

Mountain View Community Council Meeting Minutes January 8, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Wade at 7:04 pm.

December 11 minutes were approved.

Finance Report approved. We are low in funds.

President Wade asked the audience to introduce themselves.

Flag Salute took place.

The agenda was approved.

Announcements

-The MVCC Executive Board will meet at 5:30 on January 30 in the ACLT/ (former) Mobile Trailer Supply Building on Mountain View Drive.

-There is a clean-up meeting on Wednesday evening at 5:00 P.M. at the MTS/ACLT building on Mountain View Drive.

Assembly

Allan Tesche reported that the seat vacated by Anna Fairclough will be filled tomorrow night. The new assemblyperson will be on the council for three months. There is consideration of an ordinance on bars concerning off street parking. Fourth Avenue Theatre financing that does not entail funds from taxpayers will be considered. Historic preservation commission will be discussed. There will be an ordinance on repealing the smoking ban. Also, limitations on taxi cabs. The number of cabs has been artificially suppressed. The Clark Middle School 65 million dollar bond is an issue the community must rally around.

Legislature

Representative Max Gruenberg reported that he was unable to take the ferry and so could not come to the meeting. The Legislature actually convenes next Tuesday. Max visited his bank today and learned they were thinking of expanding to the east side and he thought of Mountain View. Deanna Brown of Northrim Bank is the person who spoke about it. Ethics legislation is one area Max will be

working. Ignition interlock devices for people who have been convicted of their second DWI will be mandated if that bill passes. Legislation will also be filed requiring the state to have a fiscal plan. Also, a bill against driving and causing injury through an accident while watching a DVD player will be considered. There may be a bill prohibiting younger driver from using a cell phone while driving. Many members in the audience were in favor of this. Saul asked what the regents were going to ask for this year for the University? Generally, the need would be for additional funds. Allan asked whether Northrim was seriously considering coming to Mountain View. He asked if the Assembly could pass a resolution that would prompt the bank to do that? Max suggested that Allan draft such a resolution and bring it to the Assembly.

WRAP

Jack Heesch and Donna Hayes hope to work with homeowners in Russian Jack and Mountain View. WRAP works with the city's weatherization program and is sponsored by the Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services. ACLT is going to house the WRAP office. They are going to do a mass mailing soon. This is just for owner occupied residences. For a family of four \$59,600 is the maximum amount. Neighborhood Housing has other loan programs that could supplement the WRAP funding.

Small Business Development Center

Olivia Lorenzo is expecting to open a satellite office in the Mountain View neighborhood, presumably in the rehabbed Sadler's Building. Assistance with business planning, where business owners can get funding, working capital, and expansion funds are prospective services to residents. The Mountain View Community Council as well as Anchorage Community Land Trust are supportive of the SBDC. Training for entrepreneurs is projected. One on one business counseling available at no charge. Outreach for any businesses which want to come here.

Clark Middle School Replacement

Mary Cary, Cessilye Williams, and Carol Comeau on the bond issue. The present facility is 49 years old. The state of Alaska will reimburse the district 60% of the 65 million dollar bond. Suzanne asked if the ballot language could include the concept that the funds could be reimbursed by the state. Carol said because the legislature will not have acted prior to the April election, it needs to be clear that the money can be provided and that a number of Anchorage legislators are working toward it. A resolution from the Community Council is still a good idea. Max spoke in favor of it. Hugh said the Council would approach the ministers of the churches and Don Crandall would be heading up the MVCC public relations effort. The bond will also be described with reasons to vote for it in the MVCC newsletter. Saul asked about absentee voting, perhaps as a way to get more Mountain View voters involved. Allan said that Saul's remark on absentee ballots was relevant. Allan recommended that lists be examined with an eye toward helping people vote early. Many voters might be willing to vote

who would not otherwise. Barb Neeson said that Stone Soup was now able to register people to vote. Last Saturday in January will be a voter registration day. Carol said that they would be forming a school bond committee and if someone from the community council could testify before the Assembly. Hugh said MVCC would. Cessilye noted that other community councils had indicated an interest in helping us with advertising.

