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Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street
Monday, November 14, 2005 @ 7:00 PM

Council Meeting Agenda

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of October Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Approval of November Agenda
Introductions

7:20 Committee Reports

Assembly Report - Allan Tesche
Legislative Report - Sen. Guess/Rep. Gruenberg
Community Center Report - Rick Henderson
ROC Report- Niki Burrows
Zoning Report & Sidewalks-
Mountain View Patrol - Fred Schriener
APD Report- Sgt. Cindi Stanton
Federation Report- Kep Pierce
Job Center Report- David Alexander
Arts and Culture District Vision- Bruce Farnsworth
Weed 'n Seed Report- Michael Evans

Guest Speakers:

8:00 Stone Soup Group- Jayson Smart
8:10 Mailbox Update- Hugh Wade
8:15 Mountain View Planning- Carma Reed and Tyler Robinson
8:30 Mt. View Drive Future & Garden Art Project- Jacques Boutet
8:40 Mall Development- David Irwin, PO'B Montgomery
9:00 New Business
9:15 Adjournment

Next Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday, November 29, 2005 at 5:30 PM
Mountain View Community Center
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

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Community Council News in Brief

Mountain View Neighborhood Plan- The plan is underway and we'd like your input to create Mountain View's future. Anchorage's 2020 Comprehensive Plan calls for all the city's neighborhoods to plan their future development. For the next six months or so, the community council and Mt. View residents will get involved in setting short, medium and long range goals for our community. A strategy exists for reaching out to as many and as varied a group of residents and business owners as possible. Call Carolyn at 227-8422 or Bruce if you want to participate or find out more. Events will be planned and advertised.

One of the first outreach events is November 11th. Come to an open house at the current offices of the Anchorage Community Land Trust, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing's WRAP program, and several other organizations. The address is 3134 Mt. View Drive *in the old Mobile Trailer Supply facility*. Refreshments will be served! Come and meet your new neighbors and share your ideas for the future of your community. Carolyn Kinneen

Community Patrol funds announced by Max Gruenberg- Thanks to Mountain View's legislators, Max Gruenberg and Gretchen Guess, the Community Patrol funds from the legislature have arrived via the Municipality. Bruce Holmes from the city has transferred the money to MVCC. Our three patrol cars require trained drivers, insurance, repairs, tires, and fuel. The expense is spread among donations, the legislative grant and fund raising activities done by the Council. We are grateful to Mountain View business for their contributions, and appreciate the support of our legislators- Hugh Wade

Arts and Culture District Presentation- On October 24th, the Arts and Culture District Steering Committee made their updated powerpoint presentation on the Arts and Culture District at Mobile Trailer Supply. The powerpoint showed slides of before and after arts changes on our streets, video interviews with local artists, pictures of what is reasonable and cost effective in Mountain View, success stories in the Arts District so far and questions from the artist oriented audience on what choices the District should make- David Alexander

Design Considerations for Buildings and Lots - The Community Council is in the best position to help businesses and developers with lots and construction if plans are submitted to the Community Council early so that affected residents and business owners can be consulted and traffic patterns can be reviewed. Clark Yerrington



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Position on Adult Establishments- The Council has wrestled with the increasing presence of adult establishments in the community. While the Setter Bar has been on Fifth Avenue for a long time, the Big Timber Motel with its connection to the Showboat Club is a new idea. The Council should consider a resolution on the presence and activities of adult establishments within our borders. Kerry Hawkins

Chanlyut is Delancey Street Project in Mountain View- The Delancey Street project which has been introduced to the community council provides a system of training and residential living that works against drug abuse, fights unemployment, and reduces crime. The Mountain View project will be called Chanlyut by Cook Inlet which is designing and developing the program. They are currently seeking support from the Local Initiative Funding Partners of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and see the project as in partnership with the revitalization efforts in Mountain View. For further information on the project's progress, please contact <lriegert@citci.com>. Lisa Riegert

Food Bank of Alaska Moves Toward Mobile Unit- The Food Bank of Alaska is planning a tractor trailer storage van with doors on the side which can go from neighborhood to neighborhood distributing food. It will serve Mountain View and other Anchorage neighborhoods on a regular basis. The van cost per year is around \$30,000 for operations (not including food) and the initial investment would be approximately \$45,000 for the truck. Anchorage East Rotary is considering a primary sponsorship in the van. Volunteers will be recruited to do the food distribution itself. This effort is in cooperation with all other food distribution efforts in the city. Susannah Morgan

Welcome to Mountain View! The New Mountain View residents who have taken advantage of low interest rates to rehab old or build new homes. We are happy you have chosen to make your home with us, and we encourage you to become involved in the Mountain View Neighborhood Community Council. Vonnie Anderson

Providing your e-mail address- The fastest way to get your MVCC newsletter and learn the agenda for the month's meeting is to get an e-mail address and list it by your name on the monthly Council sign-in sheet. E-mail is convenient and fast.

Hugh Wade



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Regional Oversight Committee (ROC)- The ROC considered working through the HAND Commission (Housing and Neighborhood Development) because this citizen appointed board has experience with development issues. Tyler Robinson who convenes the weekly ROC meetings at noon on Thursdays (usually at City Hall in the Assembly Meeting Room) asked the Committee their views on October 20. A decision on working through HAND was postponed. They also saw a design of the planning process for the neighborhood of proposed Outreach Activities for the plan, a timeline for the process, a flow chart for task forces, work groups and topic areas, and the principles and outcomes of the redevelopment effort. Right now Carolyn and Bruce are adding to the Events when the planning process will be presented and at which people can comment. The two planners have worked continuously to include people and their comments. Please call Carolyn at 770-3811 or Bruce at 333-6903 to learn about the next event or give your comment. The guiding principles are to prime an economic renaissance in Mountain View, foster and maintain a demographically and culturally diverse neighborhood, and foster a thriving arts and cultural district as a primary element of the redevelopment project as a whole.

