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Mountain View Community Council News

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Mountain View Community Recreation Center

315 North Price Street

Monday, May 9, 2005

7 PM

Council Meeting Agenda

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of April Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Approval of May 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 Schriener
APD Report- Sgt. Cindy Stanton

Guest Speakers:

- 7:55 Mountain View Spring Clean-Up-** Kerry Hawkins
- 8:10 Mountain View Roast-** May 14- Barbara Hogan
- 8:25 Anchorage Neighborhood Housing-** Lisa Mills
- 8:40 Cook Inlet Housing-** Jeff Judd
- 9:00 Habitat for Humanity-** Terry Borton
- 9:20 Old Business-** Reconsideration- Resolution on CIHA
- 9:25 New Business**
 - Resolution on transportation problems- Kerry Hawkins
 - Resolution on zoning- Kerry Hawkins
 - Information on Weed 'n Seed Meeting May 6- Thom Blackbird
- 10:00 Adjournment**

Next Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday, May 28, 2005 at 7 PM
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY BY BUYING TICKETS TO THE
MAY 14 ROAST OF DENNIS MCMILLAN- FORAKER CEO



Community Council News in Brief



Dinosaurs of Darkness continues to September 15: DINOSAURS OF DARKNESS at the Alaska Museum of Natural History, 201 N. Bragaw, will feature displays of unusual DINOSAURS OF ALASKA, ANTARCTICA, and AUSTRALIA. Dinosaurs of Darkness is a riveting international touring exhibit featuring recently discovered dinosaurs that lived in the extreme polar regions of the globe, where darkness reigned in winter and temperatures plunged below freezing. See complete skeletons, models, skulls, fossil bones and teeth, eggs, nests, and mummies. The exhibit is also supported with interactive computer games, videos, and puzzles. The Museum is open Tue. - Sat. from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sun noon to 6 p.m. Admission during this special exhibit is \$3 for students under age 18 and \$5 for adults. For more information visit www.alaskamuseum.org or call 274-2400.

Volunteers needed on May 14 at the Roast: Can you spare a few minutes to help with the VFW dinner on May 14? Our fundraising dinner needs a few good hands to set-up and clean-up. People are needed. Call Barbara Hogan at 278-2930 to let her know you can spare a few minutes later in the afternoon. You'll have enough time to get back home and put on the Ritz before dinner!

Winners All! Stephanie Palinski won a silver medal for the Intermediate Slalom, a bronze medal in the Giant Slalom, and took fifth in the Intermediate Downhill at the Special Olympics in Nagano, Japan. Wow! To travel that distance, and earn those medals! Paul and Jean were happy to make the trip with their medal-winning daughter. Rick Henderson, BGCSA, recently won a successful mentor award on Thank Your Mentor Day January 25. Another winner was Bartlett High student Cheyenne Alabanzas who received a 2005 President's Volunteer Service Award. UAA's Upward Bound Program and Tim Perry's East High School JROTC program also won President's Volunteer Service Awards. Ed O'Neill of Brown Jug won the Anchorage Downtown Partnership's Leadership Award. Ed's been a champion for this neighborhood.

Spring Clean-up with Kerry: You know he needs you...everyone is needed. Please join the clean-up, because this neighborhood works when everyone pitches in (the trash cans, that is). Bring your front loader. Kerry- 272-2697

Frito Lay Opens Its Doors: The Mountain View Community is pleased to welcome Frito-Lay Alaska to our neighborhood. They bring job opportunities and a good business. Located at 100 N. Wrangell Street, the phone is 334-4800. This is a great business for our community, and it has historically been successful.

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!

Send to:
Mountain View Community Council
P.O. Box 142824
Anchorage AK 99514

President: Thom Blackbird
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 Treasurer: Barbara Hogan
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 Mountain View Patrol: 277-4357

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A Special Roast



The Roast is May 14! Join us on Saturday, May 14 for the event everyone will talk about! The main fundraiser for 2005 is our roast of Foraker Group CEO: Dennis McMillan. We give our thanks to John Tracy and John Carpenter of Channel Two for their commentary. They were at their funniest last year when Mayor Mark Begich was roasted.

