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Mountain View Community Council News

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Mountain View Community Recreation Center

315 North Price Street

Monday, January 10, 2005

7 PM

Council Meeting Agenda

7:00 Call to Order

- Pledge of Allegiance
- Approval of December Minutes
- Approval of Treasurer's Report
- Approval of January Agenda
- Introductions

7:20 Committee Reports

- Assembly Report - Allan Tesche
- Legislative Report - Sen. Guess/Rep. Gruenberg
- Community Center Report - Rick Henderson
- Fundraising Report - Barbara Hogan
- Zoning Report & Sidewalks - Kerry Hawkins
- Mountain View Patrol - Fred Schriner

Guest Speakers

- 7:55** Proposed audit - Kerry Hawkins
- 8:10** Federation of Community Council - Kep Pierce
- 8:25** Anchorage Community Development - Carma Reed
- 8:50** Street Maintenance - Paul Vanlandingham
- 9:15** Mountain View Main Street - Angela Jimenez
- 9:30** Weed 'n Seed Report - Tim Burgess
- 9:45** Old Business/New Business
- 10:00** Adjournment

Next Council Executive Meeting

Monday, January 31, 2005 at 7 PM

Mountain View Community Recreation Center

This is an open meeting - You are welcome

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT
REGULAR MEETINGS (SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH)

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Job Seekers Can Use Free Internet at Mountain View Job Center- Job seekers can use the free internet connection in the Resource Room at the Job Center to located current job listings in Anchorage and around the state. Personnel are available to assist users with searching the internet. Appointments can be made to have assessments done with the Department of Labor counselor stationed in Mountain View. Help is available from 9 to 6 Monday to Thursday and from 9 to 4 on Friday. People needing to improve resumes or develop interviewing skills can request help. The Anchorage Job Center - Mountain View is located downstairs in the Mountain View Community Center. Phone 297-5422 for assistance.

Police Presence- There are now five patrol cars in Mountain View. Mountain View Community Council Officers cited a need to talk to the Department of Justice about the distribution points for drugs in the neighborhood. With reported crimes dropping in Mountain View, it looks as if the combined efforts of the police and the patrol have had a noticeable impact. It's a good time to stop the drug exchanges that are going on at known locations.

Cook Inlet Housing- Paul Palinski had asked about the housing density planned by Cook Inlet Housing. At the last Community Council Meeting, Jeff Judd, Director of Operations for Cook Inlet Housing Authority, said the units added to the original number planned were 6 and did not have a dramatic effect on any streets. At the meeting, Paul differed with Jeff about the impact and noted that several of his neighbors have expressed concern about the multi-family housing-the townhouses are an example. But, Jeff said, with 47 in rent to own and 10 in ready to purchase the density has been reduced by 11 units. But, he understands the concern about the townhouses. Paul continued his analysis with the observation there are 35 multi-plex housing units on Bunn Street already and the lots aren't big enough. The funding request to Alaska Housing, explains 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. But, Paul asked if the appraisal is accurate for these lots? There are a couple properties which did not need to be torn down, as an example of another concern. Jeff responded that overall the properties will be attractive and will provide an addition to the neighborhood. But, not necessarily, because on Bunn Street itself, Jean Palinski observes, the density will increase. Jeff said that he could not control density on individual streets. The points made by the Palinskis were backed by other comments from residents on the effected streets. Jeff concluded with the resolution from the Community Council which enumerates what will be done and CIHA did follow this plan which was approved on September 13, 2004 by the Community Council. 28 properties currently have 52 residential units and in the renovation/rebuilding there will be 58 units. (See December 2004 minutes for more detail)

FROM THE GRASS ROOTS OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Mountain View Community Council and all its members would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your contribution. Citizens like yourself make a big difference in our community.
We need more people like you!

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17th Spring Clean-Up Coming to Mountain View

Volunteers are needed for the next spring clean-up, our 17th annual. Please call Kerry Hawkins at 272-2697. The council would also like to remind people that it is your responsibility to keep the area clean, free of obstructions, and free of snow for the postman and the garbage collectors. This is true for alleys and streets. These officials are NOT required to try to work in unsafe or congested areas.

Thanks for a Good Year

Thanks to everyone who invested so much time in this year's efforts to keep the area clean. Mountain View is a better, brighter place. If you know of a disabled person or a senior citizen who needs help, please notify Kerry Hawkins at 272-2697 and he will arrange the assistance.

Community Policing Program

Members of the Mountain View Community Patrol will attend a community policing program for the next three months on Wednesday evenings along with two Saturdays. The Patrol also would like to invite more members, especially for the new Trailwatch program started by the Municipality. Please call Fred Schriner at 223-9524 to get more information or to sign up.

In Memorium

Karen Clayton Doulgerakis, a long time resident and former partial owner of businesses in Mountain View, passed away on December 3. She is survived by her husband, Charles Doulgerakis, the owner of Really Neat Stuff, her children, and her grandchildren.

