

MVCC Minutes

June, 2019

Call to order 6:05pm

Reports/Announcements

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as amended. None opposed.

Meeting minutes: Minutes approved as amended. Move by Fred Owen, Jasmin seconded.

President Report: Spoke with Mark Butler about a “new council members” training, covering roles, responsibilities, and opportunities. Teen summit this Friday evening at the community center, as part of Juneteenth. National Night Out is scheduled for the first Tuesday in August, seeking sponsorship. Our safety patrol car engine is getting replaced.

Treasurer’s Report: Barb reported that we have \$15K in our account. We received one donation, and we are awaiting cleanup invoices.

Federation of Community Councils: N/A

Schools and Education Committee: N/A

Land Use Committee: Chairwoman Donna reported the subcommittee mtg, documenting the abandoned buildings in the neighborhood amounting to 3 full pages with photos. They want to work on a strategy notifying the building owners and calling code enforcement, and aim to get Catholic Social Services involved to encourage the residents they work with to help. Next meeting June 29th at noon, Eva’s cupcakery. 317-0955

Presentations and Appearance Requests:

Mother Lawrence estate— Art Bathias has worked with Mother Lawrence over 30 years and summarized his history. AWWU turned off water to her home, and the city condemned her building. The family was kicked out. Alice was found on the street, put in a state home. Her daughter filed for guardianship, and asked for help. Art has purchased the building in partnership with the estate. They’ve since cleaned and repaired the property, though code enforcement has been very difficult. It is now for sale. Art proposes that a city should not be able to turn vital utilities off, and that our representatives should be present for full council meetings to hear these issues.

Unfinished business: N/A

Resolutions and New Business: N/A

Legislative Reports:

Senator Begich-- operating budget passed. Prioritizing a constitutionally protected PFD. Fred Owens remarked regarding the disappointment of an extended session.

Rep. Geran Tarr-- reported on passing operating budget and capital budget. This includes \$5000 for MV Cleanup, barring no veto by the governor. Reported on her efforts to fund substance abuse treatment.

Assemblyman Chris Constant— reported on passing a resolution in honor of Juneteenth. Upcoming resolutions of support include Pride fest and Mother Lawrence. Proposals upcoming: Prevent the sale of burnt wire to metal recyclers, to address recent crime at construction sites. And, a charter amendment to create a new assembly seat, allowing equal representation, taking place after the census. An ordinance is now up for public hearing for onsite consumption sites of marijuana. Ordinance to authorize code enforcement officers, instead of just police, to cite abandoned cars and increase responsiveness. Constantc@muni.org.

Community Partner Updates:

MV Library : Molly, the MVL AmeriCorps VISTA, is focused on outreach. She is hoping to get as many volunteers involved as possible, given our low turnout. She is seeking youth for the VolunTeen Program, and summer discover summer learning program. She is here Tuesday-Sunday 10am-6pm

Anchorage Community Land Trust— we've moved offices to be even closer to the neighborhood! 3701 Mountain View Drive. Also, please attend the first of 3 monthly neighborhood markets on July 12 at Grow North Farm, 4-8pm.

Evan Anderson, AK Center — muni voter turnout increased with vote by mail. MV was 11% north side and 15% south side.

Member and Attendee Comments/ Neighborhood Concerns

Dan Maher — encouraged MVCC executive board to write a formal letter to thank JBER for their support of the cleanup, ideally as a letter to the editor. Barb suggested getting in touch with Jill Burke from channel 2 for community stories. Discussion occurred around the cleanup being hand in hand with residents, not just for them. Kate suggested thank yous for farmers market supporters as well.

Maria Offer— teacher at MV elementary teaching special needs program.

Kate Davis — proposes a youth job fair, with local businesses. Caitlin mentioned Don Crandall's interest in youth support, and Jack Klauschie suggests tying in People Mover.

Discussion occurred regarding inviting our safety patrol and APD to email neighborhood statistics as reports for MVCC.

Adjourn

Motion by Fred Owens, second Dan Maher. **7:15pm**