

MVCC February 8, 2016 Minutes

Call to Order: 7:02PM

Voting Members: 13

Reports and Announcements

Treasurer's Report: In December, reimbursements were processed for auto insurance, payment for zipper pulls for students. This month, reimbursements for new tires and small items for the patrol cars, trash removal from Ramsey from the clean-up went through. Treasurer's report was approved.

January Meeting Minutes: Approved.

Patrol and Crime Watch: No report.

Schools/ Education Standing Committee Update: No report.

Council News Items: Bass Pro Shops site review for boat storage on Ridgeline lower lot is currently underway. Ralf's Sports Bar's liquor license is up for renewal. The requested Brown Jug liquor license hearing will take place at the Assembly meeting tomorrow.

Safety and Cleanliness Committee: The safety committee met, and found that Solid Waste Services has agreed to purchase and install the trash cans on Mountain View Drive. The MVCC will donate the funds that would have been used for this to pay for bags and required maintenance. Residents discussed maintenance of the trash cans.

Presentations and Appearances

Community Safety Priorities – Anchorage District Attorney Clint Campion: Was not present.

'Whale Song' Project Update: Aurora Sidney-Ando and Christina Demetro presented on the Whale Song sculpture. They have raised \$24,000 out of a \$26,000 project budget, and are nearly done casting the sculpture. They have done workshops at different places around the community, including a workshop at the BGC today. They are planning to unveil the project at the Mountain View Street Fair.

Resilience VISTAs Mountain View Project Introductions: Cas Newman and Jared James introduced themselves. They are hosted by the Mayor's Office, and will be working on community gardens in Mountain View and focusing on energy efficiency projects in Fairview. They will be based out of the Fairview Rec. Center and ACLT's office.

Resolutions/ New Business:

Res. 2016-02: Support for Parks and Recreation Duldida Playground Improvements. Taylor Keegan presented about the proposed designs for the Duldida playground improvements. They plan on leaving most of the open space and maintaining the existing footprint. They will have a climbing and sliding play unit, and a spinning structure. They will have swings that multiple children can use at the same time. Residents discussed the spinning structure and turf surfacing. Parks and Recreation will be hosting a fix-it this summer when the improvements are completed. Passed 13 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Discussion regarding proposed Land Use, License, and Permit Review Committee. Stuart Bannan presented about this proposed committee. Many community councils have been proposing mechanisms to address marijuana permit reviews. This committee would, rather than singling marijuana out, provide a means to deal more broadly with marijuana, liquor licenses, land use, and zoning issues. This committee is necessary because the review period for marijuana permits is 21 day, which means that

the MVCC may not be able to meet to review every permit. The bylaws amendment would create a standing committee to meet as needed and review permits, and to speak for the MVCC under special circumstances. The bylaws for each community council is set within city code. Any amendments to the community council's bylaws have to be discussed one meeting in advance of being approved, and then have to be approved by the Assembly. Niki provided background on the bylaws amendment process. A potential cannabis business owner voiced support for proposed committee, and asked about whether this committee's meeting would be open to the public.

Discussion regarding 2016 Mountain View Clean-Up: The MVCC has \$5600 for the 2016 clean-up, but isn't anticipating getting any state funding for the foreseeable future. Niki spoke about how the dumpster costs are \$3-4k, and fencing is a large additional costs. The clean-up takes about 4-5 people at the lot at all times, and additional volunteers to drive the neighborhood and pick up large items and bags left on the curb. Attendees suggested asking businesses for the remaining \$4k to have the full-size clean-up for this year, and charging those who drop off trash. Melissa proposed creating a committee to explore ways to fund, hold, and sustain the clean-up. Matt Carr, Dan Maher, Jared James, and Eric Stoneham volunteered to meet and work on this issue further.

Legislative Reports:

Seng Her from Rep. Tarr's office: See attached update. Rep. Tarr is working on food waste and equal pay bills, and is continuing to work on Erin's law.

Josh Spring from Assemblyman Flynn's office: There will not be a referendum on the equal rights bill, so it will not be on the April 5th ballot. Assemblyman Flynn has been approached by owners of a marijuana business seeking his investment. The mill rate, which will determine the tax levels, will be set in April.

Community Partner Updates:

Sue Samet from RurAL CAP: There were 40 people living at Sitka Place, and are now down to 38. Construction has begun on the John Thomas building on 3rd St.

ACLT: ACLT presented about the Mountain View farmers market, the Gardens at Bragaw being transferred to Muni management, a new community garden at Davis Park, the Mountain View Targeted Neighborhood Plan, and the Peterkin bicycle boulevard, which has been fully funded through a federal grant.

Alaska Museum of Science and Nature – Kristine Crossen: The museum has closed. The board has voted to reorganize and will be working with the Rasmuson Foundation and the Foraker group. They are interested in holding a large community meeting to hear what the community and funders want. Attendees asked about the Museum's funding sources.

Member and Attendee Comments/ Neighborhood Concerns:

Jasmine Smith & Sean: They own music businesses (Alaska Music Leaders Institution), and they organize the Alaska Music and R&B awards. They have been meeting with Dave and will be relaunching the music studio program at the Boys and Girls Club. During spring break, they will be having a program for 2-2.5 hours every day. Sean spoke about the structure of the program, which will include reading music, marketing, and creating their own music. They aim to have 10-12 kids in the spring break program. There will be no expense to the children attending.

Boys and Girls Club: Whale Song project workshop was held today, basketball will start soon.