November 4 for First Friday in Mountain View- The Mountain View Arts and Culture District invites you to enjoy artist Ryan Olson on November 4 at Noble's. Call Sherre Dueno at 563-1958 to get the latest or Carolyn Kineen (770-3811).

Cook Inlet Housing New Homes Available in Mountain View- The units available from Cook Inlet Housing (CIHA) began to be available for sale in May. They will be available for occupancy in August. Prices range from \$189,000 to \$203,000 with 3 and 4 bedroom models and 1 3/4-2 bathrooms. The homes have 1324-1750 square feet of living space with two car garages. Monthly payments range from \$940 to \$1,313 including tax and insurance. There are income requirements with a range between \$40,600 and \$76,550 based on family size. While minimum income requirements apply, the hope is that many Mountain View families can qualify. Call CIHA at 276-8822 to get more complete information on the homes. -Jeff Judd

MVCC Treasurer's Election- Barbara Hogan resigned as treasurer and fund raising chair, and President Hugh Wade appointed Niki Burrows to replace her in the Treasurer's position. There will be an election on November 14 if someone else would like to run for Treasurer. If you had items donated to the Halloween fund raiser, you may ask for their return by contacting a Council officer.

-MVCC Board of Directors





Cessilye Williams
Clark Middle School Principal



Cessilye Williams has been the principal at Clark Middle School for the past 3 years. She has steadily made improvements in the schools appearance, connected with community efforts, and established high expectations for all students. She is highly respected by the students and strongly supported by the community.

One example of recent community leadership was Mrs. Williams' willingness to work with the Mountain View Weed 'n Seed Initiative. A particular concern, according to Mountain View resident Michael Evans, was providing a Safe Haven for students in the neighborhood. Building designation as a Safe Haven is one of the recommendations in the Weed 'n Seed project application, and Mrs. Williams worked with community members and the Superintendent of Schools, Carol Comeau, to make that happen.

She also served on the Intervention and Prevention Committee design team for Weed 'n Seed. Now that Mountain View is a Weed 'n Seed site recognized by the US Department of Justice, she will be working with community committee members to develop intervention responses on community problems for Mountain View students and residents.

Under Cessilye's leadership the school will begin moving into the design phase of reconstruction for a new building that should compliments the goals of the Arts and Cultural Committee, the areas community councils, parents, students and staff. A high level of excitement surrounds this three-phase project (Renovation, New Construction and Demolition) which has moved this construction project from a wish list to reality. She encourages all valued stakeholders to come out and participate in sharing their vision, ideas and thoughts. Each resident's voice is valued, appreciated and needed.

Mrs. Williams' mission is to establish academic excellence and high expectations and provide many enriching educational opportunities for all students attending Clark Middle School. She says, "Our students and families deserve the best and I am committed to helping fulfill this goal." Cessilye's conscientious efforts and enthusiasm for her students, families, staff and the community reflect a passionate leader committed to the betterment of this community. Mrs. Williams is a wonderful addition to Clark Middle School and the Mountain View community.

With respect to the renovation of Clark Middle School, community meetings will begin soon. The kick-off for the folks most immediately involved in school operations including PTA, students, teachers and involved community residents will be during the first week of November. Concepts about the renovation will be compiled and open to discussion at a community meeting which is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 29. Both November 29 and 30 will involve people using Clark and its library.

After the new year, there will be discussions the week of January 11 leading up to a community presentation on February 1. More discussions will follow and the modifications will be incorporated into a final plan to be approved by the Anchorage School Board on March 27. Mrs. Williams cautions that dates may change because of the number of parties involved and the complexity of the design.

Another ASD representative for the renovation is Ray Amsden who is not only working from within the district, but is a member of the Regional Oversight Committee which is concerned with the placement and activities of the new mall proposed by the PO'B Montgomery Development Company. This mall is adjacent to Clark and will influence the students and their activities.

Mrs. Williams has a steady respect for the need to obtain community input into the planning process and is also aware that as deadlines are firmed up the chances to offer opinions on the renovations will narrow. One unknown is the possibility of the proposed designation of Arts Magnet School.

Myrna Clark, the Anchorage School District director of the Art Curriculum, is optimistic about the designation. It is something that community residents including Niki Burrows have talked about for a long time. Niki and Myrna recently discussed the Arts Magnet School Designation prospect and some of the things that can be done to make that eventuality more likely.

If the Arts and Culture District that the Mountain View community has been supporting is to come about, Clark as an Arts Related School is a logical outcome. Right now, Wonder Park, a feeder school for Clark near Mountain View neighborhood, is heavily invested in developing arts activities for the students. It is not a long reach to see Clark as the next step for a developing artist at the elementary school level. Eventually, curricula and projects at Clark my spill over to Mountain View Elementary and Tyson. There isn't a reason why Clark can't forge a new mission in the city with this concept. If it is going to happen, leadership like that provided by Cessilye Williams is bound to make it more likely.