

Mountain View Community Council (MVCC)
Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2006

Introductions

Pledge

June 14, 2006 Minutes were approved

Financial Report approved—Patrol grant separated (patrol needs donations)

Clean-up expenses broke even ML&P

paid \$1,500 for food

Agenda approved with revisions—ACLT Brian for Suzanne, Debbie Ossiander on Title 21, Clark Middle School, Traci Felton from Dept of Labor/WD & Weed & Seed coordinator Nick Gonzalez out of town

Announcements

July's MVCC was canceled. However, the Executive Board did meet, discussed problems with crime & code enforcement. Grace Anderson has stepped up on the code enforcement task. These meetings are open to any one.

MVCC elections—next month open for all positions. Hugh announced his intention to continue. Clark has declared he will not continue. David, Niki unsure. **Doris Timperly is Election Chair**, and can be reached for nominations at 276-4032. Hugh would like someone to quarterly attend other neighborhood Council meetings for MVCC, looking to appoint someone. A Fundraising Chair person is also needed

Committee Reports:

Legislative Report—Representatives Gruenberg and Guess were in attendance tonight.

He reports being in three special sessions, and has had problems with telephone connections. There was one last year. Two this year called for oil & gas taxes/gas line contract. Oil & Gas bill passed, as did the Gang bill in the 2nd special session. Gang Bill will make it easier for police to talk to witnesses...they can be served and called to testify at the Grand Jury. Max added some technical amendments, increased penalties for those found in contempt of court, fines, jail time drastically increased. Oil/Gas at 22%, and there is concern the oil companies will manipulate the bottom line. Max

preferred the tax on the gross profits. Max's next stop tonight will be at Channel 7 debate...for Q & A.

Max questioned about bill that would make it a crime to criticize a public official—passed the senate, died in the house, Seekins was the sponsor.

Question was raised about the MVCC sponsoring a candidate form at upcoming meeting? Thursday 17th the Bartlett Democratic Club will be meeting 12 noon at Royal Fork—Northway for debate with Max and his opponents.

Max's bill to provide incentive to police to buy a home in the Mountain View area has failed thus far could be attached to a larger bill in the future. Lisle McGuire will be holding gang related crime hearings soon. There will be a public announcement.

Gretchen Guess and her son, Elliott, attended. She will be on the job thru January 2007, when she plans to retire. Hugh questioned how would MVCC best seek funds from Legislature? Answered—Create capital projects need list earlier. October—December and submit to MOA too. Sol asked how active is the University Committee? Answered—Not very, they haven't done much this year, sidetracked by oil policy. She will try to find out plans for next year.

Mountain View Patrol—Fred Schriener, the Patrols' message phone is 566-2324, or call Fred's personal cell at 223-9524 if there are neighborhood problems you wish to report. Currently, Mountain View Patrol would like to invite riders along. The patrols needs you and are happy to have the assistance. Any support you can give these community minded folks, would be greatly appreciated. Donations keep the Patrol on our streets & are needed, as their vehicles need maintenance, gas etc...Please help if you can. Thank you to the Legislators, Land Trust & Jaye.

There was a drunken driving head-on collision at Bragaw/Glenn. An APD officer was assaulted, apparently a drug related incident. Several residents reporting drug and gang activities within community, near their homes. All were invited to come to the Executive Board meeting to assist with forming a citizen's work group to help identify trouble spots and action plans. Senator Guess suggested inviting APD representative to explain what kind of information is most useful for citizens to gather & report to APD.

Job Center Report—Maria Carter reported 564 including 37 youth sign-ins at the Job Center for the month of July. There is assistance available to the community for putting their resume on the new SOA Alexis system here at the Job Center.

Wendy Mikowski—was available to take questions about roads or the POB Montgomery projects. Update on tenants, Old Navy, Bed Bath & Beyond, Michael's, Boards, Famous Foot Wear to name a few. Question about left turn at VFW parking lot and if there will be a median—Wendy will follow-up.

