

**Minutes of the
Mountain View Community Council Meeting
December 13, 2004**

President Thom Blackbird called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M.

November Minutes: Motion from Paul Palinski, second from Billie DeVore to approve the minutes. Motion passed unanimously.

Agenda: Motion to accept the agenda from Paul Palinski, second from Billie DeVore to accept the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Assembly- Mike Storm reported that the number of community service officers has been five for a year or more. Next Tuesday's Assembly meeting will feature a \$20,000 reduction in the tax base for an Anchorage residence. The difference in lost revenue to the city will be made up in a slight increase in commercial taxes. Feds have approved some loan guarantees for Marlowe and the McKay project so work should resume on that building. Feedback will be solicited by Mr. Tesche on snow removal in the neighborhoods and he will report problems to street maintenance. Spring ballot will not have school bonds, but there will be the convention center proposition. It will go between 7th and 8th and between E street and G Street. The thought is that there will be a two or three story parking garage. Walking corridor from the new convention center to the Egan. There are guarantees that the cost will be covered by revenue from a bed tax which will go from 8 to 12%. 12% is in keeping with cities this size. Another item on the April ballot will be museum construction. Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness Report was discussed at last Friday's Assembly work session on December 10. There will be a hearing to adopt this ten year plan. There will be other opportunities for public input.

Thom- C.W. Floyd works for the city on the homeless planning and would be available for comment on the developmental work. Philip Mangano reviewed the plan that the city task force created. He is President Bush's representative and he described the plan as the most comprehensive he had seen. The question here is where the funding would come from to allow action on the plan.

James Patlin- Question on designation of residential properties regarding the \$20,000 tax rebate. Would not affect the zoning of any property. Would the homeless task force plan affect zoning. No, not at this point.

Legislature- Gretchen Guess and Max Gruenberg- Gretchen Guess reported that the session would start January 10 and she is leaving for Juneau January 6. Have phone contact for legislative meetings with residents. Discussed lien problems with reference to a particular house in Muldoon and others. Working with Fred Dyson on vandalism problems, especially with reference to schools. Difficulty of walking north-south across the highway and other streets with the timing of the lights. Probably will not be back during the session in consideration of pregnancy. Rep. Gruenberg will be in the district during the session, though.

James Patlin: \$16 million to keep the Senior Center open. What would happen if the money was not available from the state? Will anyone from Mountain View lobby for funds for the Center? Is it possible that residents could go down to Juneau. Petitions are less useful now that the regulations for certification have changed so that is not a good option. Is the Governor in violation of the law with regard to the Center? Question about some of the ethical decisions made by people in government. Office of Children's Services are taking kids from legitimate families. Can regular people get involved in clean-up measures and avoid having kids taken out of homes and placed in foster homes and still contribute to providing better services for the children? Can we as Mountain View residents get more involved in contributing to the new regulations for OCS?

Gretchen: I had not heard about the Senior Center. JP: It was on the tv. Gretchen: The Senior Center generally lobbies well for itself. The Executive Ethics Act specifically talks about the Attorney General and would have an impact on the situation with the Attorney General. There are 250 or more steps in the process of reviewing the OCS regulations and progress is being made. They did not try to say that they had an answer for each question. There is a home visit for foster care although it is not a home analysis. There may be a more in depth look at homes for suitability before children are placed.

Michael Evans: Example of kids who were leaving the state to visit biological parents. There were problems in this situation. Another concern is that the adoptive parents don't get enough information about the kids before a couple accept a child. Gretchen: If you have specific examples, please let me know and I can follow up.

Max Gruenberg: We're going to Juneau in a couple of weeks and I'll report from the start of the session. There will be opportunities for me to talk to Mountain View constituents during the session.

Community Center- Rick Henderson- Hard to maintain full staffing. The Thanksgiving food giveaway was really neat, but they only had 250 turkeys. The lady from Catholic Social Services was going to leave, and Rick was joking about having to tell all the people outside that they would not get the turkeys. Even those who did not get turkeys got some food and eventually 500 people were served something. The Fall Feast also had approximately 500 people- Safe Harbor, AWAIC, McKinnell, and other services received food. Kwanzaa, Christmas, Hannukah, Hispanic Celebrations of Christmas and other festivals will be recognized during December. This year no success in getting kids in the community for the gift giving. The Fire Department may have some students from 7 to

12 years old. Community collaborations- YMCA will be here. New Memberships- Memberships going to calendar year and there is going to be a morning program from 7 to 9 A.M. They'll be fed.

