

Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

SEPTEMBER 13, 2017

NEW LOCATION: 3000 C STREET, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

The meeting was called to order by Peggy Robinson, President at 12:05pm. Everyone in attendance introduced themselves. A total of 17 members were present, along with 4 visitors.

The agenda was approved with an addition of 6.c. Hearing on Serrano's Mexican Grill and 7.b. 32-33rd Improvements Report. The minutes of the August 9th meeting were approved.

Reports of State Officials: Representative Drummond, and John Church, staff member of Senator Gardner, were present. They gave Updates on State Budget and answered questions regarding SB 54 amending SB91. Senator Gardner is planning a constituent meeting on October 16.

Assembly members Dick Traini and Felix Rivera gave updates on Muni Activities and answered questions about more police office, status of current and new academies, and community policing.

Hearing notices. The renewal of Liquor Licenses for 2018-2019 were presented and discussed. Any action by the Council will be at the October Meeting.

Land Use Planning: There were 2 Land Use Planning Notices received and there no objections voiced.

Renewal of Serrano's Mexican Grill Liquor License: Besides the renewal, there is a 15% ownership transfer. There was no objection.

Presentations: A presentation on 36th Avenue/Denali Street improvement project was made. A more formal and detailed presentation would be made on Thursday October 5, 2017 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. at an open House at Stewart Title, at 480 E 36th Avenue. There were a few question and answers.

The planning report for the 32-33rd Avenues Improvement Project is now available. A link to it was sent out to the mailing list.

Old Business: A discussion about the alcohol problem in the area around 36th & Arctic/Arctic Benson Park was planned with the owners of In and Out Liquor Store

and Mom and Pop's Liquor Store. Unfortunately, neither of the owners attended. (Ken Kang, owner of In and Out, later contacted Peggy to apologize, as he was sick.) It was decided that member Tim Potter would write a resolution requesting a public hearing in front of the Anchorage Assembly to hear complaints and suggested conditions to request be placed on their renewed license in 2018. Tim will present it at the October meeting. It is due to the Municipal Clerk by October 13.

New Business: President Robinson opened Nominations for New Officers and Directors for the Midtown Community Council to be held at the October Meeting.

Those nominated for Board Member positions were Kirk Hastain, Larry Baker, Scott Bridges, and Brian Swartzentruber. Officers nominated were Anton Villacorta (Secretary/Treasurer), Ric Davidge (Vice President) and Al Tamagni Sr, (President). Nominations will also be open at the October meeting, before voting.

The Council also voted a "Big Thank You" to the owners of the Northern Lights Inn for having the building demolished and the property cleaned. Some work is still continuing. A question was asked about their intended use and the response was that has not been determined.

There was a larger member turnout and the new meeting location is a very accessible and excellent facility for enhanced membership turnout. Thank you to Terence Chang of United Management Group, LLC, for their donation of the meeting space.

Meeting Adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Submitted by Al Tamagni Sr, Board Member