

MVCC Minutes for October 10, 2016  
Call to Order: 7:09 PM

### **Reports and Announcements**

Treasurer's Report: MVCC currently has grant funds totaling \$15,884.03 for the annual spring clean-up. There were no financial transactions for the month of September, and MVCC's total unrestricted funds amount to \$5,442.42. Treasurer's report was approved.

September Meeting Minutes: Approved

Schools and Education Committee—Tasha Hotch: She presented events going on at the school, including:

ANCCS: Picture Day is this Friday. They had the Eskimo ninja warrior visit their school on Sept. 30.

Clark: Hosted a Saturday open homework day on Oct. 8 for students to get assistance before the end of the quarter.

Mt. View: Breakfast with Principal on Oct. 17

Tyson: First PTA meeting Sept. 28. and are currently collecting Box Tops.

She encouraged those working in the school to ask students how they are doing so that we can show our support for students and their feelings of safety.

On Friday from 2-4 PM, there will be a safety event for the students as well.

FCC Report by Daniel George: There will be a Grand Opening of AFD station 3 starting at 12:30 this upcoming Saturday the 15<sup>th</sup>.

Council News Items:

We will be celebrating the adoption of the Neighborhood Plan next Wednesday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at the Resolution Brewing Company from 6-7:30 PM. There will be a program at 6:30.

The National Park Service held a Centennial Event in Davis Park, and they have been volunteering in various parts of the community as a celebration of their event.

Bartlett High School has adopted Lyons Park, and they will be coming every other Tuesday to help clean up the park.

On October 20<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM at the Railroad Depot, there will be a meeting to invite input over what trails to connect to the rest of the city trails, including Ship Creek Trail.

On the 21<sup>st</sup>, there will be a Community Engagement Conference held at the UAA from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM.

The Mayor's office will be holding an event called Walk Together on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, organized by the Mayor's Office and the Sister City commission. This is meant to celebrate inclusion and welcoming people into the community.

Safety and Cleanliness Subcommittee: The Mayor's Office will donate trash cans to be installed along Mountain View Drive, to help keep trash out of the community. SWS will install them.

**Presentation and Appearance Requests:**

Slow Burn-- Jana Weltzin is an attorney for AK Slow Burn. She asked for questions from the community as they are the first Marijuana retail store coming into the community. Daniel George asked where in the state licensing process they currently are. Jana answered that they are currently not all the way through the process. They will be in front of the state board likely in December. The parking for this business will be the empty lot near the building, which the business owners have rented as well. The location of the business is near a wholesale glass shop Denali Window. Lew and Rob completed a questionnaire that was sent out for marijuana businesses. Lew's background is in workplace safety, and Rob's background is in oil and gas. Rob reported that Lew was not here tonight due to a prior engagement with a class. A community member asked if they had considered how close the business is to Safe Harbor. They reported that they are over 500 feet away, which is the legal requirement. They have posted ads around the community as well as put an ad in the newspaper. They have not yet heard any feedback from the community. A community member asked if there is a specific way to measure distance. Jana answered that the Economic Development Committee will be talking about this issue further later this week. A community member asked about security of the area. Jana answered that there will be cameras at every point of entry, as well as increased lighting around the building. Some of the employees will have panic buttons on their employee lanyards in case of any security issues. Most of the storefront is going to be storage and break rooms for the employees. There will also be locked closets in the back where the product will be stored. No part of the building will be uncovered by a camera, even if one of the cameras fails. There will be no on-site consumption. Daniel George asked about ID requirements, and asked if they will sell to people with red stripes. Jana answered that the answer is currently no, but that this may become a requirement next year. Rob answered that the store policy will be to not sell to anyone with red stripes. Daniel replied that they cannot sell to anyone who is visibly intoxicated by any other substance as well. Rob clarified further by saying that it used to be his job to terminate people who were visibly intoxicated, so he knows what to look for. AK Slow Burn requested that the MVCC sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with AK Slow Burn; the MOU or a community engagement report are required as part of the Muni's SLUP process. A community member asked if the approval of this MOU could become an annual requirement rather than just a one-time approval. Jana answered that the Muni process includes an annual review. She has no objection to adding in a clause to require the business to come back before the MVCC once a year. They want a well-thought out community memorandum to show their commitment to working with the community. It was suggested that we make the memorandum an annual requirement.

Rob read a statement by the absent Lew, and claimed that they will be attempting to hire within the Mountain View Community as much as possible. A community member asked what their process in hiring and finding experienced employees will be. Rob replied that there will be a lengthy training process when they first open the business. He has been training people to do their jobs for the past forty years, and feels he has sufficient experience for starting up this new business.

