

Mountain View Community Council Meeting Minutes September 11, 2006

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Wade at 7:02 pm.

August 14 minutes were approved.

Finance Report approved. We have \$3,000 in our account.

President Wade asked the audience to please initial the sign-in sheet and to write in their names, addresses, phones, and e-mail addresses if their names do not appear. Niki assisted audience members with recording their initials and other information if they weren't on the list.

Flag Salute took place.

The agenda was approved with additions being Doris Timperley handles elections, .Traci Felton is here from the Department of Labor and Workforce Development on the Glenn Square job availability, Tyler is not reporting on the neighborhood plan, and David will announce the winners of the Mountain View Beautification Awards.

Announcements

- The MVCC Executive Board will meet at 5:30 on September 26 in the (former) Mobile Trailer Supply Building on Mountain View Drive.
- Suzanne Little and Nick Gonzalez announced that there would be a cash prize for naming the rehabbed Sadler's Building.

Assembly Report

Allan Tesche came and reported that he'd lost 50 pounds. Those who had not yet lost 50 pounds clapped, but everyone was pleased to see Allan back with us. The Wal-Mart rezoning request is up. 8 votes would be required to approve the change. Capital budget requires oversight by the Council of the Mayor's priorities. ASD issues are coming up, too, with budget committees looking into every aspect of the district operation. Dan Sullivan wants to rollback the parking fines downtown. Some merchants want to keep the fines at \$20 so that there is turnover at the parking meters and more people can shop. Sullivan may try to remove funding for school resource officers. The MV library got \$50,000, and there are plans to go ahead with the library. The community should make sure the money is available. Max said the parks and rec building would be used for the library and there might be other city offices there as well. Sol asked why the

pool room in the community building was not used as a library as originally intended. Get ahold of public works and make sure MV projects are listed. Max said it is a good idea to list projects in a variety of dollar amounts. Hugh: What is going to happen with Title 21? Allan talked about the schedule and the priorities for handling the different titles. He wonders if there is a strong enough community consensus on Title 21 to get it through. People seem to be looking at it individually instead of as a whole and that, as a whole, it won't be well favored. If it is carefully done, it has the potential to be helpful to Mountain View and Fairview. It must be presented positively in order to succeed. Sol asked if the legislative citation is going to help with waivers for dumping for Homeward Bound.

Legislature

Max Gruenberg and Gretchen Guess presented a legislative citation to the Community Council. "Efforts to improve and revitalize the community" were cited. Resolution passed May '05. He reported that there may still be another special session. Also, that there would be hearings on the gang issue from the Judiciary Committee. Hugh said all candidates would be invited to a candidate's forum next month- about 3 to 5 minutes on their platform.

Gretchen Guess introduced George Ascot who can take information on issues in the community. She invited questions, and Sol said everyone would miss her. Michael Evans noted that Venezuela was giving oil to rural Alaska. Gretchen said she wasn't aware of it. Michael said Alaska oil was going to some villages. Gretchen explained that this was probably power cost equalization. Michael said they didn't vote on it, and he said that oil was being given away. Gretchen wanted to look into it.

Mt. View Patrol

Fred Schriener was not available.

APD Report Sergeant Cindi Stanton is now back as the community liaison to Anchorage's 37 community councils. Council members were very happy to have Sergeant Stanton return. Cindi is working with the crime committee. There are more police officers in the neighborhood from 11 P.M. to the 4 or 5 the next morning. Trying to address excessive violence overall Cindi was in the neighborhood during the day when things are quiet. Action starts at 8 P.M. A citizen complained about public fornication in her yard and said that there was an indifferent response from the police officer who responded. She also reported that a group of people were causing disturbance near her house right now. Sgt. Stanton gave the resident her card and asked her to contact her with more information. The crime committee for Weed 'n Seed will meet every Tuesday. Sol: Is there any intention to cut the school resource officers? Cindi: I don't think so. David Fraites identified a tenant who had been engaged in drug transactions. His house was broken into, and neighbors yelled at the person. They called the landlord (David's boss). Cindi recommended that the police be

contacted if there is a burglary in progress. That is a higher priority crime than if there is someone drunk on the street.

