

Minutes of Midtown Community Council (MTCC) Meeting

December 9, 2015 noon

Wells Fargo Bank Museum (Northern Lights and C Street)

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 pm by President, Karen Dechman. Six members were in attendance, along with four visitors. (Sign-in sheet attached.)

Reports from Government Officials and Public Representative:

Felix Rivera from the Mayor's office gave a MOA Administrative report.

Elvi Gray-Jackson and Dick Triani gave reports as Assembly members representing our area. They reported on the 2016 budget that was recently passed, a proposed tax on marijuana, and other items. Their next meeting is on December 22.

No other representatives were in attendance.

New Business:

- a. Included in a number of liquor license renewals on the Assembly's December 22 agenda are Midtown Walmart and Mom & Pop Liquor.
 1. Karen presented a resolution to oppose the renewal of Walmart's Liquor License. An additional Whereas was added to reflect that although they attended a joint community council meeting with North Star and Midtown in November 2014, they were not receptive to considering any changes that could positively affect the neighborhood inebriate problem. Resolution passed 5 yes, 0 no.
 2. Karen presented a resolution to oppose the renewal of the Mom & Pop Store Liquor License, which is located at 601 W. 36th. During discussion, Ranna Fekrat noted that the current owners bought the store about 11 months ago. Since they had not been invited to the community council meeting to discuss the problems, it was moved by Al Tamagni and seconded by Chris Bond to postpone this item until the next meeting (February) and invite the owners (by letter) to the meeting to discuss the problems noted in the resolution. Motion passed 3 yes, 0 no.
- b. Planning and Zoning reports/notices included a request by Natural Pantry to combine 3 lots into 1 lot to build a warehouse at 401 West Fireweed Lane. (Fireweed and D Street, north side). Project S12242. No discussion was held.
- c. Tudor Road and 36th Avenue Improvement Project. It was clarified that this is really the 36th Avenue and New Seward Intersection Improvement Project. No discussion was held.

Old/Unfinished Business:

- a. Bylaw presentation. Peggy Robinson presented the amendments to the current bylaws as developed by the Bylaws Committee during the last week. She explained that the MTCC is currently operating under the “standard bylaws” approved by the Assembly in February 2014, so these changes are to personalize them to MTCC. Any changes are amendments that need to follow the section in the bylaws about amending them. They also need to be approved by Darrel Hess, the MOA Ombudsman and the Assembly.

Karen distributed some amendments that she wanted considered by the MTCC body. It was decided have Darrel review the amendments between this meeting and the February one to know which he would accept before further discussion. The committee’s recommendations have already passed review by Darrel.

It was agreed that the February meeting will include discussion and vote on the individual amendments. The March meeting will include a vote on any other amendments and on the bylaws as a whole.

There will be no meeting in January. The February meeting will be on February 10 at the Wells Fargo Bank Museum on Northern Lights and C Street.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm by Karen.

Minutes taken by Peggy Robinson.