Alaska Green Go—Rich and Troy presented their business Green Go. They currently are not applying for a retail location, and are focusing on cultivation. They will not be advertising that they are cultivating marijuana, and expect the business to be discreet. They plan on meeting all security requirements for the building as well. Rich added that any employee working at Green Go will have a Marijuana handler's card, and will be well trained, and will understand many of the details of both handling and selling the product. This is a state requirement. In order to have a retail license, you must also have a handler's card. Rich went on to say that they have not found any churches or schools or other protected uses within 500 feet of the building. They have both operated businesses before. Troy operated a granite company in Wasilla. A community member asked if there would be armored vehicles

transporting the product between the cultivation facility and the retail facility. Rich replied that there will be security involved in the transportation process including armored vehicles, the vehicles will also be closely tracked with GPS. This is the same security process that is being used in other states where recreational marijuana is sold. This increases accountability. As this is only a cultivation business, there will be no interaction with customers at all at this facility. A community member asked if they know where the money for the business will be kept. Rich answered that there are still a lot of grey areas, and that the state is working to close loopholes in the banking situation. Rich went on to explain how expensive this sort of business can be. Jason requested that the MVCC consider a resolution of non-objection to Green Go. 101 North Post road is the location of Green Go. The final vote was 15 in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 abstaining.

### **Legislative Reports:**

Rep. Tarr: Stated that senator Dunleavy shut down his committee and the bill did not get through, for student safety. It's a situation unique to Mountain View, with the proximity of the Brown Jug to Clark Middle School. She is interested in further pursuing legislation to help the students feel safer. Rep. Tarr feels there is a strong case for the Mountain View clean up, and how important it is for the community. She would like to engage the governor's office before the end of the year. Updates: Welcoming Week, and National Voting Registration Day were both very successful events. The school principle meetings— in regards to the school budget cuts, they had already planned for lower budgets, and only one school lost a teacher. Saturday the 22, there will be a fall constituent meeting where there will be a budget forum or other legislation and community concerns. Rep. Tarr also addressed public safety and presented community generated ideas on safety. Downtown Partnership has put together a plan that she thinks we should adopt. Rep. Tarr has been working for years on restorative justice issues, and hopes to have a high impact on criminal justice reform. There will be a summit on December 2-3 to address these issues. Jan asked if the restorative justice summit will be youth focused. Rep. Tarr answered that this will be a big focus of the summit. Daniel asked if the roundabout project here in Mountain View will be completed. Rep. Tarr responded that the money from that grant is being spent elsewhere. Rep. Tarr also suggested that partial re-appropriations may be directed toward Mountain View, depending on how the project is classified. Daniel wondered if the request for funds to Juneau would be spent elsewhere. Radhika asked if the remaining funds for the roundabout could be used for traffic signs or safety cross walk as a compromise. Rep. Tarr responded that this is an issue that needs to be addressed at City Council.

On the issue of safety at the Brown Jug, Matt Carr, manager of the Red Apple Mall Brown Jug store has claimed that he Brown Jug will add a 20% time security guard to attempt to address the issue of safety.

Candidate for State Senate Tom Begich—He announced that he will be looking for office space here in the Mountain View area. He wants to have a local office since a significant portion of his constituents do not own a vehicle.

Assemblyman Flynn: He is instituting a tax abatement process to address current budget issues that he is confident will be adopted by the assembly. On the issue of Marijuana licensing, he is currently not allowed to vote on cultivation license applications.

Kathleen Plunkett—The graduation rate and student count is just under projected enrollment. There was a reduction in transportation funds of about one million dollars. The revenues were short about three million dollars. Daniel asked about the governor's veto that had not been held up, and the impact on Anchorage. The impact was about two million dollars.

Community Partner Updates:

Cook Inlet Housing Authority—Lisa spoke about how the Surf Laundry Shop is a source of ground contamination, and they received a grant to test the ground in order to know the extent of contamination. CITC can't redevelop at their own site because they are downhill of the contamination. By the end of the year they will have a report regarding the size and cost of clean-up. She also mentioned that there is about a 2% home vacancy here in Mountain View.

Nine Star—There will be ESL workshops at the Mountain View Library. Partners from Wells Fargo are going to be teaching workshops on financial literacy.

Mountain View Branch Library—They are continuing their weekly Job Labs on Tuesdays. There will also be new ESL classes offered on Tuesdays as well as two Women's Small Business Workshops twice in November.

Adjournment: 8:49 PM