

**Minutes of the
Mountain View Community Council Meeting
January 10, 2005**

Vice President Kerry Hawkins called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

December 2004 Minutes: Motion to approve as amended by Paul Palinski, seconded by Kep Pierce. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: Motion to approve by Paul Palinski and seconded by Fred Schriener. Motion passed unanimously.

January Agenda: Amended order of speakers with Sergeant Cindy Stanton from Anchorage Police Department (APD) added and Carma Reed from the Municipality of Anchorage Planning Department Community Development Division earlier. Motion to approve January Agenda as amended by Paul Palinski, and seconded by Fred Schriener. Motion passed unanimously.

Speaker

Cindy Stanton, APD Sergeant --introduced herself as the newly assigned APD Community Council Liaison & will be acting as the first point of contact and information exchange person between APD and every Community Council (CC). It has been hard for patrolmen to be at CC meetings consistently, therefore, Sergeant Stanton has been assigned for the next year to be in attendance. Sergeant Stanton's direct desk line telephone #786-2668 and her work hours are Monday through Thursday 12 pm to 10 pm.

In addition to attending all the Community Council Meetings in Anchorage, Sergeant Stanton will be presenting monthly status report briefings to the Councils. Unless there is a major event that would require an immediate 911 call, when Mountain View residents observe odd activities occurring on a regular basis Sergeant Stanton advised keeping a log including any license plate numbers, which can be helpful in an investigation. APD dispatch maintains logs of the number of calls to each address, so the number of call outs to a particular address is at hand for the officers.

There was discussion regarding the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) ordinance that brings the homeowner in on assuming responsibility for illegal activities being conducted out of their properties. The MOA will send notification letters to the property owners and request assistance with the remediation of the problem or they will be receiving a bill for any necessary police activities.

Committee Reports

Assembly – Allan Tesche

Items to be discussed and worked on at tomorrow's Assembly Meeting:

Ordinance to approve the Mayor's Task Force on Homelessness, that has received national attention, will be discussed at tomorrow's assembly meeting; Mayor would like anyone wanting to comment to talk to Mr. Tesche or the Mayor's office about getting on the agenda.

Ordinance that has been worked on will be discussed tomorrow night to create a new community development agency. This would be a combination of the Parking Authority & Heritage Land Bank to collaborate together with the private sector and non profits to develop lands, buy, sell, trade, & exchange MOA lands. In the past Municipal land wheeling & dealing has been done by a series of agencies under ordinance. Any new activities would be done by a single MOA agency/department that would be headed by Robin Ward a former realtor.

Placed on the ballot is a Proposition to allow voters in Anchorage to decide whether or not to recognize a 20 thousand dollar deduction in house valuation for purposes of residential tax relief. State law allows cities with the vote of the people to put into place a very limited homestead exemption worth about 20 thousand dollars in value. If this were approved by the voters it would help reduce property taxes.

Every year the city bundles together kind of a wish list of capital projects and policy issues that the city wants the Legislature to consider. The Mayor's Legislative program is really about three things in his book, which is about eight pages long...Roads, Roads, & Roads. Mr. Tesche reports the city is looking forward to the

legislative session, as this is one of those rare years where there are those that share views. Mr. Tesche reports some discussion he has promoted involves reinstating Municipal assistance, revenue sharing, and block grants for cities. Mr. Tesche would like to see programs reinstated for a couple of reasons 1) for many smaller communities in Alaska that are absolutely dependent on these types of programs for their very existence and 2) the prospect of lowering tax bills in this community. Mr. Tesche would like to see some type of alliance to be formed with Anchorage and other outlining communities for revenue sharing with the State of Alaska (SOA).

Sol Gerstenfeld—asked Mr. Tesche to check into Anchorage Rides regarding problems with the program. This was seconded by Paul. Mr. Tesche indicated he would follow up on concerns.

Mr. Tesche brought forward a question about where we are on the “Neighborhood Plan”. Who was going to write it, are we waiting for someone to give us a person to write it? Kerry Hawkins responded that there was suppose to be someone here tonight, Carma Reed, who is taking over from Mary Jane Michael to help take over the momentum on this aspect and help us to get the plan written.

Mr. Tesche explained the best way to address concerns raised regarding land use is that once the Neighborhood Plan is in place it is the intent of the Anchorage Comprehensive Plan, as he understands it, to adopt the Neighborhood Plan by ordinance so future development could be governed. We need to make it very clear to the city that we want to go ahead with the Neighborhood Planning process.

Community Center – Rick Henderson

Rick introduced his new program director Kathie Tillman. There are 63 children signed up for the before school program at the Boys & Girls Club. This is currently unfunded. Children are coming from Tyson, Mt.View, Williwaw, Wonder Park and six from Government Hill Elementary schools. There is a core each morning of about 47-48 children that have breakfast, & use the gym. Problem is there hasn't been the staff to handle the need. They are trying to juggle staff around, but it is very difficult. They need someone to work who would be willing to put in 10 hours per week from 7—9 am in the morning

Monday through Friday, to help serve breakfast. Also needed is someone 21 years old or older that has a valid driver's license, clean driving record or preferably a CDL to do the driving.

The Boys & Girls Club will be open the 17th (holiday) and the following Monday 24th, which is an in service day. There will be some special events on 17th to celebrate Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

To quell any rumors, "Kids Kitchen" is no longer here at the club and hasn't been for about a year. The meals never stopped, because they have since being handled by "The Kids Café". The meals now are being tailored for "kids" and are not just regular meals. They are designed to follow the USDA program.

