

DRAFT Minutes of Midtown Community Council Meeting

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3000 C STREET, 1ST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM

Reports of State Officials: Senator Gardner spoke on upcoming Special Legislative Session with SB 91 and SB 54 [crime bills] on the agenda. She herself was a target of a home intruder, so she appreciates the public concerns. She shares MTCC's concerns over "hi-jacking" SB 54 with other issues like taxation. She also discussed property taxes, and has experienced resistance in the past on property tax legislation. Representative Drummond also spoke and said she was willing to carry a bill to exclude property tax changes from having to see ballot vote. Rep. Drummond also encourages members to contact their State Senators about working on a state fiscal plan.

Reports of Local Officials: Anchorage Assemblymen Dick Traini and Felix Rivera summarized the Assembly meeting with SB 91 discussion the previous night. The assembly voted to amend—not replace—SB 91. Other Assembly actions included voting on on-site marijuana consumption, bear/human trash problems, increased penalties for vehicle theft, and hotel mold regulations. Assemblymen Traini will sponsor a bill to introduce gasoline tax to offset property taxes (\$0.10/gallon gasoline tax to offset \$360/year property tax). MTCC discussion included a request to consider funding pedestrian maintenance (trails, sidewalks, etc.), and also compiling a list of property tax exemptions on local buildings (such as exemptions for churches that lie outside of IRS 501(C)(3) codes and municipal enforcement of those exemptions).

Presentations: A presentation on the Loussac Library renovations was made. The renovations are almost finished; the grand staircase will be open and usable in 6 weeks. The "Tech Bar," which is an open workspace available for entrepreneurs and the business community will also be open. Other improvements included open lighting, better Wi-Fi connectivity, meeting rooms, and program training. MTCC feedback included difficulties with physical access to the drive-up book drop and encouraging the library to work with the 36th Avenue/Denali Street improvement project (presented to MTCC on September 13, 2017).

Protested Renewal of Mom & Pop's Liquor License: The resolution regarding Mom & Pop's Grocery and Liquor [Midtown Community Council Resolution 2017-4] was brought forth for a vote. The resolution explains that in light of the increased, documented problems with chronic public inebriates, litter, and lack of cooperation from the business owners, the Council protests the renewal unless stipulations are met—stipulations to included sales restrictions of "shooters" and single-serve, chilled beers. Tim Potter moved to approve the Resolution, and was seconded by Chair-elect Tamagni. The Resolution was passed unanimously.

Nominations: Tim Potter moved that the slate of board members be approved, and was seconded by Albert Circosta. The motion was passed unanimously. The new board members are as follows: President Al Tamagni, Sr.; Vice-President Ric Davidge; Secretary/Treasurer Anton Villacorta; and Board Members Kirk Hastain, Larry Baker, Scott Bridges, and Brian Swartzentruber.