

Mountain View Community Council

Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Wade at 7:07 pm.

February 12 minutes were approved.

Finance Report for March in newsletter and copy available to participants approved. Continued need for more funds. Businesses are welcome to contribute.

President Wade asked the audience to introduce themselves.

Flag Salute took place.

The agenda was approved as amended.

Announcements

-The MVCC Executive Board will meet at 5:30 on March 27 in the ACLT/ (former) Mobile Trailer Supply Building on Mountain View Drive.

-There are clean-up meetings coming up, Scott Kohlhaas, Chair

Assembly

Allan Tesche- Friday a new code enforcement system came out. Computerized system will get complaints to city faster and will provide specific feedback to the person filing the complaint. Report on Knik Arm crossing later in the meeting today.

Legislature

Senator Bill Wielechowski and Representative Gruenberg will be here for a constituent meeting from 10 to 3 this Saturday. Denali Kidcare passed out as a bill from HESS to restore the service. Bills regarding doctors not taking Medicare have been introduced. Sol: how about national guard participating in veteran's affairs? Not clear at this time. Mike G. has wanted volunteers for the clean-up. He could use Guard members in this role. 274-0152 is the number to call.

Representative Gruenberg reported that the ethics bill has passed out of state affairs committee and includes reforms on electronic filing. Legislature is starting to look at Governor Palin's gasoline proposal. Statute on implementation of 90 day legislative session will be introduced.

Clean-up Plans

Scott Kohlhaas reported that the Mountain View Clean-up will be April 29 through May 5. There will be a number of committee meetings leading up to the start date, and Scott needs many more volunteers. Please volunteer.

APD Report

Sergeant Denny Allen was not available

Boys and Girls Club

Hugh Wade said everyone was wondering what had happened to Rick Henderson and why he was no longer the club manager in Mountain View. Kim Covall introduced Fred Young who is the new Mountain View Boys and Girls Club manager. He said he was looking forward to meeting residents and working on services, but he was not able to stay that evening.

Northeast Park District

Teri Peters, Northeast Park District Manager, brought information on the Northeast Bond package. It will provide rehabilitation for the existing facilities. Playground safety upgrades and other maintenance items will be provided. Golf and life skills will be introduced in the district. This will be a no cost service. Goose Lake bath house will be improved. There will be 20 youth employed in partnership with the Alaska Youth Environmental Group. Tuesday to Thursday they will be working in the parks. McPhee Gardens is coming up. All fencing and stakes are coming out. Teach people through the horticulture department to grow vegetables. There are seven positions available on the Boys and Girls club advisory committee. "Do the programs meet the needs of the kids?" - The advisory committee will deal with this question. 343-4297 is Teri's phone number. Kathleen Plunkett spoke to the bonds as a park commissioner since as a Municipal employee Teri could not advocate for the bonds.

Knik Arm Crossing

This is the biggest public works project that Alaska has ever seen, noted Allan. Tomorrow night the Assembly will hold a public hearing so that it can advise AMATS. Second thing is a proposed MVCC resolution. If we don't say anything at all about the bridge, there will be an assumption that we favor the bridge. We could recommend that the Assembly support the bridge or "no way, no how." Two community councils have passed resolutions opposing the bridge. This bridge comes to us through funding decisions made in Washington, D.C. The Mayor recommends that additional state money not be used for the project, nor local money. Find the other 500 million dollars (out of 600 million) from the private sector or other federal funds. Keep the traffic on Gambell/Ingra and not downtown. Don't use the A/C couplet for the Knik Causeway. Work on a cut and cover plan is the third thing Mark wants. Fairview was radically opposed to the big dig through the Ingra/Gambell corridor until the cut and cover plan unfolded. The fourth thing is that the construction of the bridge has to conform to local laws. Kep: with cut and cover, 14 or 15 houses must be taken out in

Government Hill? Apparently, yes. Kep: what is the difference in cost? Jim Posey: Some savings on land use with the cover, but still expensive with the house buyback. Some other comments- not recorded.

Paul Palinski: lower the roadway and put the cover on top. I will make the motion to consider the MVCC resolution (passed out by Allan with the four concerns as identified or supported by Mayor Begich) on the Knik Arm Causeway. The problem is that the streets approaching the bridge will probably have to be paid for by the city. Allan: the bridge and the approaches will be paid for by the alternative sources of funds. Sol: We have a mass transportation need, and I'm still going to vote for this resolution. Paul: How are we going to maintain it? Allan: The tolls on the bridge are supposed to pay for the maintenance. Can we see the South Addition resolution? That may be more suitable.

Those in favor: 6 Those opposed: 2. Motion passes.

Allan read the south addition resolution (Resolution Number 10-19-2006B of October 19, 2006). For the reasons expressed by the South Addition Community Council the MV Community Council opposes the Knik Arm Bridge. Moved by Clark and seconded by Niki to pass the south addition resolution. Those in favor: 11 Those opposed: 3.

In summary, the Mountain View Community Council passed two resolutions opposing the Knik Arm Bridge.

Resolution on MVCC Representation on the ACLT Board

This had been discussed with Diane Kaplan, said Hugh. The resolution requested that an MVCC executive board member be appointed to the board. Hugh said that Don Crandall would be the eb's choice because Don is an MV resident. Hugh read the resolution.

