

# **Mountain View Community Council Meeting Minutes June 12, 2006**

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Wade at 7:07 pm.

May 8, 2006 minutes were approved.

No Finance Report as Niki is traveling.

Flag Salute took place.

The agenda was approved with additions being Barb Neeson from Stone Soup, Tom Dougherty from DOT, and Claire Noll on CBDG funds.

## **Announcements**

-Fourth of July needs volunteers (274-1179, Niki Burrows). Needs some volunteers to come in at 9 A.M. to cook hamburgers (279-8768 is Kep Pierce's phone number).

-The MVCC Executive Board will meet at 5:30 on July 25 in the (former) Mobile Trailer Supply Building on Mountain View Drive.

## **Assembly Report**

Allan Tesche was not here, and reports are that he is getting better. Please read his blogspot.

## **Legislature**

Max Gruenberg reported that the special session was over last Thursday and nothing was enacted. House and Senate couldn't agree. At least one more special session will take place. Would like a good taxing policy. Majority of House did not agree on gas tax or net profits. Senate Bill 2003 was intended to assure that the Alaska Supreme Court would review the tax. Compromise reached in House from 60 days to 90 days for public comment, but Senate did not concur.

Bill to set up the pipeline ownership company, Pipeco, did not leave committee. Revision of Alaska Stranded Gas Act was not passed. In the next special session, the legislature will go back to contract approval. Many questions remain.

Scott asked how Max was feeling, and he reported that he was better than ever.

Gretchen Guess and her son, Elliott, were in attendance. She reported that the bill for incarceration term increases for sex offenders which she worked on with Con Bunde was passed. The identity theft bill she initiated did not go forward. She will work on it next year with Gene Therriault although she is not running for office. Sol: What about a University trust? That has not been established. What about community colleges? Tom Wagoner is working on this and must resolve some issues with the University before he introduces legislation. If it does not come to pass, Sen. Wagoner will introduce legislation to require it. Hugh: How will we balance the budget over the long haul? Question is how we deal with excess money, and this year we forward funded education. There is some sentiment for putting the money in a savings account. We do need to do a fiscal plan, but there is not a lot of sentiment for that. Current budget requires \$47 a barrel oil. Timo: Why does the University need a \$100,000 a year Vice President for Workforce Development? The state does not dictate where the University funds go. Joint oversight committee established for University in legislature this year. Sol: state can wield a stick with how university uses lands. There is more concern in the community about how the money is being used by the university. Concern that tuition is up and services are declining.

#### **Mt. View Patrol**

Fred Schriener was not here.

**July Meeting Has Been Cancelled-** Please come to the July 4 picnic.

**City Roads-** Jacques Boutet provided contact information for the Mountain View road projects. The work in progress is with Chris Smith in Jacques' office. Dave Rogers is the project assistant. The roadway demolition begins next Wednesday, the 14<sup>th</sup>. Comments on unacceptable dust levels. The road contractor (Pruhs) has an office at the Mobile Trailer Supply building, but direct questions to Jacques' organization. They expect substantial completion of the road by November 15. They'll resume in the spring with the final details and landscaping.

The Garden Art Project was slowed by contaminated soil (petroleum). The commercial to Taylor intersection curb/storm drain work will require a full closure. . . on a 72 hour weekend. Everything else will have limited closures.

Tyler explained that the continuation of the "demonstration project" was delayed by work on the other part of Mountain View Drive. There is a chance to coordinate with other key projects. Lounsbury showed a concept plan at the February 22 planning fair. They are considering differing feedback that has been received- how to balance priorities and how to proceed? More will be presented and considered by the end of summer.

Don Crandall: We need to maintain our infrastructure. The landscaping is neglected around the Community Center. Claire: This may be an item for the next Executive Board meeting.

**Job Center Report-** David Alexander reported that 640 adults came to the resource room; 45 youth used it in the month of May.

**FCC Report-** Kep Pierce invited those in attendance to come to the Fourth of July Picnic from 11 to 4. She said volunteer are also needed, and they should call Kep at 279-8768 or 563-7468. Niki will be back before the end of the month and she can be reached at 274-1179.

**Bruce Farnsworth, Neighborhood Planning-** No specific report, but Tyler should have a draft this fall.

**APD Report** Cindi Stanton has been recalled to active patrol and she is no longer the community liaison.

**P.O'B Montgomery** Trees are an issue on the footprint, particularly as a screen from the Glenn. What can be done about the vegetation? Comment: This is something to discuss with the developer.

