

Minutes of Midtown Community Council (MTCC) Meeting  
Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2017, Noon  
Wells Fargo Bank 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room – 301 W. Northern Lts. Blvd

Council President, Peggy Robinson, called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon. IN ATTENDANCE: 12 voting members (2 residents, 10 business reps), 8 visitors. The sign-in sheets are filed with the Federation and new members are added to the mailing list.

The agenda for the meeting was approved as presented. The MTCC Minutes of the April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting were approved as presented.

REPORTS FROM GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

Assembly Member, Felix Rivera, reported that he will sit on the Municipal Audit Committee and is Chair of the Homelessness Committee. In addition, he is a member of Committees-of-the Whole' Budget/Finance, Public Safety, and Rules. His contact information is [riveraf@muni.org](mailto:riveraf@muni.org) or 764-0841. The next Homelessness Committee meeting is May 17 at 11am on the 8<sup>th</sup> floor of city hall.

John Church, representative from Senator Berta Gardner's office, noted that the Alaska Legislature is still in session, mainly focused on State budget issues.

Peggy Robinson gave an update of recent FCC activities, including approval of by-laws changes. At the May meeting, modifications to the personnel policies will be considered, as well as officer elections for next year.

She also gave a President's Report on pending planning of 32<sup>nd</sup> and 34<sup>th</sup> Avenues bicycle and pedestrian improvements, noting that CRW Engineering (who will have the contract) employees recently volunteered their time for trash cleanup on 34<sup>th</sup> from C Street to Arctic. They will host an open house about the project, probably in late July.

Peggy also requested that Felix Rivera contact appropriate personnel to remove Adopt-A-Park signage at Arctic & 31<sup>th</sup>. Also needed is a signage stating correct rules of conduct to be follow by park users to be posted on 32<sup>nd</sup> and Bering, where most people enter the park.

HEARING NOTICES RECEIVED –

Liquor: Peggy met with representatives from NeighborWorks about their problems with people abusing alcohol obtained from Mom and Pop Liquor Store at 36<sup>th</sup> and Bering. Mt. Vernon Commons Condos also have problems with alcohol and other trash on their property along Bering, as well as trespassing on their property. Mom and Pop Liquor license renewal is in 2018, with the time for comment in the fall of 2017. They developed some strategies, and NeighborWorks also talked with Assembly Member Rivera.

The Ale House business is expanding to midtown, opening in the former Crossroads Sports Bar on Benson. MTCC has not received their liquor transfer notice yet; no one in attendance had concerns about their opening.

Marijuana: Will Schneider from Catalyst Cannabis Company is in attendance and will be presenting his request for a retail store adjacent to his grow facility next month. Peggy will invite the other retail stores that were approved a year ago to also come to the meeting to check in.

## PRESENTATIONS

Luke Bowland, Project Manager, DOT & PF, made a presentation of ANC Runway 15/33 Rehabilitation that is expected to begin this summer and continue for the next several construction seasons. Katherine Wood from HDR also presented about public involvement. A Fact Sheet on the project was provided.

James Boehm, MOA Dept of Health & Human Services, made a presentation on the Consolidated Plan that sets the goals for funding projects with CD Block Grants, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and Emergency Solutions Grant. In addition he distributed a Department questionnaire on Housing & Homeless Assistance in Anchorage. He urged that these be distributed, completed and returned to his attention by 5-31-17.

OLD BUSINESS – None

## NEW BUSINESS

Ric Davidge and Peggy Robinson and Al Tamagni provided information on the upcoming “Crime in Midtown” community meeting to take place on Monday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm at the BP Energy Center. There will be efforts to raise public awareness of the meeting with a goal of coordinating issues and potential solutions among residents, business owners, community leaders and others impacted by crime in our area. Antone Villacorta from JL Properties volunteered to design a flyer about the event. Ric Davidge and Doug Lampkin from NeighborWorks will coordinate on speakers.

## PUBLIC COMMENT

A motion was made regarding the need for a sidewalk on 34<sup>th</sup> Ave. from Denali St to Old Seward Hwy. It was decided that this should be a part of, or added to CIP list for 34<sup>th</sup> St. Renovation. Vote was 11/0. Peggy will submit it.

Next meeting is June 14 and will be held on the first floor in the Museum.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 pm

Minutes by Pat Henderson & Peggy Robinson