

# **Mountain View Community Council Meeting Minutes March 13, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Wade at 7:04 pm.

February 13, 2006 minutes were approved.

Niki Burrows, Treasurer, presented the financial report. The March balance was \$2,001.72. Report was approved.

Flag Salute took place.

The agenda was approved.

## **Announcements**

-The Redevelopment Oversight Committee (ROC) for Mountain View will meet March 16 at noon. The last meeting took place February 23 and the rotation is every two weeks pending whether there is business to conduct.

-The MVCC Executive Board will meet at 5:30 on March 28 in the Anchorage Job Center- Mountain View (room next door).

## **Assembly Report**

Gene Storm for Allan Tesche- Why Mountain View only has one assembly member. There is periodic discussion about changing to another system. Restructuring is possible with changes in population trends. Reapportionment is based on census. There are five dual member districts and one single member district, Mountain View. Sol asked about the status of the John Thomas building and Anchorides. Bill Wielechowski said each district had about 50,000 people and Mountain View's district has about 25,000.

## **Federation Report**

Mt. View Clean-up- Kep Pierce talked about the clean-up and the challenge. Kep has gotten the food assembled and Niki has arranged the parking lot at Brewster's for deposit of trash. Hugh called for people who could sign up for the clean-up and Scott Kohlhaus and Jaye Keener volunteered. A sign up sheet is being sent around. Local volunteers are especially needed at the transfer station next to Salvation Army (old Brewster's).

**Job Center Report-** Maria Carter reported that 521 people visited the resource room and 41 were youth. She reported that the vocational counselor from the Department of Labor was available by appointment. She said the hours were 9 to 6 M-Th and 9 to 4 Friday. There is a neighborhood job fair being planned with an emphasis on youth.

**APD Report-** Cindi Stanton had to postpone her report.

**Neighborhood plan-** Bruce Farnsworth reported that the Lions and Stone Soup Group agreed to cooperate on a fund raising effort that would benefit the community. Bruce reported that 110 residents and business owners came to the Neighborhood Planning Process on February 22 at Clark. The results of the input are available from the Neighborhood planners. Majority of responses involved pedestrian friendly corridors and more safety in the community. Residents and children being able to get around more safely. Sol pointed out that there was more traffic than the neighborhood should bear right now and that traffic reduction or calming would be appropriate. Sol commented on the representation at the meeting, and Bruce repeated that there were 110 residents or business owners at the meeting. Jaye said he had a table for the All Pro Dad program, and that he was meeting in the community room at the Community Center (present location where we are seated). He thought the community was fairly well represented on February 22. Glenn said it was well put on and that the people who spoke were articulate and the food was good. Hugh said there were a lot of presenters but that he agreed with Bruce's comment that many residents were coming in and not signing in. The resident number was above the 111 who signed in.

**Cook-Off and Housing Competition-** Hugh reported on the competition that took place at Cuddy Center, UAA yesterday. It was Chef Al v. Chef Rob. The specialty was crawfish. There was a competition by CIHA for an affordable house to be built in Mountain View this summer. Myers Sattler won the competition for the house for a \$220,000 plan, but there were concerns that the house was actually going to cost more toward \$300,000. There will be a write-up on the cook off in next month's newsletter.

**Legislative Reports-** Max reported on the oil production tax and how complex it is. Some people feel it is hard to look at this in a vacuum, but the Governor wants to provide information in units to the legislators. This has slowed down the work of the legislature. Gretchen is on her way home to Anchorage. Max is on the House Judiciary Committee, but Lesil McGuire and Tom Anderson are out for Lesil's baby, so the committee has not been meeting. There is one bill pending to make it a crime for someone to injure a pregnant woman and cause a miscarriage. Max is on a subcommittee with John Coghill on this particular bill. There is also a constitutional amendment introduced by Coghill on same sex marriage. Pete Kott has introduced a bill to make it legal for parents to intercept and overhear conversations of the child. Max says parents often eavesdrop on

each other in their conversations with the children and this causes problems. Max had a series of constituent meetings this weekend. The meth bill has been combined with a ban on marijuana and most constituents did not want to connect the two. Max's bill would make it a crime to watch a DVD while driving and causing a fatal accident. A bill passed today to put insurance policies in major foreign languages. The self-help program in the courthouse can use funds from the federal government to expand the program, but the money isn't in the bill reported out of committee. Michael: Why are education bills not a priority? Max says they are, but the legislature didn't want to introduce them early this year because of the oil tax situation.

