

Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

September 26, 2019

3000 C STREET, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The September meeting was called to order at 12:06pm and the August minutes were approved unanimously.

Reports of Local Law Enforcement: There were no officers present.

Reports of State Officials: Staff to Senator Elvi Gray-Jackson was present. The Senator's bill celebrating Black History Month was recently signed into law, and is working on the adult dental program and staff reported the Public Private Partnership funding for homelessness.

Staff to Representative Drummond was present and gave an update on the State Board of Education and Department of Education and their recent summit on traumatic stress for educators and how trauma affects students.

Reports of Local Officials: Meg Zaletel, Anchorage Assemblymember, presented a preview of the upcoming Joint Assembly meeting between the Anchorage Assembly and Mat-Su Borough Assembly, as well as the upcoming workgroup on AO2019-116, which will increase building permit fees and inspection fees and significantly increase remodeling fees upon passage. The previous meeting considered a stormwater utility ordinance; there was no meeting time left to consider districting (six 2-member districts). On Oct. 4, the Assembly will consider an additional \$150,000 for 150 beds at Beans Café, but Ms. Zaletel wants more information on other areas considered for this placement, security of campus (bring in contraband after check-in), shared campus rules, APD/AFD service calls, and neighboring facility impacts.

Deena Mitchell, Anchorage School Board Representative, spoke to the Council about Destination 2020's new strategic planning process. Ms. Mitchell also encouraged MTCC members to consider mentoring an ASD student.

Reports of Councils: The MTCC Executive Board met and there was broad discussion on the Resolution of Homelessness, liquor licensing, and stormwater. There was also discussion on participation from local law enforcement. The Executive Council also gave its notice of intent to amend the bylaws to 1) split the Secretary/Treasurer positions, and 2) add two board member positions.

Presentations:

Hearing Notices: There are three liquor license renewals: Mom & Pops, Walmart (A St.), and Brown Jug (Old Seward Highway). Tim Potter represented MTCC at the Anchorage Assembly's working group on Mom & Pops and provided information on the violations of the MOU. Mom & Pop's owner Eddie Lee was also present and said he feels targeted and self-adjusted to his customer base (e.g, prices and quantity limits). The council discussed its position on Mom & Pop's. Mr. Potter plans to speak with the managers at both Walmart and Brown Jug in preparation for the next MTCC meeting to get a sense of direction on their renewals. Assemblymember Zaletel advised that a recent Community Council resolution (in favor of or opposition to) any liquor license renewal is heavily considered by the Assembly for both liquor and marijuana license renewals.

Old Business: Vice-President Ric Davidge presented on his “We Can Do Better” letter, which identifies problems and solutions on homelessness from the Midtown Anchorage perspective. Mr. Davidge highlighted some of these identified problems and how they can be addressed. Mr. Davidge also presented the Homelessness Resolution.

Councilmember Tim Potter made a suggestion on Page 3, Line 7 to add “or modify” after the first word “remove.” Vice-President Davidge motioned to approve both the letter and resolution. The motion was seconded by Member Kirk Hasain. Vote 6Y ON. and so the motion passes unanimously.

New Business: The board elections are upcoming. The Executive Council also gave its notice of intent to amend the bylaws to 1) split the Secretary/Treasurer positions, and 2) add two board member positions. The following names and positions have been nominated:

- Al Tamagi – President
- Ric Davidge – Vice-President
- Albert Circosta – Secretary
- Anton Villacorta – Treasurer
- Kirk Hastain – Board Member
- Brian Swartzentruber – Board Member
- Chris Dabbs – Board Member
- Reno Bellio – Board Member

Public Comment: There was no public comment.

The meeting adjourned at 1:12pm.