POB Montgomery and Theatre on Wilhour/Werner Properties

Mary Jane Micheal met with the Council and went over the size of the theatre. There is now a second bid from Century in addition to the bid from Regal. Need drawings of alternatives from developers.

Code Enforcement

New idea is to ask the neighborhoods what they want in code enforcement. Everyone gets three dots on the chart which has a list of items. Scott Kohlhaas distributed the dots and participants at the council meeting were invited to get up and indicate their code enforcement priorities during the meeting.

Weed 'n Seed

Mike Gutierrez is the new coordinator. He was hired from about 25 applicants according to Suzanne Little of ACLT. Mike will be at ACLT. He has worked for Senator Johnny Ellis among other jobs recently. Hugh noted that the quality of applicants was high and the Council is pleased to have Mike in the job.

Cook Inlet Housing

Cindy Mittlestadt spoke on the lending authority. There are four homes still on the market. There is one home designed to ADA specifications. This is the winning design. The cost is about \$239,000, but there are low interest loans available. The ideal home has a possibility for building upward as well as outward.

Mountain View Library

CBDG funds- Claire Noll and Suzanne Fleek from the office of economic and community development. The library used to be in the building where the parks and recreation center currently is located. Retrofit the existing building so they can put the library back in there. There is \$500,000 available from Senator Guess and Representative Gruenberg. The estimate was initially almost 1 million. It seems the cost will be higher now- maybe 1.3 million for phase one. There is \$750,000 requested of the legislature in addition to the funds already available and mentioned above. Probably do a private fund raising campaign to make the completion. That was done with the Muldoon library. There is some asbestos work that needs to be done. Also wants to do some exterior work. Exterior work needs to complement the design for the middle school. Mayor and the city want to build and improve the branch libraries. There is resolution regarding this. Claire read from the text and complimented ACLT on providing a starting point in the resolution. Redevelopment of the Mountain View community

library. There were 16 votes in favor of the resolution Claire read and non opposed. The resolution is available from community council officers.

Mt. View Patrol

Fred Schriener was not available.

APD Report

Sergeant Stanton was not available.

Resolution on the Farmer's Market

Hugh read the resolution which is available from MVCC officers. It supports the Anchorage Farmer's Market staying in this neighborhood.

Anchorage Community Land Trust- Amy Grant is compiling the written portions of the reports. She has a list for those who would like to get copies of the reports.

Old Business-

Clean-up discussed by Scott Kohlhaas- dates April 29 to May 5. Need many volunteers. Wednesday January 24 at ACLT/MTS at 6 p.m. is the date and time of the next clean-up meeting. We need people on the street and people in the parking lot so there is a role for everyone.

Safety Patrol Committee-

Cessilye Williams said that David Alexander and the Community Council took action right away and it has been effective in making the passage safer for the children. She expressed appreciation to the Council for doing this, and said it would be mentioned in the Clark newsletter. Hugh thanked Nine Star staff for volunteering their time to do the patrols.

New Business-

The code enforcement votes were for 1) Unsafe/abandoned buildings, 2) Junk and Salvage, 3) Trash, 4) Junk on vacant land, and 5) Junk Vehicles as priorities listed at this meeting in the rank ordering.

The Holiday Decorations votes were for 1) 4021 Thompson, 2) 3920 Peterkin, 3) 3434 Parsons, 4) 419 Klevin, and 5) 425 Bliss. The winners will receive their prizes during the month. The cash prizes will be enhanced by a gift certificate from Noble's for the first and second place winners. Some discussion previously about the value of the Holiday Decorations and Summer Beautification awards being annual events. This issue will be discussed at the Executive Committee meeting on January 30.

Also, at the Executive Committee meeting will be ideas on encouraging voting in the Mountain View community. Question of whether there are registered voters who could be encouraged to vote absentee if they don't intend to come out on election day. Vice President Don Crandall is working on the issue of voter registration. Again, Barb Neeson notes that Stone Soup will be doing a Saturday voter registration effort at the end of this month.

President Hugh Wade called for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:54 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander, Secretary
Mountain View Community Council