AFD: Three firemen came to report on fire department activity. They are running out of t-shirts. About 35% of the calls may be from Mountain View. The area they serve residential and small commercial- all of Mountain View, down Viking to the industrial area to the port, down to 25th, North end of Fairview, and east just this side of Boniface up to Reka Street. Generally speaking, this is a compact fire district. One of the t-shirt sales supports the explorers group. The post is supported by the fireman's union and the department. 80% of the benevolent fund goes to local charities. Sol: How closely to fire and police work together. Police officers have a number of skills that firemen do, and some firemen have police training. Sometimes police respond and sometimes the fire department respond.

Job Center Report David Alexander reported that 441 adults came to the resource room; 21 youth used it in the month of August. Timo Johnson is working on the September 18 Best Buy recruitment from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. here in this room. Traci Felton and David will report on this later.

Bruce Farnsworth/Tyler Robinson, Neighborhood Planning- No report.

Mountain View Beautification Awards- Secretary David Alexander announced that Doris Timperley and Art Walker had won first place for the tree plantings with new spruce and a new front porch. Second place was Khamkeo Khamleu for the bold use of colors at his Mekong Restaurant. Third place was the Anchorage Community Land Trust, Suzanne Little, Executive Director, for the refurbished Mobile Trailer Supply Building. The first place prize was \$75, second place was \$50, and third place was \$25. Doris accepted her prize, and credited her son-in-law for the porch design and construction. Khamkeo could not come because of the dinner rush at his restaurant. Nick Gonzalez accepted for ACLT.

Anchorage Community Land Trust- Suzanne Little reported that they are doing great work in the community. The Annie E. Casey Foundation provided a workshop on building resident leadership in Mountain View. Celebration of the new Sadler's Building will feature a 5:30 to 10 concert with a dedication ceremony featuring the Mayor on September 30. There will be tents and heaters for the timid. Naming of the Sadler's building is open to community suggestions. A name should represent a meeting place, a gathering, be a catalyst for action. Mountain View Community Church wants to talk to ACLT.

Glenn/Bragaw Intersection- Tom Doherty of DOT and Paul Witt of HDR Consultants and Claire Noll of the Mountain View Advisory Committee on the interchange reported. Tom provided an update saying that the funds were released since the last meeting. They think there are enough funds to go with the process. Claire Noll has been reviewing the artist's portion. Heritage Land

Bank people want to reroute a storm drain and put it down Mountain View Drive, but it might be difficult for DOT. Right of Way acquisition is going ok- 13 of 22 properties have been secured. They've met with Hickel properties and Red Apple people. They still want to limit access to Bragaw during construction including blockg the left hand turns off Bragaw. They have the option to use a sole source for Design/Build Teams. Noise study has been completed, and they will add some additional noise barriers. Coordinated lighting to match Mountain View Drive. Construction should begin in May. Claire reported on the Interchange for the Mountain View Task Force and the Russian Jack Task Force. The task forces prioritized some of the issues, and identified some artists who could respond effectively to what the task forces have requested. The design/build team has to select one of these four approved teams. Tom committed to the city to eight weeks to review the proposed RFP for the design-build team. Glenn: When will the work begin, and the answer was initially November. I don't recall November, replied Tom, and I think May has been the projected start date. They expect to start taking down buildings and changing utilities in the last week of May. Question from AFD: What about closing Bragaw. Tom: There has been a discussion about that and a route has been identified. Sol: I appreciate that you have been receptive to input. Aren't there going to be two new streets? Tom: No new access off the Glenn. I don't think the Glenn Square Mall streets will help the fire department at all. We promised not to start construction until after school is out. Scott: You are definitely not going to block Bragaw? Tom: The opposite. We are definitely going to block Bragaw. We need to eliminate the through access on Bragaw. Locals know that Pine is available. We'll have a three way intersection at Bragaw with cars going South. Pine/McCarrey will be available as an alternate route, but only the locals know this. Anticipated completion 10/01/08.

