

MVCC Minutes

October 9, 2017

Call to order 7:05

Reports/Announcements

September meeting minutes: approved. Motion to approve by David Brown, Don Crandall seconded.

Council Updates: Jasmin brought MVCC committees to attention of the body, asking for engagement. If interested, please contact the council. The MVCC now has a “Friends of the Mountain View Community Council” Facebook group as a resource to neighbors. Jasmin shared the vision for a small Leadership Summit at the MV Library, where interested individuals can learn MVCC 101 and become active in the community.

Treasurer’s Report: see attached. Daniel described incurring expenses from the MV Cleanup. Two grants are still open, specific to the cleanup and patrol. The lions club has donated over 1K in gas cards over the past year. Motion to approve by Don Crandall, Dan Maher seconded. Approved.

FCC update: nothing to report.

Schools and Education Committee: see attached. School Board meeting tonight. Oct 20th is the last day of the quarter. Tyson celebrated Hispanic heritage month. School Bonds have been announced.

Cessilye Williams, Clark Middle School Principal-- Announced the success of “Men Make A Difference Day” taking place each year on Columbus Day. The UAA Engineering Day was a full house, and pictures are coming to Facebook soon. Cultural Extravaganza is coming in November—Melanie is the POC. Please attend conferences upcoming. The student who was almost abducted is doing well. Six police responded to the 911 call. Please review with your children how to be safe and walk in pairs.

Presentations and Appearance Requests:

Seed Library - Armani Thomas Presented on his work with food security at MV Library through NeighborWorks Alaska, starting a seed library where one can learn how to grow their own food and utilize it for economic gain and personal health. He created food workshops to learn about gardening. The project is about to start its second cycle and transition ownership. Next week, Armani would like to meet with interested neighbors. Contact: Athomas@nwalaska.org

Resolutions:

Resolution Requesting a Public Hearing for Alcohol License Renewals for Mountain View.

Motion to discuss by Kelly McDonald, Daniel Brown seconded. Discussion occurred regarding how Brown Jug is grandfathered into distance requirements, and conditions under which they can do business.

All in favor 13, none opposed, abstain 2, PASSED

Resolution for Safety Perimeter for Schools 2017- 9- presenter Tasha Hotch

A resolution creating a safety perimeter around schools and recreation centers from child predators. Kelly moved to discuss, David Brown seconded. Daniel noted that if this becomes a city ordinance, muni resources would need to be allocated—if this is a state law, the state may need to do the same. Asking on both levels is appropriate. David asked for clarification on the second resolution point, if the distance was from the door or property line, and suggested it go into the resolution. Tasha noted that it caused dissent to add that language.

All those in favor 13, 1 opposed, 3 abstains, PASSED

Legislative Reports:

Senator Begich-- Sydney Kauffman: legislative session is starting Oct 23. Two important issues: SB54 Omnibus crime bill, and Revenue. The governor has proposed a flat wage tax. If you have thoughts, please contact their office. Senator has submitted JBER EIS comments in a letter to congressional delegation encouraging alternative F.

January Grizzell commented that representatives voting on tax take into account the large senior population living on very limited income— Kauffman described that exemptions are being considered for retirees and those who make under 20K per year. Dan Maher commented that the legislature ought not to hurt the most vulnerable with their taxes. David Brown asked if the wage tax includes seasonal workers not residing here—Kauffman clarified that it does. Requested that the offices of Representative Tarr and Senator Begich submit the bills to the MV Library for public display.

Rep. Geran Tarr-- Magdalena Oliveros: reported regarding Rep Tarr's work to compromise on SB 94.

Assemblyman Constant—reported regarding crime and SB54. He supports what the legislature has done, and reform is the right path. It needs proper funding for prosecutors and treatment. The assembly is taking public comments as they draft their opinion to the marijuana control board on public consumption bars. Budget process begins in a week.

Dan Maher commented on how gas tax hurts the vulnerable. Secondly, on Rep Tarr and his efforts in Davis Park woods cleanup, a large encampment needs eviction. APD needs to be more responsive. Constant responded that call times are down, and our 50 new officers are helping. Daniel George asked for position on the fuel tax, and property tax increase. Constant believes we need to offset property taxes. Tasha Hotch asked about the proposed snow plow money in the budget and how that would affect us. Constant says more details upcoming.

Community Partner Updates:

MV Library- David Brown.: Grounds cleaning continues to be a priority. Please call the police if needed. New displays added: Women's health books, domestic violence awareness month, digital displays with resources, and Eat Together Eat Better. A new club was created for kids on Polynesian culture. Budget cut was reduced to 3%, leading to hours reduction at Loussac. The Job Fair had 240 participants, and they are now working on making employment easier to access in partnership with UAA—Katelyne is a MSW intern holding hours at the library. January Grizzell commented on interest to install a library sign at the Red Apple corner.

Anchorage Community Land Trust-- Radhika Krishna: It has been just over a year since the Mountain View Targeted Neighborhood Plan passed the assembly. Our update to the committee is open to the public and done in tandem with Fairview. We will emphasize alley paving and public safety improvements. 9-10:30 am Thursday.

MV Boys and Girls Club-- Dave Barney: Fully staffed, but there are potential budget cuts to transportation. The building lease will soon be renegotiated. MVCC would like to support Dave in advocacy on this issue.

Freedom 8 Living—Darathea Lathans: Brought awareness to their faith-based wraparound services for women transitioning out of prison. They can support 4 women.

Member and Attendee Comments/ Neighborhood Concerns

January Grizzell commented regarding the 1K donation to MVCC from Brown Jug, timely for their renewal.

Fred Owens thanked Dan Maher regarding comment for Senior citizens.

Jay Keener requested support in his cleanup efforts in MV and interest in Cleanup Committee.

Dan Maher commented on our past resolution opposing halfway houses and interest in advocacy on the issue.

Moved to adjourn by Radhika Krishna and seconded by Jack Klauschie. Adjourn 8:54pm