**Arts and Culture District-** Timo Johnson of the Arts and Culture District Board (MACD) reports that they met the goal on fund raising. The juried art show is coming up in cooperation with the Latino Lions, Stone Soup Group and the Ship Creek Center. Another group will accept money for MACD, the Anchorage Cultural Council, a 501 © (3) organization. August 12 is the Art Walk and the juried art show opened this past Friday and will run all summer. Bruce Farnsworth has provided the leadership. Please try to come to the Mountain View art walks. This is an important step toward making an independent arts district a reality. Courtney asked about the long term goal here? To attract artist residents, to stimulate artistic growth in Mountain View. Three upcoming events will be independently produced. An effort will be made to fund local initiatives. The desire is to make these independent productions a value to Mountain View and an effort of the local artists. How much is need to fund the vision? MACD is starting small and gathering support from within the community. There is a need for some corporate sponsorship. John Peirce: Will there be live music and theatre. Yes, said Bruce. How about the website? Bruce reported that the Anchorage Community Land Trust was working on that. Sol: How much of a personal agenda does the Anchorage Community Land Trust have? What is your impression? Timo said MACD is an independent organization. MACD is committed to maintaining independence. The organization should be independent because that is the nature of art- it should be independent in its creation.

**Clark Re-Design-** Mary Cary for ASD, Cessilye Williams, Clark Principal, and John Wier, architect with McCool Carlson Green. The concept plan will go to the school board in August with Assembly approval after that (no date for that). The concept design will be finished, then put on hold pending funding. No date for another ballot measure, but could be next Spring.

Goals and objectives were listed. Recommended to retain only the Library from the existing building. The buses and parking are combined- not the best since this is a safety issue. After hours access to the gym and library a concern. What about the ability to keep the school operational while the new construction goes on? This is partly dictated by building location and organization. A concept is to separate the grades by floors. There are a projected 10 teams of teachers. Hugh: Could you build a better school if this were not a requirement? Well, other schools have had temporary fixes, most recently Wendler. This is a 50 year old facility which poses its own set of issues. Sol: How will this be financed since the bond issue didn't pass? Maybe a bond later next year. What about access to fields from POB Mall? Is this reasonable, secure? More investigation needed.

Right now, the designers are working on stormwater runoff/drainage issues with the city and DOT. An MOA drainage channel already exists.

This will be a team teaching model. This is a successful, national middle school model.

What about the Bill Bryson Olympic Track? Will the Gates Foundation fund it?

Cessilye expresses appreciation to the community for their input so far.

**Military Munitions Response Program-** Bill Day reported on the air show coming up. August 12 and 13. This will be every other year event now on even numbered years. Staff Sergeant Francisca Popp is the public affairs representative for Elmendorf. Final report concerning the bed down of the F-22 is available on the Elmendorf web page.

**CBDG Funds-** Claire Noll gave an update on application for these funds. We tried to obtain some funds on May 2 with a list of recommendations addressed to Carma Reed. One request was for a land purchase and Carma reported that this would not happen until next year. One land purchase under consideration was the farmer's market. She said the priorities for these funds we set have been very helpful. Second priority was that \$70,000 be set aside for a gateway display. Some indication that P.O'B Montgomery would contribute to this. Hugh: We had the Glenn-Bragaw task force and out of that we had the CBDG discussion on Allen Kemplen's suggestion. What is your sense of how this will go? Claire: We will discuss this at Thursday's meeting. Tyler: Community Development Block Grants are used for economic development. Recently, an

arts anchor has been considered for neighborhoods. The Mobile Trailer Supply was selected initially in Mountain View, and some other projects such as the Husky Battery plant. It needs to be economically viable and also something that works for the community. Sol: The farmer's market is only part time, so we need to think about what might benefit the community on a full time basis. We also need to be careful of Turf Wars. Comment: Allen Kemplen is to be thanked for his continuing help and advice to the Mountain View community. He is the former Fairview area representative and works with the Fairview Community Council.

**Anchorage Community Land Trust-** Suzanne Little reported that they have written a business plan, a strategic plan, and two grants. She sees the plans as a snapshot of where we are and how we can move forward which we will do with input from the community. Wants to work with community council to identify the properties that might be purchased.

**Cook Inlet Housing Authority-** Courtney Larson said that 24 homes have been demolished and mixed use site is under development. The ideal home will be developed later. There are four different contractors. Hagemeyer is the 24 single family homes contractor. Trailers have been taken out at Klevin and Peterkin. Sol: Some houses have steps. Courtney: A percentage of each phase are accessible. Boslow is the mixed use contractor, Hagemeyer is contractor for the 24 homes, Cook Inlet is the general for the 8 homes, and there is another contractor for the ideal home, represented by Mayer, Sattler, and Smith, which is at 532 N. Bragaw.

