

Mountain View Community Council

Meeting Minutes

11 January 2010

Happy New Year to All!

Glenn Howson opened the first meeting for the year 2010 of the Mountain View Community Council with the Pledge of Allegiance.

We did not have a quorum, and could not approve the Minutes.

The Treasurer, Niki Burrows, presented the Financial report.

Patrick Flynn, Assembly Person: 100% customer id check at liquor package stores being considered. Some customers are just grumpy at the idea. There are also side some issues – state ID w/DUI are still buying because ID not checked. On the other hand, may use other ID such as a passport or have someone else make the purchase.

The At Risk Youth Survey currently has parents opt their children in to take the survey. This survey is important because it helps monitor the prevalence of behaviors that put Alaskan youth at risk for the most significant health and social problems that can occur during adolescence and adulthood and helps decide how resources are allocated. There is an amendment being considered to change the law so that it becomes an opt out.

Money back in budget for Campfire and B&G club.

Flynn and Coffey have introduced permit for Red Roof Inn as a 'Housing First' provider for chronic alcoholics.

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Sen. Bill Wielechowski will go back to Juneau Sunday the 17th. The PFD in hard copy will be available for at least another year in Muldoon, at the Red Apple, the Boys and Girls Club. Noted that Mike Gutierrez would like to see the property tax exemption go from \$20k to \$50k. Return to defined benefits for PERS.

Continues to work on reining in price gouging by gas companies. Alaskan profits 2x lower 48. Enstar rates down 16%, Chugach down 5.5%. Consumers should not pay for billing errors to other entities.

There is more money for school lunches and an increase of \$.50/hr. in minimum wage.

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State Representative Max Gruenberg is returning to Juneau on Thursday.
Has pre-filed for pay backs 60-70% for new school construction-extend 2-3 years.

Working on making bi-lingual voting more accessible. Section 5 voting rights extended, will sometimes require translators. Bill will require accessible voting rights regarding 20% of population in voting district.

Bill to strengthen anti-trust laws. Felony \$1 million, \$50 million fines as well as civil penalties.

It has been suggested the Attorney General be elected instead of appointed. Max is against it, fearing Judges will become beholden to the money required to win an election. There was a question also on tip credits against minimum wage.
[Representative Max Gruenberg@legis.state.ak.us](mailto:Representative_Max_Gruenberg@legis.state.ak.us)

Pat Falon of Laborers Local 341 came by to let us know that there was to be a Blood Bank Drive on January 29th from 9am-2pm and again in March.

Pursuing property for a new training center – issue with contaminated soil

Taking apprentice apps @ 1300 Old Seward – work inquiry/projects 272-4571
<http://www.local341.com>

Kelly Ingram of the Refugee Farmers' Market told us about a five year program that has embraced refugees to help them become self sufficient through the Vista Cooperative Extension Service by teaching them how to grow and sell crops in Alaska. The first year there were quite a few Hmong and the third year a number of African refugees, last year Bhutan and Somali were the most prevalent new refugees.

Trying to expand program. We agreed to a resolution to expand current site of 8,000sf by twice. There is a fundraiser planned for fencing in March, and they are hoping to involve the Parks Foundation.

As we know, there were at least 14 deaths in the homeless population in the last year. The Red Roof Inn is being proposed as a 'Housing First' property for the chronic inebriates who are not willing or able to completely quit drinking. The property is being offered at a third of it's appraised value as a charitable donation through a special needs housing grant through AHFC.

This is not transitional housing; there will be rules and supportive services.

Melinda Freemon, Director of RurAL Cap asked for a supportive resolution.

ACLT is still with us and moving forward, albeit with a few twists in the road. New judged student show Friday at MTS Gallery.

We agreed to a resolution supporting The Bicycle Plan.

<http://bicycleanchorage.org/wordpress/?p=641>

Cessilye Williams, Principal of Clark Middle School, reports the enrollment is right at 1,050, the students are doing well and all in all there is a good fit.

Mayor Sullivan's wife visited, interested in the deaf/hard of hearing.

Anytime you want to visit Clark, feel free.

Dave Barney of the Boys and Girls Club says they have reached the 10th year anniversary. (Doesn't time pass quickly?) Have full staff, are feeding kids dinner in November. There are some repairs needed, but are still open.

There will be a meeting at 5:30pm on Monday the 8th of February at the B&G Club about the upgrading of the park just to the north of the B&G Club. If you're interested, please join us.

Kep Pierce
Stand-in