Mountain View Art Walk- Carolyn Kinneen reported that the Art Walk would be on Saturday, September 30.

City Roads- Jacques Boutet handed out a schematic perspective for Mountain View Drive between Klevin and Bragaw and told about the changes from a historic perspective. Carma Reed initiated this. The Mayor had asked for a document that Jacques presented- a layout of what would be going on in Mountain View. It changed from the time George Wuerch was Mayor to the present. Jacques was told to finish this project before the Begich term is up. There are six phases including the garden art project and Glenn Square Mall. Phase two should be complete by the time the snow flies. Should have the road done and the signal installed. Phase 3 ties back in to where they were last fall. Some of this won't happen for 10 years, but it will all be underway including on street parking which should appear next fall. Lower right hand side of page 2 of the drawings are a parking area. This will make up for some of the parking that will be dislocated. Between Cash Alaska and Bragaw there will be a plan to do some land swaps so that there can be parking places. Pedestrian scale street lights and positioning long terms to get another row of on-street parking are on

target. The third page of the drawing shows some of the forthcoming development. Phase 5 is Tom Doherty's Bragaw-Glenn intersection. Dog leg off of Phase 5 is a Muni element- the proposed swap with the parking at the top toward Bragaw. Phase 3 is in progress and the engineers are looking at the analytical issues and getting a contribution from all of the property owners on the corridor. Flower becomes a one way street and it had not been decided whether it will be in or out. Right now it is shown as "in". Niki doesn't want it to be an ingress because it will not limit drug traffic. Jacques said more discussion will be needed before any decision is made on Flower. Claire thanked Jacques for the graphics, but there isn't much for the road plan other than a few more parking spaces. Mountain View Drive should echo the years of work that committees have requested over the years. Well, the third phase is an older drawing and we will probably have nine spaces rather than five. We received much feedback from businesses and left hand turn in and out options are very important. We aren't anticipating revisiting this at a future date, but to develop the land use plan so that when the dust settles, there is a concrete vision for development here. The expectation is for new businesses and new structures. We would expect the church and parking lot to be redeveloped. Clark: I hope we're not preserving the status quo simply to need changes later on that reflect better what we've requested over the years. Also, we have people crossing the street and there is a need for signalized pedestrians crosswalks. Jacques: But, they've asked, the business owners, want to preserve the status quo for the time being. I can't strong arm the business people to give me what we want, but we can establish criteria for the future. Sol: What about the weather? Jacques: It's very good, and we'll be ok with our time table. Many comments: What about the need for crosswalks? Jacques: the businesses are concerned about their commerce. There will be a base course for the road and then the final. Glenn: So, this means 10 days? Jacques: Yes, and we have to get the contractors and the equipment on site in order to get the concrete.

Weed 'n Seed- Hired at the end of June, Nick Gonzalez stated that the Weed 'n Seed offices would be moving to the Brewster's Garage, now occupied by Color Creek Art. I started in the middle of the fiscal year for the grant. We are current and DOJ is pleased with the reports that have been submitted. \$174,000 was provided to Mountain View. The grant was written a couple years ago. Nick is looking at the currency of the objectives. Weed 'n Seed is weeding out the bad things and seeding the good. This is a diverse community and somewhat transient. I look at it as a good community from my point of view as a resident. I want to lend support to National Night Out, Mountain View in the Sun and other events that build neighborhood understanding and pride. I want to add my efforts to things already underway. 274-0152 is my number. I'm looking for new space and may be moving to the Color Creek/Old Brewster's garage. I'm an idea guy and a problem solver. I want to figure out what we can do together. We need more Mountain View Patrol, deal with the insurance issues in the community- we all have a stake in what is going on here. It takes a village to raise a child. We need everyone in Mountain View to come together. Some time, some energy.

