

MVCC Meeting Minutes (#4 on recorder) for August 10, 2015

Meeting called to order at 7:15PM

No previous meeting minutes available.

Reports/ Announcements

Treasurer's Report: Some money came in this month, thanks to donations to the MVCC. Still accounting for cleanup expenses, but the cost to hold the cleanup was much lower this year than it was last year. Total cost for the cleanup as of now is \$6000, which may rise a little in the coming months. Report approved with no objections.

Patrol and crime watch update: Both of our patrol volunteers are retiring from the patrol, but are willing to help train any volunteers who are interested in joining the patrol. Daniel asked for permission to sell one of the patrol vehicles, to save on insurance and registration fees for the council. Motion was made and seconded, and authorization was given to sell one of the patrol vehicles. The council will send their thanks to Bob and Glenn for their years of service to the Mountain View Community Patrol.

FCC update: None this month.

Schools update: None this month. Rep. Tarr mentioned that the Mountain View Elementary construction project has begun, and that school principals were present at National Night Out event.

Presentations and Appearance Requests

Mayor Ethan Berkowitz: Mayor Berkowitz spoke about need for additional housing in Anchorage, and Municipal support for the supportive housing model, and for the conversion of Safe Harbor Inn to permanent supportive housing. The Municipality is working to spread supportive housing such as Safe Harbor across the city. Additional supportive housing will reduce city costs drastically, and address homelessness in Anchorage. Mountain View residents, local business owners, Mayor Berkowitz, and RurAL CAP Supportive Housing discussed housing first, APD presence in Mountain View, and the Safe Harbor Inn. Daniel mentioned that the MVCC Executive Committee met with RurAL CAP Supportive Housing to discuss a good neighbor policy and staffing levels at Safe Harbor Inn. RurAL CAP Supportive Housing division manager answered questions about policies and staffing, and the geographic concentration of supportive housing projects. Resident Dan Maher spoke about Solid Waste Services surplus last year which resulted in property tax reductions. Mr. Maher suggested that surpluses should have resulted in lower bills for SWS customers. Jed Whittaker addressed the mayor about speed bumps for Taylor Street. Amy Coffman, Special Assistant to the Mayor, introduced herself, and has said that she will be at MVCC meetings in the future.

Resolution 2015-08 Supporting the Mountain View Targeted Neighborhood Plan: A resolution supporting the Mountain View Targeted Neighborhood Plan was brought, and background on the planning process was presented. After receiving a resolution of support from the MVCC, the plan will be transmitted to the Assembly to begin the adoption process. Resolution passed 19-0-1.

Resolution 2015-09 Supporting Speed Bumps on Taylor St.: Jed Whittaker presented a resolution to support the installation of speed bumps on Taylor Street. Residents discussed the locations of speed bumps, and discussed whether to be more general about types of traffic calming and locations. After amendments were made to the resolution, resolution passed 13-3-2.

Unfinished Business

Resolution 2015-06 Letter Expressing Concerns Regarding Solid Waste Services and Fees: Daniel asked to withdraw the resolution, because discussion on this topic had happened during the earlier portion of the meeting when MVCC members had a chance to address Mayor Berkowitz. Further discussion occurred, with Assemblyman Flynn commenting as well.

Legislative Reports

Sen. Ellis: Provided an update on the Mountain View Elementary School renewal and school bond debt reimbursement, and that schools are a high priority. Residents asked Sen. Ellis to keep Davis Park in mind for future capital budget requests.

Rep. Tarr: Provided an update on Erin's Law, which was passed, on a special legislative session on the gasline, a meeting with the Mayor on snowplowing, public safety, and other neighborhood concern, and on an upcoming fall Davis Park cleanup.

MVCC Announcements

Council elections will be next month - Lynelle and Diane will be stepping down. Daniel asked MVCC members to like the Council facebook page to stay updated about community events. Polar Little League had a championship season and would like to keep their jerseys, and are seeking donations to allow that to happen.