

Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

April 10, 2019

3000 C STREET, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The March meeting was called to order at 12:01pm and the March minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports of State Officials: No state officials were present.

Reports of Local Officials: Assemblymen Dick Traini was present, as was Meg Zaleta, who was just elected to fill in the seat vacated by Dick Traini and will be sworn in at the next meeting. The Assembly is working on ordinances regarding smoking distances around playground equipment (state, city, and school parks), and in June will consider raising the tobacco purchase limit to 21 years old.

Reports of Councils: The Council's Executive Board was held on April 2 and will be held on the 1st Tuesday of every month.

Presentations: Jason Cates from Anchorage Safety Patrol gave an overview of the ASP program. The new model is medical based, as opposed to the previous model of "strong arming," and responds to approx. 30,000 calls each year. ASP is contracted by the Municipality and covers Muldoon to the Ted Stevens Airport.

Amber Jackson presented her plans to open the smallest micro-brewery in Anchorage, located at 3211 Denali Street. Councilmember Ric David motioned to approve the plan, and Councilmember Albert Circosta seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Members from the Rogers Park Community Council presented on "Take Back Community," a citizens coalition approach to homelessness, crime, and safety.

Natalie Travers- Snare (CY Investments) discussed proposed changes to Title 21 regarding alley access to new properties. A representative from the Municipality was present to engage in discussion. Because there is no amendment to Title 21 at this time, Councilmember Davidge motioned to table the topic, which was seconded by Councilmember Circosta. The motion passed unanimously.

Hearing Notices: There were no notices.

Old Business: The owner of In & Out Liquor is reportedly still in the hospital, but his daughter is open to working with the Council after personally handling the clientele in his absence. Safeway (Oakenkeg) also plans to work with the Council while their liquor license application is pending.

New Business: There was no new business introduced.

Public Comment: Russell and Becky Sells (SkiAK) commented on the increased problems their business has seen due to the crime wave. They moved from Spenard to the Sears Mall in response to such problems, but are now starting to see the same issues in the new space.

The meeting adjourned at 1:20pm.