



PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

To host a community discussion about Peratrovich Park

OBJECTIVE

To work together to find possible short term, long term and innovative solutions to issues within the park.

PROCESS

Summarize finding from the open house hosted on Friday and work in smaller groups to brainstorm

UNDERSTANDINGS

- ADP understands larger conversations are occurring.
- ADP understand this is a larger community issue and these issues won't be solved with one meeting.
- ADP believes that continued conversation with diverse stakeholders is important in considering community issues.

GROUND RULES

- Listen and speak respectfully, without interrupting.
- Listen actively and with an ear to understanding others' views.
- Commit to learning, not debating. Comment in order to share information, not to persuade.
- Avoid blame, speculation, and inflammatory language.
- Allow everyone the chance to speak.
- Avoid assumptions.

AGENDA

1. Introductions – Name and Organization/Stakeholder Group
2. Review of Open House Discussion
3. Break Out Question 1
4. Group Report 1
5. Break Out Question 2
6. Group Report 2
7. Break Out Question 3
8. Group Report 3
9. Wrap Up, Next Steps

Anchorage Downtown Partnership Call Log

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	TOTAL
Park Calls	3	3	9	21	59	59	154
Business Calls	46	24	39	41	54	42	246
Total Calls	386	344	504	546	625	566	2971

- There is a fight everyday
- People fall into our store
- Customers are uncomfortable coming into our store
- We have to escort customers to our car
- People are routinely drinking and come into our store
- Ambassadors don't have the power to control the situation
- People routinely sleep in the entry way of our business
- People scream and yell all day long
- Music is blaring
- Downtown is empty
- Homelessness is not a crime, those experiencing homelessness have rights too
- People in the park are responding to micro-aggressions they feel everyday

- 1980 government cuts in services result in what you see today in the park
- Issues in downtown and the park are getting worse each year
- People are becoming more aggressive
- People don't want services, homes, etc.
- People relieve themselves in public
- Public masturbation occurs in the park
- There are 4-5 hours of screaming obscenities each day
- People have spray painted the street lights to create darkness in the park
- Employees don't feel safe
- This is a systematic problem
- People ask patrons for food and money at their tables

- People take food and drinks off of patron's table
- People are suffering
- No one else can use the park
- People yell rude comments as I pass the park
- People are passed out in the park
- Children don't feel safe in the area
- People are targeting specific staff and scream at them daily
- The crowds are becoming younger and more aggressive
- People experiencing homelessness are not getting enough sleep
- 40% of youth on the street at LGBTQ+ and have been shunned from their family
- Where will people go if that have to leave the park
- People don't see the homeless as human

- Who will personally get to know these people by name and work with them to find the appropriate support
- Shoplifting is up dramatically
- Employees interrupted when working with customers to stop people from stealing
- I hear customers say they hate coming downtown
- People cross the street without regard for traffic
- People walk up to cars as soon as they park and ask for money
- I routinely find needles and human excrement behind our store
- We have counted as many as 40 people in the park at one time
- I see drug use constantly
- I have watched two men assault another man in broad daylight in front of kids and a family

- We have seen multiple ambulances come at least 6 times since March 2020 to help victims of either overdose or intoxication
- Most days and evenings are filled with people loitering, sleeping, or having altercations with each other
- We keep our door locked at all times because people coming into our business
- People value capitalism over humans

BREAK OUT QUESTION 1

What short term solutions can you suggest for the issues in the park?

BREAK OUT QUESTION 2

What long term solutions can you suggest for the issues in the park?

BREAK OUT QUESTION 3

What innovative solutions can you suggest for the issues in the park?