Michael Evans: Brown Jug wants to give away some money. Rick has been in conversation with Ed O'Neil.

Rick: Would like some sponsorships from businesses for kids on sports teams. Would like other sponsors. For a team, they need 5 or 600 dollars for warm-ups for teams, but it is hard to recruit the businesses. The business would get their names on the warm-ups. Rick currently has three teams he wants to find sponsors for. Tom Begich suggested Arctic Circle Enterprises as a potential sponsor. Girls youth 13, Boys 13, and Boys 14-18 are the teams and B&G gets a break from the Y for the cost of the team. Probably about \$600 for sponsorship of a team. Thom: Also mentioned that the Judo Club had five kids place in recent competition and they were residents.

Fundraising- Barbara Hogan was absent.

Zoning and Streets- Kerry Hawkins- Not too much new information. Trying to get CSOs over again to start tagging cars. 45 vehicles identified as needing to be towed. It was down by 30 vehicles from the month prior. On the patrol side there is a severe problem at 4040 Mountain View Drive (the Studio) next to TC's and it is an after hours club. Drugs and guns have been present. Ten year old kids are going into the club with 21 plus year old adults. Some kids were dazed from substances and wandering into traffic. The people in the nightclub would not let the police in. On the next night, Kerry reported some drug paraphernalia and when the police stopped the action, the people in the nightclub were upset about the Patrol requesting police assistance. Paul P- Did they find any alcohol or drugs? Kerry- there was evidence, but no arrests were made that evening. Apparently, the owner of the property is involved to a certain extent. Another concern is that there was a suicide of a 28 year old married man who had a daughter 4 years old. Now there are five patrol cars in Mountain View and they responded to a fight at 517 N. Flower. The combatants had to be restrained and were taken to the police station. Need to talk to Dept of Justice about the distribution points for drugs. Had a drug bust of 8.8 kilos of cocaine on Friday across from Kerry's house.

Mountain View Patrol- Fred Schriener- Combined with Zoning and Streets.

Guest Speakers

Cook Inlet Housing- Jeff Judd- Director of Operations for Cook Inlet Housing Authority. Jeff showed a poster with pictures of the properties which had been purchased, some of which had been rehabbed. Demolished 16 homes. Four four-plexes have been substantially renovated. Stripped down to sheet rock or studs and reconstructed with new windows. Put security cameras in and security lights. Took out illegal fifth units. Put windows and covered walkways. Repaved parking area. Places are affordable. They

constructed 12 new single family homes with lower income residents. 629 Bragaw is full and 617 is nearly full. 28 units altogether completed Phase I. Phase II sites are awaiting approval for the funds necessary to work on these lots. 309 and 317 Taylor are four plexes. 616 and 618 North Bragaw are also four plexes. 52 existing residential units in the second Phase. 25 new single family homes will be constructed. 8 new townhouses. 58-62 units will be rehabbed and/or replaced in this effort. Ten homes will be available for sale. Phase II will be worth about 18 million and Phase I is worth 10 million. Jeff showed the pictures of proposed designs. Houses are about 1520 square feet. Garages are accessed off the alley. The ranch homes are accessible to people with disabilities. Larger families may want to rent these homes and so CIHA is going to build a couple four bedroom homes to accommodate them. Bob Peterson of Peterson Homes will do the townhomes and John Hagmeier will do the single family homes again.

