

DTCC  
Wednesday, December 4, 2024  
5:30pm – 7:30pm  
City Hall – Room 155  
In-person meeting  
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CALL MEETING TO ORDER at 5:30pm

#### Welcome & Introductions

Additions/changes to the agenda. Approval of agenda, motion was made and seconded. Motion passed. Approval of September 11, 2024 meeting notes Motion was made by Jason Motyka Seconded by Mike Ward. Motion passed.

#### Reports:

- House of Representative Report – Cliff Groh  
Cliff Groh expressed concerns about homelessness, and improving business - our need for revenue with current red ink - our need to address public safety. Groh gives an example of Dubin Road in Muldoon where children walk to school and it has no sidewalks.
- Anchorage Downtown Partnership – Radhika Krishna  
Ten new businesses have opened downtown. Santus, a new corporate headquarters, has 236 new employees. Block 96 at 8th & K has 100% occupancy. The Aviator is going to open as Wild Birch by Hyatt. The Hilton is going to go through renovations.
- JBER - Joy Boston  
The star has LED lights that use less resources and is more environmentally friendly. JITTC, the Joint Integrated Test & Training Center, with simulators for aircraft & weapons for the army and Air Force, will hire 130 people to operate the facility, bringing more business to Anchorage. With 125,000 square feet, it will be a North America training center.
- 3rd Avenue Radicals – Jim Renkert or Larry Michael  
Larry Michaels urges everyone to keep in touch. We all care & share the same goals. Silvia Villamides: Henry House, a shelter helping the homeless, neighbors expressed concerns with noise and the inhabitants.
- Anchorage Coalition to End Homelessness – Guest House Representative - Kyle manages the Guesthouse with 267 units for MASH (Mark Begich & Shelton) and also helps with Barratt Inn & Lakeshore. Some renovation with carpet & paint. Some court evictions for nonpayment & behavior issues. Some vacancies. Providence House opened up & took 6 or 7 clients. Currently buying cameras.

- Sala Anchorage Safety Patrol – David Parish  
Sue Simmonds, owner: Try to free police for other duties by responding. 2 pm to 10 pm is the busiest call time. Responded to 1200 calls in November. Work with AFD, APD, airport police. Call (907) 343-4006 or 311.

#### Continuing Business:

##### a. Alcohol and Marijuana Committee Update - Silvia Villamides

###### 1. Liquor

- a. Humpy's Great Alaskan Alehouse – Renewal
- b. La Cabana – Renewal
- c. Cajun Corner – Renewal
- d. 49 State Brewing - - Brewery manufacturer combined renewal

Motion for approval was made by Larry Michael. Seconded Mike Ward. Motion passed.

###### 2. Marijuana

- a. Red Run – Renewal
- b. Tip Top – Renewal
- c. AKSense/Cannabaska – Renewal

AK Sense – Canabaska - Some discussion about Hope Center and the community, businesses working together. Motion for Approval was made by Mike Ward. Seconded by Larry Michael. Motion passed.

##### b. Treasurer Update - Jason Motyka

Discussion about EIN which belongs to the FCC. Group talked about the DTCC bank account balance. Jason Motyka made a motion to give the \$3000 from the bank account to the Mushing District. Mike Ward seconded the motion. Silvia would like to support the Mushing District and have some kind of plaque with DTCC name on it. Motion passes. That takes care of the bank balance consideration

#### New Business - Presentations

- 10-year Review Council Boundary Districts – Tom Davis  
Every ten years the planning department accesses community council districts. Which ones are active? Do the boundaries still represent the communities? The downtown community council needs to express their support for the planning & zoning recommendation. The process involves a public hearing and assembly approval. The resolution must be submitted by Feb. 3.

The DTCC needs to consider Fairview and the South addition to the East and West respectively. The planning department has considered public input for their study. Natural communities have similar objectives and interests, identifiable boundaries. Community desires are important. The committee had 12 representatives which included Darrell Hess. Melinda Gant was the chair. Discussion by 3rd Ave Radicals if they want to continue going to Fairview and Downtown Community Council

meetings over their concerns. Radhika mentioned how the central business district in code is different from Downtown Improvement District and other designations. The DTCC board will discuss the issue and come up with a resolution.

- Kinney Engineering – Update 3rd Avenue Signal and Lighting project upgrades - Tabled until January meeting
- Our Downtown - The Downtown Streets Engineering study is working on the set of recommendations. Talked with DOT recently to make sure the driving traffic forecast models we are using align with the models they are using for their Seward/Glenn PEL. Not much has been done on the open streets project yet. Email any questions to [daniel.mckenna-foster@anchorageak.gov](mailto:daniel.mckenna-foster@anchorageak.gov)
- Announcements/Neighbor Comments  
Bruce Abbott from Brown Jug says he will attend the DTCC meetings and he is available for any questions or concerns.

ADJOURN MEETING 7:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Roberts, Secretary