**Weed 'n Seed-** Michael Evans reported that there was a meeting last Tuesday. Chuck Farmer had called Michael about a meeting on community policing. The representative from DOJ did not come. There were 16 officers who applied for the overtime for Russian Jack and Mountain View. Sharon Leonard came to speak for the youth court to this group. Michael said that Cindi, Joyce Hines, Sol, and Sharon Leonard were there at that meeting.

**Clean-up Meeting-** Kep scheduled a clean-up meeting for Thursday at 6 P.M. in the Job Center (next door).

**Bragaw-Glenn Interchange-** This is happening soon. Allen Kemplen came to speak to the Executive Board and said the Department of Transportation wanted feedback. The Land Use Task Force of the Neighborhood Plan including Niki, Claire Noll, Michael Gerace, Clark Yerrington, Hugh, Tyler Robinson, Lori Neally, Wendy Mikowski. The next meeting is next Wednesday here in this room at 5:30.

**Clark Re-Design-** Michael Evans reported that there were a series of meeting coming up for Clark Re-Design. The committee will take a tour of Mirror Lake middle school.

**Russian Jack Junior Golf Association-** This could affect kids in the community. Convert the 9 hole Russian Jack course into a youth facility. Need funds from national organizations. Proposition 3 on the ballot will allow the Golf Association to have a long term lease to use the course. Cable Starlings made the presentation and said he himself had participated in a golf program and it worked well for him. The Alaska Golf Association and the Alaska Golf Women's Association will sponsor. A yes vote on proposition 3 is requested. Kep wants to know why this has to go before the electorate. As Russian Jack was donated to the Municipality and the donation requires them to get the permission of voters to use the area.

**National Veteran's Wheelchair Games-** Marcia LeBeau reported on the 26 wheelchair games from July 3 to the 8<sup>th</sup>. Sponsored by the Department of Veteran's Affairs. 500 people in wheelchairs will come from 50 states and Puerto Rico and Britain. They need 2500 volunteers to help put the event on. This is

the first time in Alaska. The event started in 81 and has been held in Minneapolis in '04 and St. Louis in '05. Many sports are featured with serious and aggressive play. Iraqi war vets will be competing. Opening and closing ceremonies will include a parade on July 4. Kids' Day w/disabled children from this area will be July 6<sup>th</sup>. Publicity is needed for this program, so all here in attendance are asked to help spread the word. They are working with Challenge Alaska. Sol suggested that the Shriners and RSVP might help. [www.wheelchairgames.org](http://www.wheelchairgames.org).

**Upcoming Bonds on the Ballot- Anchorage Tomorrow-** Loren Lounsbery reported on the Parks ballots and road improvements. Proposition 2 allows Muni to borrow money for 14 parks. Maintaining and improving what we have. Also supporting Proposition 3, First Tee, that Cable talked about. Land Exchanges such as at Klatt and Minnesota. The other exchange is in Eagle River and the city is trying to get the land that leads to Mount Baldy. This will allow city to build a parking lot next to the trailhead. The next bond is Bragaw to Klevin using Klevin to Park theme. Proposition #2 is \$3.95 million for parks. Proposition #3 is for First Tee. Propositions 4 and 5 are the no-cost land exchanges. #7 is 44 million for roads including the Mountain View Drive rehabilitation. Glenn to commercial is the priority. 8 foot sidewalks and 3 lanes plus bike lane are contemplated. Landscaping and lighting plus working with P.O'B Montgomery are contemplated. Hugh asked about Anchorage Tomorrow and Loren said they had just received 501 © (3) status.

**Northeast Park District-** Teri Peters from the Municipality of Anchorage reported that Parks was divided into four different areas. This does not include trails which is in a different department. NE covers a large area up to Tudor and over to Muldoon. Rasmuson Foundation gave a challenge grant to the Anchorage Park Foundation. It is a dollar for dollar match up to \$40,000. Davis Park is a candidate. Russian Jack is going to try to do a match. Applications are due April 3 for the challenge grants. They want a major sponsor for the Davis Park. Grants are only one page. Mandy Roylance for NE district. Adaptive aquatics. Family programs every second Friday of the month. Small events and healthy futures. Extravaganza in April. 7/20 cardboard boat regatta at goose lake. There were 35 entries last year. Kathleen Plunkett went on to discuss Russian Jack's playground project, adjacent to the trailer court/ASD building.

## **Old Business**

Sol asked what the status of the post office box. Hugh said it was about to happen. Also, he asked when the sign would be up? Shawna Thoma is supposed to handle this for the Muni. Jaye said sign was supposed to be installed.

Question about library being funded? Not clear at this point.

Max said thanks for setting up the audioconference equipment.

President Hugh Wade called for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander, Secretary  
Mountain View Community Council