Paul P: Several of my neighbors have expressed concern about the multi-family housing- the townhouses are an example. With 47 in rent to own and 10 in ready to purchase. Jeff says that the density has been reduced by 11 units, but understands the concern about the townhouses. Paul says there are 35 multi-plex housing units on Bunn Street and the lots aren't big enough. The funding request to Ak Housing, says Jeff, can only accommodate 1.5 million in debt for the 14 million investment. The revenue from those properties will have to make up the remainder to make the project viable. Paul- Is the appraisal accurate for these lots? There are a couple properties which did not need to be torn down. Jeff- overall the properties will be attractive and will provide an addition to the neighborhood. On Bunn Street itself, Jean Palinski observes, the density will increase. Jeff- I can't control density on individual streets. Jeff- Here is the resolution from the Community Council which enumerates what will be done. We did follow this plan. Jeff introduced the Council resolution which was approved on September 13, 2004. 28 properties currently have 52 residential units and in the renovation/rebuilding there will be 58 units. There may be some instances where more residential units will replace a lower number that are currently in existence. Paul expressed concern about the size of the lot, especially 6250 foot lots being used for duplexes. Jeff agreed that the duplexes will take up a bit more room, but he said not much and they will be set toward the alleyway. He notes that the current construction all has cedar fences around the lots. Fences are well designed. Good landscaping will be provided. He described one instance. "I understand your concern about the duplexes, but the vast majority of these sites are single family." 45 single family homes and only 8 will be townhouses. Paul- Quite a few people on Bunn Street are upset about the changes and, in particular, the Quonset hut that is on essentially three lots. Jeff replies it is a nice property that can accommodate three single family homes. Paul points out a lot of money was invested in rehabbing that property. Paul objects to more multi-plex units on Bunn Street and the fact there are 35 and Jeff said that there were many streets with that many units. Jean said there are not likely other streets with that kind of concentration. Jeff said people on other streets would complain if the units were moved to those streets. Paul said the way Bunn Street is being planned involves too much density and is not appropriate. Other streets are not necessarily as dense as you say. Bunn is the street which will take the pressure under this plan.

Venture Development- John McGrew- Mr. McGrew was not here, and Thom reported that at a Main Street meeting Peer Properties represented by Jim Gottstein wanted to build a two story residential facility. The Mountain View interests did not want this facility at North Park and Mountain View Drive because Delancey Street is coming in and Homeward Bound is already there. Another facility would provide too much concentration. Some discussion on finding an alternative site with Tom Begich's help. Tom Begich is waiting to hear from Merton about some possibilities. Land Trust will identify two or three sites and discuss them with Mr. McGrew. Developer will still develop that three lot site where Main Street does not want the facility, but it will be developed as shops or artist housing or something more compatible. This would be a win-win situation, said Thom. Rob Kinneen felt they should not locate the planned facility at that site but sees everything going in the right direction. Meeting on January 10 should produce an answer according to Tom Begich.

Tom talked about the Delancey Street project and said the Land Trust needed to purchase the building and Delancey would come up with a design that fits the Main Street objectives for an attractive corridor. Likely the current building will come down and be replaced. Discussion on some of the problems with the existing structure.

Street Maintenance- Paul Vanlandingham- No Report (snowing tonight)

Mountain View Neighborhood Plan- Open Discussion- Paul had talked to Allan Tesche about the possibility of having a neighborhood plan to develop covenants so that the neighborhood would have building restrictions. The requirements might be a specific number of square feet, a specific amount of yard space, and other conditions. Niki Burrows- No multiplexes from Peterkin to McPhee. Niki- There had been some discussion of having a neighborhood plan for a model community and that Mountain View had been selected. Kerry- Mary Jane Michael will be here in January to discuss plans. Kerry talked to John Kito about doing a community forum in the school. Anytime in January or February would be ok.

Weed 'n Seed Support for Police- Thom Blackbird- Thom spoke to Walt Moneghan at the presentation of the \$50,000 for Mountain View and Russian Jack and Walt said he would sign a letter of support for Weed 'n Seed. Michael Evans said there was a list of people who had written letters at the front of the application. Thom said the check for the grantwriter had been written and sent. Niki said it had not been received. She said that Foraker would send the check directly to Sativa Quinn. Thom said they originally wanted to send the check to the Community Council and it hasn't been received yet.

Election of New Secretary- David Alexander was elected by the membership.

Old Business/New Business

Noble's Liquor License- Beer and Wine restaurant permit. This is not a new license since La Casita had had a license. Billie DeVore endorsed the Kinneens as responsible

restauranters and people with ties to the community. Motion not to object to this liquor license. Vote is 7 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention.

Police Representation- Paul Palinski reported that Sergeant Allen had told him there would be only one police officer who would report at all the community councils. It is definite that this is going to be the process, and it would be a favorable development if they used one spokesperson instead of rotating local officers.

Adjournment- Motion to adjourn from Paul Palinski. Unanimous approval.

Meeting adjourned at 9:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander
Secretary