

Mountain View Community Council

February 10, 2014, Diane Mead vice-president presiding. Notes by Elizabeth Nicolai, secretary

7:01pm call to order.

Minutes from January approved.

Treasurer's report – Melissa Houston. Report approved.

Rep Geran Tarr (reporting via phone)

- Education funding is one of the hottest issues in this session. The governor has named it the "education session".
- Geran has been talking with community schools about potential impacts of education funding cuts.
- They are advocating for an increase in the BSA (Base Student Allotment) which is money directly into classrooms.
- Her biggest priority is Erin's Law to require age appropriate classroom education aimed at preventing childhood sexual abuse.
- Question from the council about the potential of staying on Alaska standard time instead of daylight savings time. Geran will look into the bill possibilities.
- Question from the council about the possibility of school vouchers. One of the biggest hurdles to school choice is the lack of transportation issues. There is a push to put vouchers on the ballot in November.
- Intends to introduce a bill to restrict alcohol sales within 400 feet of a school. This is also being adopted by Clark Middle School social studies.

Bettye Davis, school board member

- Schools are open in February to community visits.
- The BSA has not been increased in years which is an issue for Alaskan schools.
- Out of 50 states, Alaska ranks 47th for early childhood education.
- The governor proposed a BSA increase of \$85, but to maintain the same levels of services the Anchorage School District needs a \$250 per student increase.

Fire Station 3 Update – Captain Rod Harris

- Be careful. There are always increases in fires during the cold season. Have working fire detectors, carbon monoxide detectors and monitor usage of heating tools, space heaters, and candles.
- In 2009, money was appropriated for building a new station 3. The proposed site on Bragaw would be a two bay building which would relocate a ladder truck to the Muldoon area. Because of the dense population of Mountain View, it has the highest number of fire/ambulance calls and would be problematic to lose a truck and crew.
- Contacting with the admin is 269-4700.

Anchorage Community Land Trust – Radhika

- Leadership Anchorage group has voted to help with the MV community plan as their project. They will be helping to gather more input from businesses for the plan.
- Getting a sign for the coffee carts and food trucks lot.
- Working on a health care presence.

Rural Cap – Jasmine

- Still moving forward with the project to acquire Safe Harbor. Should have more updates by next month.
- Jasmine introduced herself as the employment specialist who has been working in the community with employers and employees.

Mountain View Branch Library – Elizabeth Nicolai

- A new youth services librarian has been hired and will start the last week in February.
- There will be a ballot measure on the April municipal election that is a bond for improvements at the Loussac Library. Improvements at the main location help all of the branch locations, including the Mountain View location. This is in cooperation with the request for state funding for the building improvements.
- To vote in the April 1st election, you must be registered to vote by March 2nd (30 days out). You can register to vote or update your voting registration at the library.

NAACP – President Wanda

- Anchorage Museum is having a Black History event with the NAACP on February 15th. It is free and open to the public.
- They have been testifying against the school voucher legislation.

Notice of Liquor License Renewal hearing, February 25th at 6pm at the Anchorage Assembly at Loussac Library. Comments and responses to questions from OC Madden:

- Have raised prices, changed staffing, and put in more security cameras in response to community council concerns.
- Brown Jug does secret shopper checks to catch failure of compliance for ID check.

Council comments:

- Comment in favor of school vouchers, or at least bringing it to a public vote. And against common core.
- Mountain View clean up is accepting volunteers.

Moved to adjourn. 8:37pm