

MVCC Minutes for May 9, 2016

Call to Order: 7:09PM

Voting Members:

### **Reports and Announcements**

Minutes: Melissa moved to approve and Don seconded. Minutes were approved without objection.

Agenda: Don moved to approve and Melissa seconded. Agenda approved without objection

Treasurer's Report: Jason presented that he has changed the format of the treasurer's report to list each MVCC grant separately. The largest expense this month was the Mountain View Community Clean-Up.

Don moved to approve and Diane seconded. The treasurer's report was approved without objection.

Schools/Education Standing Committee Update: Tasha presented an update (see attached report).

Safety and Cleanliness Committee: Stuart presented that MV Clean started on May 1<sup>st</sup>, and will run for 5 months; Mountain View businesses have raised over \$20,000 to hire the Anchorage Downtown Partnership's Ambassadors to clean and steward Mountain View Drive.

FCC Update, Council News Items, & Announcements: Daniel presented about the Merrill Field Master Plan, and shared a copy of the plan. The Alcohol and Marijuana Control Board has notified the MVCC that Dream Green Farms' application is complete. The FCC is hiring for a part-time position. The spring clean-up took place from May 1-7, and 14 semi-truck loads left the neighborhood. The MVCC thanks Mike Hammer, who generously donated his lot for the clean-up, and Niki Burrows, who organized the clean-up. Niki presented that she is still looking for a few volunteers to clean up the lot today. Niki thanked Pat Falon and other partners who helped the clean-up. The MVCC raised \$700 in donations and fees paid during the clean-up. Alaskans for Litter Prevention and Recycling Faster than A Falcon took place on April 30<sup>th</sup>, and raised \$11,000 for the Boys and Girls Club. The Davis Park lease (and the Lions Club lease) is up for renewal, and a new federal rule requiring fair-market value has resulted in the Mayor's Office and Sen. Murkowski's office working with JBER to see if an affordable or free lease option is possible. Amy Coffman presented that the Davis Park appraisal will likely take 6-18 months. Daniel asked about capital improvements being installed (and park bond funds being spent) before a lease is in place. Robert Posma stated that the Lions Club is going through the same process, and requested that the idea of a joint appraisal be explored. Daniel presented about meetings with Sen. Murkowski's staff on Davis Park. Daniel stated that Jamico's and CU1 have continued to have issues with public inebriation and related issues.

### **Presentations and Appearance Requests**

Head Start Update: Miriam Vazquez and Nasha Weller gave an update on Head Start, and the new childcare center opening in the Ridgeline Terrace housing development. Head Start's mission is preparing children for kindergarten (children ages 3-5), and connecting families with resources in the community. Their staff speaks English, Hmong, and Spanish, and they work closely with Language Link and interpreters to serve families whose primary language is not English.

Application for Marijuana Establishment License – Marijuana Dispensary and Cultivation, 4602 Mountain View Drive – Herbal Buddha, LLC – Thee Sourinhamath: Mr. Sourinhamath presented that his establishment was 580 feet away from Lions Park playground, and 680 feet from Alaska Housing Finance Corporation. He stated that investment of around \$250,000 would be put into the building. He stated that the vehicles/ containers on the lot will be moved, and that he did not have any criminal histories. He has approached nearby businesses. Diane asked whether he has approached the homeowners behind this property. Tasha asked whether he lived in Mountain View (Mr. Sourinhamath responded that he lived in Muldoon). Daniel stated that he did a background check, and found that Herbal Buddha is in good standing, and that the public notice was in order. Butch asked whether there would be both cultivation and retail. Hula Hands asked about traffic from their lot. Amy Posma asked about the distance to the Lions Park playground (Mr. Sourinhamath stated that the distance was 580 feet, but he measured to the playground, not the lot line). Mr. Flynn clarified city code regarding the establishment. Rep. Tarr asked