Honoring: Dennis McMillan
When: Saturday, May 14, 2005
Where: Mt. View VFW Post 10252
 3105 Mt. View Drive
 Anchorage, AK

Time: 6:00-7:00PM-Cocktail Hour (Cash Bar)
 7:00-8:00PM-Steak Dinner
 8:00-? Roast

Tickets: \$40.00 per person in advance
 \$45.00 per person at the door
 \$350.00 for a table of 10

Tickets are available at the following locations:

Alaska Car & Van Rental-3934 Spenard Road
 Hispanic Service Center-3948 Mt. View Drive
 Nobles Diner-Corner of Mt. View Drive & Park
 Wirum Properties-500 L Street, Suite 100

Or

Send a check for the full amount & your address to:
 MVCC Celebrity Roast
 P.O. Box 142824
 Anchorage, AK 99514

The tickets will be mailed back to you

Tracy and Carpenter are two of the funniest stand up guys in Anchorage, and they're bringing their talent to this great fundraiser for the Mountain View Community Council. Please support your Council by buying a ticket.



WEED 'N SEED COMING?



General committee chairman Michael Evans is pleased that the Mountain View Weed 'n Seed application has been accepted by the Department of Justice. Weed 'n Seed is a community wide network of activities and information designed to reduce the conditions for criminal behavior and increase the policing activities in the neighborhood. Previously, the Northeast Community Council in Muldoon had been successful in preparing a grant. That effort gave rise to the Russian Jack neighborhood's application under the Russian Jack Community Council. Then, the Mountain View Community Council was able to assemble a wide range of community members to put the Mountain View application together. All these applications were under the review of Timothy Burgess, the U.S. Attorney in Anchorage who forwarded the applications to the Department of Justice.

A visit to the Mountain View neighborhood will eventually be made by the Department of Justice and opportunities to make this grant useful to residents will be discussed. One thing has already been determined and that is Clark Middle School as a Safe Haven for kids. Principal Cessilye Williams worked with Michael Evans on the plan for Intervention and Prevention of crime and criminal behaviors. The Safe Haven is part of this committee's work. This concept has the endorsement of schools superintendent Carol Comeau.

Vonnie Anderson, who headed the Neighborhood Revitalization Committee along with Mac Carey and David Alexander, had a number of good ideas for keeping the streets free of debris. To complement Kerry Hawkins' annual Mountain View Spring Clean-up, the Weed 'n Seed program can contribute significantly to a better looking neighborhood. Said Tim Sullivan who has been the East Anchorage Weed 'n Seed Director since Muldoon first won their program, "This is an opportunity for people to better their neighborhood. With a little energy from the community, Weed 'n Seed can do a lot for making the neighborhood a gracious environment."

Real progress has been made toward the Mountain View beautification effort that will be in keeping with the Arts and Cultural District, and the Weed 'n Seed grant, though not an arts grant itself, is a potential contributor to a more attractive neighborhood. Stay tuned for news on the Mountain View Weed 'n Seed grant- May 6 will be next meeting.

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Don Peters brings his craft to Mountain View Drive: Don Peters, II is a jewelry artist at 3340 Mt. View Drive. LFJ Manufacturing, his company, produces luxurious fine jewelry. Don has been making especially nice pieces in platinum, gold, and silver, and he would like to show you some of the work. LFJ Manufacturing provides repairs, custom heirlooms, high-tech casting services, and work with diamonds, gemstones and colored stones. The showroom is one of the recent editions to what we all expect to be an impressive arts and cultural district. LFJ specializes in Alaskan Wildlife Jewelry and custom designs. LFJ is a service disabled veteran owned small business. Discounts are available to veterans and military members. Also, Alaska Disabled Veteran Sports Program (www.advsp.org) is in the building, and Don serves as President. This is a non-profit that provides therapeutic recreation to veterans of Alaska. Don is a veteran himself and has put a lot of energy into creating opportunities for disabled vets. The phone is 561-6060 or 561-6061, and you can look at Don's work at www.lfjmfg.com. His e-mail is <lfjmfg@mtaonline.net>.