The Boys & Girls Club would like to start a Kids Entrepreneur Program in the summer. Rick will be meeting with Lisa Mills & others to organize and work towards a summer start up. The club is also, starting another program called "Money Matters" in collaboration with Charles Swab where the kids will receive money which will go into a trust to be used for their secondary education.

The winter break ethnic holiday activities were a big success. A lot of donors contributed, the Fire Dept. came in, and every one had a good time.

Basketball leagues are going great. The first game starts this week, at 7:15 upstairs. The club has a volley ball team this year. Everyone is having fun, win or lose.

Fundraising- Barbara Hogan

Christmas at the Fly-By-Night did not go over well. Barbara talked to Tom about it and it looks as though there will only be one fundraising event a year.

The next fundraiser will be our second annual "Celebrity Roast". It will be coming in May the Saturday before Mothers Day, and Mark gets to pick who will be "Roasted" this year. Please bring your friends and neighbors for what proved to be a wonderfully entertaining evening last year.

Mountain View Patrol- Fred Schriener

There are currently nine members in the patrol & other applications coming in.

Issues surrounding prostitution in the area were discussed. The Patrol is receiving minimal to non-existent assistance from APD regarding this issue. Problems are focused in Alaska Housing apartments. Kerry will start calling apartment managers to help with possible surveillance. Mr. Tesche's aide Gene Storm will take calls to help direct attention to APD.

Do continue to make the calls to APD as they are logged in. Residents should keep logs also, and Fred will bring copies of an effective form to the next meeting for distribution. Instituting a calling tree was discussed, which has been effective in other parts of town...the squeaky wheel effect.

Zoning & Streets- Kerry Hawkins

The first MOA snow removal of the season is taking place today, 1/10. Over 200 junk cars have been removed so far. There are some issues with the contract towing company not picking up all the tagged impound vehicles.

Street Maintenance is happy with Kerry & Fred for being out there assisting with having the vehicles moved. Mountain View should be plowed out by tomorrow. MOA is doing a good job so far. Alleys and large potholes remain problematic. There have been some problems with berming in some old folks and the disabled—call Kerry Hawkins for referral information to see about help for these folks.

Clean up planning is beginning- the tentative date is the first week of May. Council members will be sitting down with hazardous waste folks at the landfill to organize that effort/process. Dumpsters will be put at Brewster's the 30th of April. Muldoon will not be doing a clean up unless they find another chairperson.

Fred recommends everyone slowing down going through Mountain View. Pay attention and move your vehicles when they are clearing the streets.

Guest Speakers

Kerry Hawkins – It was brought up that there have been a couple requests for an audit of MVCC books. This issue was something that was also talked about at an executive board meeting when the new members came into office. However, no written request has been received. It was discussed that audits generally run 15K to 20K. Do we really need one? This remained an open question. Further discussion pointed out that an audit only had to be done if the SOA requests one. The Federation of Community Councils now is only being reviewed, not undergoing a full audit as in the past. It was suggested that perhaps UAA business department students could be recruited to look over the books and do an audit/review.

Kep Pierce - *Federation of Community Councils*

The assembly had asked the councils to meet certain definitions and Bylaws. Kep presented, 1) Draft 12-15 an ordinance of the Anchorage Municipal Code Section 2.40.030 the definition and recognition of Community Councils, and 2) Draft 1/10/2005 Mountain View Community Council Bylaws, and went through all underlined changes & additions with the body. In addition, Kep let it be known that there will need to be a vote on these by March 2005.

Angela Jimenez – *Mountain View Main Street President*

Angela represents Mountain View Main Street, primarily a group of businesses on Mountain View Drive, who have gotten together to try to assist the MOA with plan design & road upgrades. The group would like to see more pedestrian friendly access, and have the drive not be used as a secondary highway through the community. There are major changes coming this summer to the drive as the money to start has come through. By February the group hopes to have a presentation together complete with aerial photos & maps.

Carma Reed - *Manager of MOA Planning & Community Development*

Division. Carma announced that the Mountain View Plan funding has come through. It will be important for Mountain View to have a Neighborhood Plan, and it was noted that there is a local planning committee that consists of Niki Burrows, Saul Gerstenfeld, John Peirce, Jim Lavery & Park. Carma mentioned she thinks it's

important to get a mix of residents, business owners, & resident/business owners involved. It was recommended by Carma to keep other groups in mind when doing the planning, such as local PTA's, the Main Street Group, Mountain View in Motion, etc.

Carma's office is working on an RFP to let out within the next three months to find an entity to assist Mountain View with their Neighborhood Plan, as there is a Federal grant for this purpose.

There is a lot of interest from local lenders to give a boost to Mountain View in terms of small business loans...5 million in section 108 loan guarantees to help businesses, 2 million to reduce interest rates & remediation of any problem properties. The historical properties report from Northwind has identified buildings that are of potential historic value.

Mr. Tesche questioned if there were any plans for the restoration of the branch library and a branch bank. This information should be coming from the survey being done by the university and addressed in the Neighborhood Plan.

Old Business/New Business

Michael Evans reported the APD received monies for Weed & Seed. The RFP grant writer was also paid. Due to the holidays not much has been done otherwise. The Steering Committee and the Council need to stay on top of it and follow up...We do not want to lose this year of development. One thing we want to accomplish through Weed & Seed is the Safe Haven at Clark, if ASD will approve.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn from Kep Pierce at 9:37 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Maria Carter, Acting Secretary
Mountain View Community Council