Sol moved, and Paul seconded, that the resolution be presented to ACLT. Hugh gave Homeward Bound as an example of an MV organization that has MV representation. He said the ACLT board had balked at putting an MV officer on their board. Jaye asked about the status. Suzanne said ACLT was a private, non-profit organization. Suzanne said she attended as many MV meetings as she could. She recommended that more than one name be put forward to ACLT for membership on the board. Hugh said he wanted to hear that the board was willing to put an MV resident on the board. Suzanne understands that Angela Jimenez and Father Fred Bugarin were added to the board to address connectivity to the board. Scott Kohlhaas said it would be not appropriate to demand that a board member be appointed since ACLT is private organization.

Suzanne said ACLT is contemplating maximizing in a more positive way such as partnering with Cook Inlet Housing. Kep said a reason for this resolution is that

we were led to believe there was a place on the board for us and to tell us now that the board is too busy to elect someone is contrary to what we were led to believe about the ACLT board and that this resolution would present the issue clearly to them. Suzanne said her heart is in doing the right thing for the neighborhood and that she has kept faith with this intent. Suzanne goes to as many MV meetings as she can and has provided support from ACLT for community events whenever possible. She said the board of ACLT would make the decision on whether to appoint anyone else to the board and not her. All in favor-13 votes. None opposed. One abstention.

School Bonds Yes!

Suzanne made the presentation for Kitte' Miller and gave the following evidence that Clark surely needed replacement:

Inadequate Storage.

Low Structural Heights

Structural Problems.

INADEQUATE VENTILATION

Making Do With Poor Facilities

Patched Together Infrastructure

Roof Leaks

Hazardous Materials Which Kids Are Exposed To

Program Deficiencies

- Classrooms/ESL/Special Programs
- Physical Education
- Multipurpose/Music
- Administration
- Career Ed

Dark, Crowded Hallways

Make Shift Technology Labs

Pluses for the Proposed School Replacement

Good stewardship

Time for Clark to be replaced

Equitable- All Anchorage kids deserve equal treatment

No net indebtedness

Responsive- The students will respond to their surroundings

School Bonds, Yes! together with Anchorage Tomorrow.org has provided yard signs and fact sheets. Tell someone in another neighborhood how much you and your neighbors and their children need this school.

Vote absentee or in person

The election is coming up on April 3.

Mountain View Road Work.

Jacques Boutet explained that the Mountain View Drive four phase project is in Phase 3 this year. They expect to bid this portion in about 6 to 7 weeks. Sol asked if there would be a delay because of coloration in the crosswalks?

Jacques said he thought there would be. However, we will avoid the delays that occurred last year, he said. Some businesses have concerns and we're trying to work our way through them. Bruce discussed some special development for the beautification. Need for strong business and resident input for the designs.

Jacques: We have a landscape architect coming up with some ideas for themes and alterations along the drive. Streetscaping will provide non-organic beautification with benches, trash cans, and other amenities which will pull the street together and make it more attractive. There will be some major pieces of public art such as archways over the street. Some sculpted pieces. Bruce has suggested some good pieces. This is probably the most extensive road attraction project that has been tried. Paul: What about the fact that other road enhancement projects have not been completed? We are going to provide amenities that will be maintained by this administration. We will probably have a business improvement district such as there is downtown. Jim Posey; ML&P will support the BID. Jacques: businesses that take care of their front yards are successful. Paul: Part of the deal when they did the street calming was that businesses would help with the maintenance, and they have not done their part. They have not helped with the inebriated stragglers nor kept the cul-de-sacs on blocked off streets clean. There are some reports of prostitution in the cul-de-sac areas when it is dark. The nearby businesses could play a big role in policing these areas.

Glenn-Bragaw Interchange

Claire Noll introduced the resolution that concludes with a request that the goals be honored and there is not enough funding for the project that the project be delayed until funding is available. Claire gave the allocation of funds which left 25 million to spend on the construction. Paul moved that the resolution be approved. Niki seconded. Discussion: Sol said we've been through this before and we've ended up with additional costs. Paul: Is there a delay of more than one year? Glenn: Do we know for sure that there is not enough money. Angel: If the funding is approved, will the construction go forward this year? Yes, it will go forward and it is a two year project. Bruce: The goals are written into the RFP? Yes. 13 in favor. None opposed. Resolution passes.

Proposition 8- Disabled Participants in Equestrian Activities

Stephanie Rogers, the Rainbow Connection, explained that Proposition 9 lost by 1,000 votes in 2004, and this is at zero cost to the taxpayers. The reason it is up for a vote is because it is a minimum 20 year lease at less than fair market rate. They can serve 185 people a week as opposed to 85 a year. Working with horses and the disabled community is a great value to the voters. The disabled

participants are hugely rewarded with the activity. It costs the taxpayer nothing. This will be located in the Ruth Arcand Park off of Abbott.

Mt. View Patrol

Fred Schriner was not available.

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-

No old business was presented.

New Business-

No new business was presented.

President Hugh Wade called for the meeting to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander, Secretary
Mountain View Community Council