Code Enforcement—Grace Anderson, Chair reports she's touring the neighborhood for violations. Found rooming house w/large rates sign operating w/out permit. Got them to cease and desist. Has had three cars removed. Question about what a violation looks like—Grace is working on a "Cheat Sheet" with frequent violations and what they look like...appliances in the yard, oil drums, junk cars (even on private property). Hugh commented it is a citizen driven mechanism that needs a complaint in order to be acted upon. Feel free to call or email Grace about code violations at 646-9287 / graceanderson@acsalaska.net she will walk you through how to file a complaint or will file them in her name whatever you prefer. Grace is also working with Tyler to create a Neighbor to Neighbor letter so stay tuned. Grace could use some help, too!

Tyler Robinson spoke on MOA Dept of Neighborhoods, Neighborhood Plan—Title 21 (update in newsletter). The planning group has made recommendations and next month there will be a more in-depth presentation. There was discussion of zoning changes, residents above business on Mt. View Drive. The zoning map of the area was available at the meeting. If you have zoning amendments you want you should be getting that information out there now. Sol suggested caution in dealing w/modern materials that cause deaths among fire fighters.

Debbie Ossiander from the Assembly presented information on land use in Title 21 (she lived in Mt. View in the early 70's). She's very interested in the land use aspects of Title 21, and has been looking at document adopted in 1977 contained in the MOA and GAAB rules. The Anchorage 2020 comprehensive plan presented a new vision, including mixed use, town centers, etc, but didn't finish the job & now there is the current effort to implement 2020. The previous Assembly hired Clarion Assoc. to do a draft rewrite which caused a big reaction. Three drafts later and they are getting closer but there is a lot left to do. An

Assembly committee has done a line by line review of the details. Anyone can view the drafts by signing onto the web at muni.org and click on the Planning Dept. Once the final draft is presented it will be up for a vote by the Assembly. Debbie intimated that it's hard for the general public to relate to the draft revisions (how will it effect my street, neighborhood). There is a land use map out there that gives a general sense of the vision property by property. Debbie applauds the MVCC for our work saying, "you are ahead of the others."

Debbie reports some members of the Assembly have sought a legal opinion on whether zoning changes constitute eminent domain. Real estate/developers have asked MOA to do an economic impact analysis—which is being considered. Due to all of this the final drat has been delayed from the original completion date of 1 July 06. She expects s incremental up-grades to achieve original vision over time. Some of the major trends in the rewrite:

- Break up B zones
- Open space
- Pedestrian amenities
- Design standards—malls
- Board of Commission reviews

Sol states that they are forming their own eminent domain laws to spite the Supreme Court decision. There is more at stake in the upcoming election than people may realize.

It was observed that it is difficult to create significant change without opposition...

Dorian/Carolyn—they have been working with Nine Star and Americorp volunteers to gather information from community business. The collected data, contact information & photos, that were presented at the meeting. There was a general consensus that there have been adverse effects on their business from the road projects.

Edie Knapp, ASD Project Mgr/John Wier, MCG Architects—Clark Middle School Designs (6th, 7th, & 8th grades) presented and more design phases were funded. Education Spec approved last year by school board. It's been recommended that only the existing library be saved & the rest demolished. By the end of the month both the School Board and Assembly with have reviewed and voted on approval. The site is very tight, and limits the design options. Looking at 3 story options, separate buses from car drop offs, focus on safety and best access. Concerns were voiced by resident about the proximity to the new mall, seems like a major diversion and bad placement. Wier recognized the presence of the

mall and assured that safety measures are being looked at to address those concerns.

Sol inquired about the track field. Clark's current design puts an eight land collegiate track on site. Bill Bryson, now deceased, had secured Nike funding for a collegiate track. Wier responded that the track is the same.