My job is to make this grant go, and we have a potential for as much as 10 years funding. We can succeed here because we have a good community and good people. Michael asked about the make-up of the Steering Committee and some members were named: Niki Burrows, Deborah Smith, Fa'aana Tosi, Carol Comeau, Cyndi Stanton, Suzanne Little, and Lt. Norsworthy. Sol: Norsworthy used to be active in this area? Agreement that he was. My first week on the job I organized a vigil on a person who had been shot. It seemed to work on a spontaneous basis. Hugh commented that the Crime Committee would meet tomorrow at 5:30 and identify which properties were a problem.

MVCC Elections- Doris Timperley was in charge of elections. Hugh Wade, President, Don Crandall, Vice President, David Alexander, Secretary, and Niki Burrows, Treasurer by acclamation since the candidates were not opposed.

Glenn Square Mall Job Availability- David Alexander reported the Best Buy would do a recruitment for Mountain View residents here, in this room, on Monday, September 18 from 10 A.M. to 2 P.M. Five staff members from Best Buy will give information to job candidates. The expectation is that Mountain View residents taking jobs would have to travel to Dimond and Old Seward for several months for training prior to working at the Glenn Square location. Timo Johnson of the Mountain View job center will work with candidates to help them get entered into the job database for the Department of Labor. Nine Star staff will also assist with resume preparation and interviewing skills. There will be 190 different jobs.

Traci Felton said that Best Buy would interview for 190 positions. There are approximately 300 prospective candidates who have initially expressed an interest. Applicants need to apply online at the Best Buy website. Nine Star will have staff who can help with signing up and where residents sign up, they will be get contacted as early as the job opportunity is known.

Timo is keeping a database of Mountain View applicants. He will also be contacting job seekers as the specific job opportunities become known. Traci said that their would be construction jobs eventually.

Code Enforcement- Grace Anderson reported that it takes 30 days to get rid of a derelict vehicle. Grace also said that she and Nick and the crime committee are identifying problem properties. She requests that the residents notify her of regularly occurring problems. Rick brought up the Salvation Army, and the signs on the wall were reported to have been vandalized. There is a problem with the drop off site with clothes overflowing into the parking lot and sidewalk. Red Apple needs to pick up their grocery carts. Where do the shopping carts come from that are around the neighborhood? It was said that the store has an employee who goes out to collect the carts. Nick said they go out twice a week to get them. Sol said that the people who see the carts ought to call the store.

Community Center- Cleaned up the Parks with ALPAR. Had a lot of involvement. National Night Out was 850 people according to APD crowd control. More adults this year, but still have a carnival atmosphere. Getting to know your neighbor is a point of the National Night Out. Catholic Social Services and Lutheran Social Services served on the HUGGS committee which were also a success. Members of the community advisory committee have been introduced, and the advisory committee will look for money to support activities. Fires were set in dumpsters and burned a local resident's trash cans. Fencing in the park is part of the solution. There would be an aspect of community policing in the activity. Their painted dumpster was burned. They would like to take over park maintenance from Parks and Rec. Extra security cameras would help. Graffiti busters is not working. They didn't clean up the graffiti that was reported. Some people from community patrol will be sent out tomorrow to clean up the areas. Ravenwood has its prostitution corner, and a young woman was beaten up by the people near the corner. Rick is working toward getting security to deal with ripping off the shingles and the dumpster fires.

Old Business-

Leuluso'o Leatutufu of the Polynesian Association discussed the identification of specific groups from Samoa, Tonga, Hawaiian and other areas. We expects to come next month to speak on gang violence and job training. He complimented the work done by Nine Star Enterprises, APD and ASD. They want to work with the community council. The Polynesian Association wants to work toward solving problems, violence, and employment training.

Will special Olympics support the Clark Middle School Track. No one has information on the work and there is no contact for Bill Bryson's work with Nike.

New Business-

We should have written reports to save time. This was a suggestion from Suzanne Little.

Niki is the chair of the capital improvement project committee and she needs committee members. Mountain View needs a new list of what is needed in Mountain View.

President Hugh Wade called for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 9:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander, Secretary
Mountain View Community Council

