approved unanimously.

**Reports of State Officials:** No state officials were present, but staff to Senator Gray-Jackson was present and reported a newsletter will be forthcoming.

**Reports of Local Officials:** Assemblymen Felix Rivera was present to update the Council on Assembly discussions of redistricting, downtown property development tax exemptions, and the nuisance property ordinance.

**Reports of Councils:** Albert Circosta updated the Council on the Council's Executive Board meeting, which was held on January 31. The board continued the discussion on establishing committees.

**Presentations:** There was a scheduled presentation from the Anchorage School Board but the presenter did not appear at the meeting.

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz presented the 5% alcohol tax proposal to the council. This will be on the April ballot. A position will be postponed to the next meeting to provide notice of discussion for council members.

Anchorage Police Department sent an officer to update the council on the crime suppression efforts in midtown. The long-awaited Midtown Community Council area beat officer—which has been discussed since the summer of 2018—is now anticipated to be assigned in March or April.

**Hearing Notices:** Councilmember Tim Potter presented to the council an update on the In and Out liquor license renewal. He drafted a resolution for the Anchorage Assembly Assemblyman Rivera suggested that having more Councils (e.g., Northstar, Spenard, and Rogers Park) passing similar resolutions will carry more weight than MTCC alone. A motion to approve the resolution draft as an indication on the Council's intentions was made by Councilmember Albert Circosta and seconded by Councilmember Anton Villacorta; the Council will continue discussion in March.

Mr. Potter is also working on compiling a list of upcoming liquor license renewals that fall within the MTCC boundaries.

**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 1:28pm

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