GCCM procurement negotiated, separate cost estimate not really design built but is near to the same approach as Eagle River High School. Thus far 200K has been spent for design. A standard plan could not be considered due to the site size and configuration. The three most recent schools (Muldoon, Goldenview, & Mirror Lake) of this type were considered and designs looked at. Orientation (North) of the building discussed. When asked, no prefab components will be used, and explained. There will be a Building Design meeting at Clark in the Band Room at 3:00 pm September 7th. Edie explained she wants to listen to all comments and use the ones they can. Idea brought forward that it would be good to integrate 1% for art early in this design/planning process. It will be a lot easier to make any changes now than after construction begins. Sol commented not to forget we will all be paying for it.

Jacques Boutet—Mountain View Drive Phase 1 wrapping up. There was a lot of debris at the Mall site & utilities have been a bit like surgery. Landscaping in at the Garden Art Park. Klevin to Park Street will be working on last minute final items, delayed by 3rd Ave call-backs. Glenn to Taylor the weather prevented further sidewalk work lately. They need to dig deep to remove old car, drums, tree stumps, etc @ bottom of bluff/mall access road. Next week will be pavement removal, September light poles, intersection signals, landscaping mostly in fall, weather permitting. The rest of the work will be in next years Phases 2 of project.

Jacques reports continuing coordination with DOT on the Bragaw/ Glenn over pass. MOA will reconstruct Bragaw in the style matching MV Drive, Park area. They are committed to constructing Bragaw to Klevin next summer. Sol warned about digging to close to road along 3rd Avenue-old location of Martin Arms Apartments.

Traci Felton—Dept of Labor/Work Force Development working with the Anchorage Job Center- Mountain View for local hire pool for construction projects underway and coming here. Nine Star's Timo Johnson will be putting together a database of available workers. He can be reached in person at the Mt. View Job

Center, by calling 297-5466, cell 301-4918, email timoj@ninstar.com. You can also call or email Traci with questions at 269-5614 or traci_felton@labor.state.ak.us.

Brian Shelton Kelley—Anchorage Community Land Trust
Project manager for Weed & Seed is Nick Gonzales (in AZ at a gang prevention conference tonight) he has an office space in with the Land Trust.

Mountain View in the Sun Event was a success & is being looked at as a weekly activity for Mountain View next summer. End of Summer Art walk is going to take place September 1st and another on the 30th of September.

Question asked about if Land Trust properties is revenue producing. Brian answered that the Mobile Trailer Supply is not imagined as a revenue producing entity, but as a multidisciplinary arts center & community meeting center. The Sadler building is hoped to be revenue producing.

Sadler warehouse project is approaching completion; tenants are expected to move in a few weeks from now. The Land Trust is reportedly well into planning for upcoming new projects.

Mr. Day of Elmendorf—attending & when asked there weren't any questions for him tonight.

Old/New Business

No one has word on the library as of yet.

Carolyn Kinneen has photos of the Mountain View in the Sun Event—and more events are wanted this year. There will be the Art Walk September 30th with a concert at the Sadler building.

Natural History Museum will have one free day per month and has a new Executive Director—Ketch

Jaye reports he will try to be more on top of putting important information up on MVCC sign board

Tom Dougherty completed noise study for Glenn-Bragaw project. Acquired 8 of 21 properties needed for the project. Coordinated with Clark Middle School, Hickel Investment (Red Apple) on interim traffic plans. The art component hasn't

been completed because the RFP is still in process and hasn't gotten to the design building contractors. He wants to make sure the RFP meets the intent.

Niki distributed flyers with information on Becoming Foster Parent. OCS is looking for them. Call 800-478-7307 or online at www.acrf.org if your interested.

Pat on Munford recognizes a drug problem on her street and wants to start a Neighborhood Watch. Hugh invited her to a working session with the Executive Board of MVCC. Hopefully a representative from APD will be there too. Mountain View patrol announced they will be paying more attention to the Mumford area.

Citations awarded

1—Noble's Diner recognition for donations to clean-up project

2—VFW Post 1052 also recognition for donations to clean-up effort

Respectfully submitted,

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Mountain View Community Council