Leadership Anchorage is an Award Winner: Last month, the Leadership Anchorage was mentioned in this newsletter with President Thom Blackbird and Mountain View Unity Team member Fa'aana Tosi noted as members of this year's class. But also included in the 2005 class are Mountain View's Richard Benavides, Odila Rueda from the Educational Opportunity Center, and Ginger Stock-McKenzie from the Alaska Workforce Investment Board. This is great training and you can join the 2006 class by calling Barbara Brown at 272-5324. The tuition is \$1,250 and scholarships are available. Leadership Anchorage won national notice for its broad based, community-oriented curriculum. One of the standards for the program is students' attachment to the community and Mountain View is certainly proud of its Leadership Anchorage program participants. See the April 3 issue of the Anchorage Daily News on page B-4 for the picture and story.

Mountain View in Motion Steering Committee meets in April: The much awaited Mountain View in Motion Steering Committee had its inaugural meeting on April 5. Among Mountain View residents attending were Carolyn Kinneen, Niki Burrows, and Bruce Farnsworth. At the inaugural meeting, the steering committee met with Doris Koo of the Enterprise Foundation. Meetings will continue once per month with three key groups represented- housing, business, and the arts. The group's goals are to gain feedback from residents and business owners and disseminate it to the community regarding re-developing Mountain View. The steering committee also wants to develop communication strategies and work on community engagement with residents.

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Eventually, the group hopes to compile suggestions for a master plan for the arts and cultural district. For the next meeting, the Land Trust will develop a list of principles for the district that the steering committee can use to discuss an outline for the plan. For more information, contact Mountain View members: Carolyn (770-3811), Bruce and Niki.

Mountain View Road Re-Design: The re-design is not going forward as quickly as planned because residents have expressed concern about the speed vehicles will travel on Mountain View Drive, amenities such as the sidewalk, and how traffic will clear the intersections. Roundabouts had been suggested in place of street lights, but the larger area required for construction would move some businesses. Most of the neighbors weighing in on the re-design have said they want to maintain the businesses that exist in their present buildings. Jacques Boutet, the designer, had explained that two million dollars in Municipal Road bonds were allocated for reconstruction of Mountain View Drive from Pine to the Glenn Hwy. More will probably be needed as we identify more what we want to be included, as noted by Niki Burrows from the initial planning meeting. The Municipality will apply for more bonds, state grants and federal aid. The traffic engineers have gone back to the drawing board with new ideas for access to the Mountain View Drive businesses between Bragaw and Park if they narrow the street to two lanes. There have been no plans drafted yet. The public will have ample notice for input when plans are made that the businesses along Mountain View Drive have agreed upon. Please watch for public notice for your input in the future. No plans will be finalized until the public has had a chance to comment. There are no current plans available for comment as of April 26, 2005.

Speaking of litter- what about a legal camps? From Girdwood to Thunderbird Falls, people are camped out at all times of the day and night. The problem is, that brings litter. Someone is doing something about it, though. The Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association (ARBRA) is here to help all clean up as it relates to beverage and big box retail stores (mouthwash, etc.) trash. CALL 563-3815, Ext 2225 HOTLINE. And, Ed O'Neill has an even better suggestion, **legal camps**. As in Europe, they could be available at \$2 to \$10 a night with a limited camping period of 4-7 days. "I've interviewed numerous St. Francis customers who would love a legal camp where they could feel safe- to say nothing of travelers who are short term visitors (not to be confused with the homeless)," Ed commented. "The point is that any other type of camp in the city is, as always, not legal." (See Winners All! for Ed's recent award).