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Municipality of Anchorage Anchorage Women's Commission



AWC Meeting 11/12/2020 5:30 – 7:00 pm Microsoft Teams online meeting

Present: Andria Cross/Cambria Patz (AHD hosts), Jackie Cason, Margaret Duggan, Monica Elkinton (Co-chair), Joan Ryan (Chair), Kami Hutchins (AHD Liaison), Representative Pete Petersen (guest)

I. Call to Order

- Quorum established and Call to Order at 5:31pm

II. Introductions

III. Approval of Agenda

- Motion to approve agenda (Co-Chair Monica Elkinton)
- 2nd to approve agenda (Commissioner Cason)

IV. Approval of Minutes

- Motion to approve (Co-Chair Monica Elkinton)
- 2nd to approve (Commissioner Cason)

V. Old Business

- Recruiting new members to Anchorage Women's Commission
 - Commissioner Duggan spoke with Jason at the Mayor's office and there are not any applications. He will inform the Commission if any applications are submitted.

VI. Public Comments

- No public comments

VII. New Business

- Letter to the legislation through the mayor about the Cares Act and child care: Chair Ryan reports that the letter is being finalized and will be sent to the group for review.
- Guest: Representative Pete Petersen: Addressed questions that were sent ahead of time:
 - COVID-19 measures put forth by the Assembly:
 - Discussion regarding the various measures such as: urging employers to allow working from home & meetings/work sessions conducted online, mask and face-covering requirements, limiting number of people attending Assembly

- CARES Act funding appropriation deadline:
 - The funds will no longer be available if they are not appropriated by December 2020. Federal legislation would have to be rewritten or some type of amendment would need to occur. The MOA will have \$18 million less funding due to loss of hotel/car rental taxes lost due to COVID-19.
 - The impact of COVID-19 on those who are experiencing homelessness and what is being done by the Assembly:
 - A committee is working on the [“Anchored Home” plan](#) and needed additional funding so the private sector contributed to the project. The MOA is planning on purchasing buildings to accommodate shelter and detoxification services. These purchases have not been made yet but was told by the US Treasury the CARES Act funding is appropriate.
 - The impact of COVID-19 on minority groups and what is being done by the Assembly:
 - Discussion regarding increase case counts among certain groups and those with underlying conditions. Need to find ways to reduce this disparity among multi-generational households.
 - The impact of COVID-19 on public safety:
 - Rep. Petersen reports that APD Chief Doll said that overall crime is down, notably breaking & entering cases as well as robberies. More people are at home and less likely to be victims of these types of crimes. Traffic incidents have been reduced during the “hunker down” period. APD does not have the capacity to enforce the mask mandate.
 - How can the AWC support the Assembly?
 - Maintain communication with the Mayor’s office regarding overlapping goals, attend Health Policy Commission meetings that are offered each month.
- Upcoming events (All Commissioners)
 - No upcoming events, Happy Thanksgiving

VIII. Adjournment, 6:54 pm

IX. Next Meeting – December 10, 2020 5:30 to 7:00 pm