Honoring Those Who Have Been Affected By the Recent Earthquake

Although we have enough issues to deal with here in our own community, it is appropriate to have a private moment- each of us having a moment of our own- to say a prayer or have a good thought for the men, women, and children who have suffered from the earthquake in Asia the Christmas weekend. From the entire Mountain View Community Council, our heartfelt hope for healthy recovery.

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Mt. View Street Maintenance- Kerry Hawkins is trying to get Community Service Officers on Mountain View streets again this winter to start tagging cars. The indication from APD is that these CSOs will be assigned. There will be 1 CSO available for Mountain View and a total of 5 for the entire city. They will have a big job to do, due to an excess of 45 vehicles that need to be towed. These cars were identified by Kerry and his volunteer crew in early December. This was a reduction from November in which over 75 vehicles had been tagged for towing. There seems to be steady action on the towing, but more cars appear each month. This problem seems to be cyclical, too, because the cars fall back into the hands of the owners or other residents and reappear only to be tagged again for towing.

Incidents Stemming from 4040 Mountain View Drive (the Studio)-

Mountain View Patrol- Fred Schriner and Kerry Hawkins- reported last month on a severe problem at 4040 Mountain View Drive (the Studio) next to TC's. This upstairs location has become an after hours club. Drugs and guns have been reported as in the possession of visitors to the club. The Mountain View patrol officers are concerned because of the visits by children to the club when accompanied by young adults. Children were reportedly under the influence when they left the Studio and presented a traffic danger on busy Mountain View Drive. Although police were called, 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. No arrests were made that evening. Apparently, the owner of the property is involved to a certain extent.

Mountain View Neighborhood Plan- (from December 10) Paul Palinski 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/or other conditions. Niki Burrows noted that no multiplexes from Peterkin to McPhee had been projected. Niki said there had been some discussion of having a neighborhood plan for a model community in Anchorage and that Mountain View had been selected. Kerry replied that Mary Jane Michael will be here in January to discuss plans. Kerry talked to John Kito about doing a community forum in the school. It was decided that anytime in January or February would be acceptable to use Tyson.

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

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Venture Development- Thom Blackbird 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 sponsored by Cook Inlet Tribal Council and Homeward Bound is already there. Another facility would provide too much concentration of the same type of service. Some discussion on finding an alternative site with Tom Begich's help. Tom Begich is waiting to hear from Merton Johnson 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. There was discussion on some of the problems with the existing structure at the last meeting.

Second Cup of Coffee- Be sure to stop in to meet your PTA Board at the Second Cup of Coffee Thursdays at the Mountain View Elementary School. Along with meeting the Board and parents, get an update on school events from School Principal Roger LeBlanc. The next Second Cup meeting is January 6 followed by another one on January 20, 2005.

Weed 'n Seed Support for Police- Thom Blackbird spoke to Walt Moneghan at the presentation of the \$50,000 for Mountain View and Russian Jack. Walt said he would sign a letter of support for Weed 'n Seed. Michael Evans noted that 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.

We need any postings from businesses, churches, civic organizations and others to be in by the third Friday of the month to make it in the newsletter. We also welcome articles and ideas for articles. Please share ideas on what you would like to see in the newsletter. Call Kerry Hawkins at 272-2697 or Peter Acquaro at 279-7827.



MOUNTAIN VIEW RENOVATION

A feature front page article by Sheila Toomey in the Anchorage Daily News on Sunday, December 19 gave credit to the Mountain View Unity Team for the new sign on the Brewster's building at Bragaw and Mountain View Drive. It went on to laud the Mountain View Main Street Committee under Angela Jimenez for working to develop a concept of how Mountain View Drive and Commercial Drive can be changed in the year or two ahead. Work is to begin on Mountain View Drive this spring under the re-design direction of architect and urban designer Jacques Boutet.

As the article explains, all this is happening under the watchful eye of the Mountain View Community Council. President Thom Blackbird of the Community Council met with President Angela Jimenez of the Mountain View Main Street Committee to discuss the North Park and Mountain View lot development by Venture last month and the two are cooperating in discussions on commercial development in the neighborhood.

Gary Wiles, a ten year Mountain View resident is pictured on the front page of the December 19 ADN edition as is Ms. Jimenez. His home is next to one of the new homes constructed by Cook Inlet Housing. On pages A-8 and A-9 are photos of a house on Taylor Street being taken down by CIHA which was replaced by a new, 1500 square foot model designed by John Hagemeier, a well regarded local builder. A photo of that house with new owner Davida Phillips is shown along with a Main Street meeting photo at the Alaska Museum of Natural History in Mountain View. Also featured is Noble's Diner, a bright new business owned by Rob and Carolyn Kineen at North Park and Mountain View Drive.

A graph in the article shows a 26% decline in police calls to the Mountain View area since 1993. Much of this can be attributed to the active Mountain View Patrol and the work of the Community Council officers and committee members. Thanks to all Mountain View residents who help with crime watch.