**Community Comments-** Gerald DelKettie reported on difficulties with kids unsupervised were causing disturbances, particularly near his residence, near Bliss Street. He is a life long Mountain View resident. This started at the Red Apple- the kids followed a man home and shot out the windows of his truck. Suzanne Little noted that the Safety Committee of the Weed 'n Seed grant is soon to be active as the Coordinator of Weed 'n Seed will be hired this week. Hugh said that the Council is aware of the problems and said Weed 'n Seed is one solution, and there are others. Another issue is to adequately support the Community Patrol.

Clark recommended that we express some concern that Cindi Stanton had been re-assigned. Motion made by Sol and Timo seconded that we write a letter to APD. Motion passed unanimously.

Grace noted that there is no requirement for policy to notify property owners of violent incidents on their property.

**New Park at Williwaw-** Kathleen Plunkett gave July 8 as the date the new Kaboom park would be dedicated in Russian Jack. On June 22 volunteers are needed to help with the construction finishing work.

**Glenn/Bragaw Intersection-** Tom Doherty of DOT and Paul Witt of HDR Consultants announced they had 11 or 12 RFQs with review on Thursday at 4:00 with 3 or 4 finalists to be selected by the participants at the meeting. Big question is that they are in the next phase of discussions on the new road on Bragaw- May 07 to October 08 is what they are shooting for on construction. Cut the access to Bragaw off the Glenn. Not a whole lot of problems with this plan at the moment. Try to get approval for this from the school district. Tom showed the schematic for the construction. Would be non-ADA during construction and then ADA will be incorporated when the final pedestrian overpass is finished. Bike Path will go from Fourth Avenue over to Mountain View Drive. There will have to be further construction South toward Bragaw before more changes are made in bike path. 21 parcels will be acquired including the Bailey's Building and the car repair shop on the glenn and bragaw. Sol asked about University access? Not clear if we can have a non-motorized path to the U. Suzanne: Kudos for the artist involvement process. Make sure it really works this time.

Talk to Kids' Corp Headstart about access, buses, alternative routes. Bruce, Hugh, returning to the arts- what is the funding level? Tom said no hard percentage/amount for any aspect of the project at the moment. Jacques asked if DOT will require Urban Design Commission approval. No, the agreement with MOA says it is not necessary. Tom showed some photo realistic renderings of looking North and South on Bragaw, looking West on Glenn.

**Habitat for Humanity-** John Peirce reported that the big project is in Spenard, on 34<sup>th</sup> Avenue, which will be multi-unit and that they are fixing fences and some other details for the Mountain View homes.

**Weed 'n Seed Steering Committee Report-** David Alexander reported that a committee of Suzanne Little, Helen Howarth, Rick Henderson and himself had selected four candidates for final review. Angela Jimenez also represented the community in the selection. A final decision will be made on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 at the former Mobile Trailer Supply building (now Anchorage Community Land Trust).

There are increased police patrols in Mountain View, Russian Jack, and Muldoon. This has had a positive impact on crime reduction according to comments made at another meeting by Audie Holloway. The intent is for APD to be proactive and reduce the attraction for anti-social or criminal behavior.

The monitoring visit from the Department of Justice went well with the Weed 'n Seed Steering Committee. The new director will be at the Mobile Trailer Supply building and the work will be supervised by the Anchorage Community Land Trust Director, Suzanne Little.

**Stone Soup Group Yard Sale July 8-** Barb Neeson reported that children with special needs will receive support for the whole family. The family services approach has been beneficial. There are 56 families in the Mountain View community who can benefit from this effort. The Yard Sale is 8 to 4 on July 8 at Success by Six. This benefits their initiative to temporarily support visitors from the bush with family and medical care.

**Anchorage Citizens' Coalition-** John Weddleton reported that Draft 3 is coming out at the end of June. 2020 anticipates growth, and Title 21 is supposed to be reflective of needed growth. It is important to support design standards or the appearance of streets, parks, and public facilities will be up to those who develop them. There will be parking reductions in the future. Anchorage residents need to drive less. If we build walkable neighborhood centers and support public transit, driving less will be easier. We can't build our way out of congestion, national evidence suggests. There will be public hearings in August. Suzanne: the Community Council should weigh in with zoning changes which have adversely affected the community in the past.

**Title 21-** Kathleen Plunkett (Russian Jack President) reported from the audience that Assembly Member Debbie Ossiander had briefed the Federation of Community Councils. Hugh Wade had invited Debbie to address the August MVCC meeting attendees.

**Old Business-** Sol: the sign wasn't posted for the meeting. We need to at least get the sign to state the meeting date.

President Hugh Wade called for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander, Secretary  
Mountain View Community Council