What: Mountain View Community Council EXECUTIVE BOARD meeting

Date: Tuesday, January 30, 2007

Time: 5:30 PM Promptly to 7:15 PM Promptly

Place: Anchorage Community Land Trust Building (3142 Mountain View Drive)

Attendees: Ernestine Fleece, George Hernandez, Another person (maybe two) associated with the Latino Lions, Serena and Jason from Americorps, River Bean and Friend Carol, Kep Pierce, Grace Anderson, Amy Grant, Niki Burrows, Bruce Farnsworth, Donna Hayes, Olivia Lorenzo, David Alexander, Clark Herrington, Don Crandall, Hugh Wade. (Please accept my apologies for omissions and mistakes.)

Agenda and minutes prepared by Hugh Wade.

Action items are highlighted.

1.) Review of the Agenda (for this meeting) and changes. (5:30 - 5:35).

   Brief Announcement by Hugh: He will not be here on 2/12, so Don will run the monthly MVCC meeting.

2.) Main Topics of the meeting

   a.) Serena and Jason from Americorps - Introduction and brief discussion of a home improvement project for Mountain View Residents. (5:35 - 5:40)

   There was general support of Serena and Jason’s project to help residents install frontdoor peepholes as a security feature of their homes. They will present at the 2/12 meeting.

   b.) James/ Lisa from CITC/ Chanlyut - Introduction, update. (5:40 - 5:45)

   James/ Lisa did not attend, and Hugh couldn’t remember if they were actually supposed to. It might have been the monthly MVCC on 2/12. In any case, no news, but we are anxious for an update on Chanlyut and to see how their building design corresponds with our overall Main Street/Arts & Culture District neighborhood vision. And how things are generally progressing with their mission.

   c.) River Bean - Farmer’s Market - giving some background on the past Farmer’s Market/ Mountain View dialogue and events. (5:45 - 5:50)

   River reported his view on the chain of events, going back at least 2-3 years, on why the Farmer’s Market will be at another location this summer. Essentially, the council E-board said that we are sorry it didn’t work out, and that we hope they will consider coming back after this summer.

   d.) Ernestine Fleece - Latino Lions - garnering support for building improvements at the Hispanic Cultural Center building. (5:50 - 6:00)
Ms. Fleece gave us a background on the Latino Lions longstanding history and contributions in Mountain View, and her organization’s plans for the Hispanic Cultural Center. We told her she had our support, and that she should make a presentation before the MVCC on 2/12. We advised her that part of her presentation should include a resolution of support.

Wilhour-Warner (6:00 – 6:20)
- Hugh’s Strategy Proposal
- Suzanne’s idea of a land trade
- Seeking allies and other development ideas

I will not cover this here, as the group asked me to send out an email to Mary Jane on behalf of the MVCC and the Wilhour-Warner committee regarding Wilhour-Warner. Look for that email.

Emails and email list discussion (6:20 – 6:25)
This was generally discussed. Very briefly. We’re worried about too many emails being sent out, and our message being diluted and ignored by the bombarded recipients. No direction or clear course, other than awareness and to keep monitoring, and possibly make a change in the future.

Council Finances and making a budget (6:25 – 6:30)
Generally, our idea to tag onto the Clean-up as a source of general operating funds has problems. Number 1, as Niki pointed out, is that we can’t use grant monies intended for the Clean-up as general MVCC operating funds.

No answers. Niki agreed to provide a run-down of annual income and expense categories for the Council, and associated general annual amounts associated with each category.

Annual awards: Christmas Lights Awards/ Film and Beautification Awards: Making them standard annual events. (6:30 – 6:35)
Briefly and generally discussed. David just said that he would keep doing both, and would holler for help when he needed it. Other than that, we’ll try to get ahead of them a little bit and be aware when each project is coming, and that David may need help.

Glenn – Bragaw Resolution for more funding for the project: Update on the Task Force and discussion of the pending resolution (Claire or Hugh) (6:35 – 6:45)
Hugh gave the general update. Claire will be drafting the resolution, supporting the full necessary funding for the project. It will be presented at the 2/12 meeting.

Succession of the presidency in Fall 2007. Candidates, those willing to serve? (6:45 – 6:50)
Really no substantive talk. The group just wanted me to stay on. I said I may, for another year, but it would behoove the Council to find another President, and that it would greatly help the council in the long run to have several strong leaders serve successively as President. Ideally, a person could serve for two years, then someone else could step in, and we’d have several people pulling on the sled.
with increased capabilities. Benefits: Bench strength and depth. The development of several more neighborhood leaders.

k.) Person to write the monthly paragraph or two for the Clark MS newsletter. (6:50 - 6:50)

We did not visit this subject due to time constraints.

l.) Agenda for 2/12 MVCC and Don handling the meeting: (6:50 - 7:00)

   Proposed speakers:

Jacques Boutet – City road work in Mountain View in this Summer. Don to contact Jacques about speaking at the 2/12 meeting.

Serena and Jason from Americorps: Resident Door Look-out Project

Glenn – Bragaw Project Resolution: More funding critical. Claire to draft and to make sure presented.

OTHER: The council would like to hear from CINA and CITC/Chanylut. Perhaps they will contact us, or Don could contact them about speaking at the 2/12 meeting. Hugh will be out of town, and Don’s email is dhc@ak.net

3.) Housekeeping, Announcements and brief Follow-ups: (7:00 - 7:15)

Written report effort (Amy, Don) (7:00 - 7:00) going well. Amy and Don have added a couple of churches.

Clark MS Marketing effort (Don) (7:05 - 7:08) going well. Don and others would be setting up a couple of stations for voter registration/absentee ballots.

   a.) Clean-up (Scott) (7:08 - 7:10)
       Not in attendance.

   b.) Neighborhood Plan (Tyler, if available) (7:10 - 7:15)
       Not in attendance. Basically, Hugh has talked Tyler, and it looks like Tyler has got it under control.

   c.) Old/ New Business: (7:15 - 7:15)
       None. Meeting adjourned at 7:16.