about specific activities at the site. Mr. Sourinhamath stated that he would be selling smoking implements. There will not be a lounge or drive-through, and he will not be selling edibles. Butch asked about safety. Mr. Sourinhamath responded that he will have a doorman. Don asked about a security plan, a security fence, and entrances/exits. Mr. Sourinhamath stated that he will be checking IDs. A Pine Street resident asked about the danger of that corner, and objected to retail and not to growing. Justin asked about controlling smell in the retail portion of the store. Mr. Sourinhamath said that he was not sure, and would have to look into it. Mustafa expressed concerns. Diane spoke about liquor stores in the neighborhoods, and the concerns that the community would not be able to affect business practices once the facility opened. Mr. Flynn responded to Diane's comment about liquor licenses and stated those issues arose because the licenses predate the city's conditional use permits. Mr. Flynn stated that for marijuana, the city has the ability to revoke licenses (unlike for liquor), and that the city would have much more control for marijuana. Mr. Flynn also presented about the community responsibility plan. Mr. Flynn stated that the MVCC has until the next meeting to take action on this license application. Stuart asked about the front door vs. lot line measurement rule. Don asked about the pedestrian route. Pastor Evans asked about foot traffic by students and pedestrians, and how this relates to this site. Mr. Flynn stated that there is no direct relationship. Justin and Diane asked about the process, community notice, and the order in which this occurs. Justin stated that the letter to all property owners within 500 feet must be sent 21 days before the public meeting. Jason asked about hours, and Mr. Sourinhamath stated he would be open 10AM-6PM, from Monday to Saturday. Daniel stated the building was built in 1961 and is 2300 square feet. Mr. Sourinhamath stated the floor plans are being done now, and that the landlord leased the entire property to him. Daniel asked about requirements for the landlord, and stated that according to a Courtview search, the landlord has a listing. Mr. Flynn responded that unless the landlord is a part owner, there is no background check requirement for the landowner. Colleen moved to oppose, and Lawrence Parrish seconded the motion. Jamie Spotrignano spoke about the busy park. Justin stated that the owner needed to do more research on the application. Mustafa stated concerns about the business location.

### **Resolutions/ New Business**

Resolution 2016-05: Residents voted 20-2-5 to oppose the state license of Herbal Buddha, LLC.

Resolution 2016-06:

### **Legislative Reports**

Rep. Tarr presented about the criminal justice reform bill. Provisions in the bill include food assistance and adult temporary assistance benefits that will now become available post-incarceration. Rep. Tarr also spoke about oil and gas tax reform. Daniel asked about marijuana taxes being used for substance abuse treatment. Rep. Tarr responded that this would result in an additional \$700,000 for substance abuse, and an additional \$1,000,000 towards domestic violence response.

Assemblyman Flynn presented about the Fantasies on 5<sup>th</sup> liquor license. The Assembly hearing will take place on June 21<sup>st</sup>. The Fire Station 3 naming committee has recommended naming the station after Rep. Max Gruenberg, which will be a resolution before the Assembly tomorrow night. Mr. Flynn spoke about the Air Quality Management Plan, and street sweeping. Mr. Flynn spoke about tax relief, and about raising money for Campfire. Mustafa asked about drug sales in the community, bad landlords, and known hot spots for crime. Mr. Flynn responded, asking residents to call APD, which may result in CAP team action. Diane stated about a recurring problem near her. Jen Howell spoke about better responses from APD that she experienced.

Amy Coffman presented on behalf of the Mayor's Office. There will be open office hours with the Mayor on Thursday, from 6-7PM, at the Fairview Rec. Center. Amy stated that some funding will soon be arriving to support the city's homelessness initiatives. Amy presented about recent TAP funding for Mountain View. Daniel stated that \$430,000 has been allocated for bike infrastructure from Bliss St. to Bunn Street.

### **Community Partner Updates**

RurAL CAP: Sue Samet presented that Sitka Place has 9 units that are empty, and that a Sitka Place resident passed away.

Boys and Girls Club: Faster than a Falcon had 1100 runners and raised \$11,000. The Mayor will be at the Boys and Girls Club this Friday from 4-6PM. Polar Little League has a game starting this summer. Dave stated that there are regularly 150-225 children at the BGC after school.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority: Jeff Bowers presented about Ridgeline Terrace, which is now 80% full now, and is expected to be 100% full in 6 weeks. CIHA is taking applications for Muldoon properties. 40 CIHA staff helped with the Mountain View Community Clean-Up, and Jeff stated that he and other CIHA staff can help clean up Mike Hammer's lot. Brewster's is in the process of remediation. Colleen thanked CIHA for how clean and well-maintained Ridgeline Terrace looks.

Mountain View Lions Club: Robert Posma presented about hosting Kid's Day this Friday, and Faster than a Falcon on April 30<sup>th</sup>. On June 12<sup>th</sup>, the Tour de Cure will take place and will go through Lions Park. The sand volleyball court is open again.

Mountain View Branch Library: Summer reading will start on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

National Park Service: Jen Howell presented with Cecilia from the National Parks Service. NPS' Centennial is this summer, and the NPS will be celebrating by partnering with Mountain View this summer to volunteer this summer.

### **Member and Attendee Comments**

Jared James presented on a partnership with 21<sup>st</sup> Century to build a greenhouse at Mountain View Elementary School.