

Mountain View Community Council Meeting Minutes April 9, 2007

The meeting was called to order by President Hugh Wade at 7:03 pm.

March 12 minutes were approved.

Finance Report for April 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 April 24 in the ACLT/ (former) Mobile Trailer Supply Building on Mountain View Drive.

-The clean-up starts this month on April 29, Scott Kohlhaas, Chair

-Youth Job Fair on April 20, Sharon Patterson @ 297-5460- Please let everyone know that there will be 50 vendors with jobs at the Youth Job Fair sponsored by the Mountain View Job Center. It will be upstairs in the gym. The Job Fair attracted 500 people last year. The Mountain View Boys and Girls Club, Nine Star Education and Employment Services, and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development are sponsoring it. The event is free.

-ACLT, Suzanne Little

-Chanlyut, John Pavao

-Wilhour-Warner/Glenn Square, Hugh Wade

-AmeriCorps Home Security Peephole Project, Serena and Jason

Assembly

Allan Tesche- Election last week resulted in approval of rebuilding of Clark. Council should stay on top of it. Assembly will reorganize on the 17th. New people to work with. Priorities are limited to efforts to bring bank/credit union to Glenn Square and advocacy for Library renovation in Mountain View. City started a new code enforcement system. Look at city website to find "code enforcement" and punch in the name of your favorite neighborhood crack house and place a complaint. I would like feedback on how this system is working. CK

McKellar brought up the eviction from John's RV Park with regard to Anchorage Community Land Trust having not dealt correctly with the health issues at the Park. Sol: South Anchorage was mentioned with regard to the fire department station 3 was not mentioned. Allan: This is before the legislature, and I'll look into it. Paul: The fire station won't close due to the airport. There will be a land trade that allows it to stay open.

Legislature

Senator Bill Wielechowski and Representative Gruenberg: Max was on the line and contributed some comments, but did not give a report.

Glenn-Bragaw Overpass, Tom Dougherty, DOT, Paul Witt, HDR- We've selected a winner for the overpass, and we're on schedule to complete the project by October, 2008. The Fire Department is going to use the houses that were purchased. The budget came in at about 30.5 million and this is probably a good value for the scope of the project. Three good proposals. Bragaw is going over the top of the Glenn. We've been meeting with Mary Cary to coordinate our landscaping with the school District. Notice to proceed in early May. The 16 structures that we purchased will be demolished. Bailey's furniture warehouse and other homes. Build a third lane from McCarrey to Airport Heights. Then, build the new off-ramp in the NE corner of the project. Massive utility relocation will come next. Since the school bonds did pass, this is good since the new school won't re-open until August, 2009. Our prospective contractor will want to make MVCC presentations every three months. Dowl-Wilder won the bid and the design artist is Sheila Wynne. The N-S bike path will go from where the Brighton Park apartments are up the hill. There will be a separated, multi-use pathway over the Glenn. This group (Dowl-Wilder) had the best technical solution and was the least expensive. Claire: Can we see the design? Tom: Hope it could be posted on the web. Tom: Was Sheila there at the Clark meeting today? Mary: Meeting is tomorrow and she probably won't be there.

Anchorage Urban League, Kokayi Nosakhere- Utility deposit assistance program in partnership with ML&P- Going to get some office space behind the Sadler's Building. Can't give money for Tudor to Turnagain, Mountain View, Fairview are the areas 208 E. Fourth, Credit Consumer Counseling service. I can pay deposits, but not bills. Urban League came to Anchorage and noticed the poverty increase went way up. Minimum wage should be able to take care of you in Anchorage, but it doesn't. \$12,770 for a single person is the poverty level. 279-6022 is phone for Koyaki. Young Professionals at the University and the achievement academy is a mentorship program we coordinate. These are two programs we want to support.

MV Library Developments, Suzanne Fleek, Stetson Momosor- Branch library at Clark will close and a design will be adopted. Parks and Recreation Department will be out of the building somewhere around the time school lets out. Three phases: Make exterior repairs, fix the inside, build a 100 person

community room, request for \$700,000 for the library. There will be a community survey on what the library should include. Stetson is the new branch manager for Muldoon and Mountain View. Max was listening as Stetson mentioned the need for funds which Suzanne had earlier said was already put before the legislature.

MVCC Library Committee- Niki Burrows, Clark Yerrington, Claire Noll-Hugh read the resolution. Moved by Hugh and second from Paul Palinski. Discussion- None. In favor- 18. Opposed- None.

John's RV Discussion: CK McKellar has lived there since May last year. Paraphrase: They had certain amenities that were desirable. Every time we tried to get one of these things to work, Gina Kaiser said she would look into it. We can't do anything except by sweat equity. She said they had free paint. You have to have pride in where you live. The land trust didn't want improvements to happen because if we let the place deteriorate we can get rid of the tenants. There were 150 calls to APD for people at John's RV. The washroom was not treated well. I've checked with golden nugget and creekwood inn and they have a security person on duty 24/7, The sewer backed up and I (CK) complained and was told that the sewer back up was the tenant's fault. Something should be done about the facilities. There is a community at John's RV. They were told if you don't like it here, you can go to Bean's Café. They had five months to do something about it. Channel 11 came over and they started doing things. Then, they issued the eviction notice. End Paraphrase from CK McKellar, John's RV resident. Mike Rodeman has lived there for 2 ½ years and says that they have moved people in recently after they said that everyone would be evicted. Suzanne: ACLT just came into ownership of this property 6 months ago. It is a facility that has probably needed help for many years. The property has meant to be used for temporary housing, and it should have been used this way. CK: If you didn't know about taking care of the property, you shouldn't have purchased it. You have a fiduciary obligation to us to take care of the tenants. I didn't get the things I was promised when I moved in. I don't want to go to Bean's Café. Suzanne apparently did not want people to know what was going on. Suzanne: I wanted to make sure all the tenants were properly taken care of. CK: I said its important for the media to be here. We were told not to seek an attorney. ACLT had an obligation to handle the problems. Marilyn Peters took care of us when she was the landlord. Kep: Can you explain what the problem is from your point of view, Mr. McKellar? CK: The property manager got big dollars when she left. Sol: How come you never attended any meetings before you had a problem? We're supposed to take care of each other. David Schlereth: How long did it go on that the housing was saturated with water? CK: 5 days. Suzanne: We offered both of the tenants who had had this issue a different room, but the tenants refused to move. Paul: This a forum to air concerns, and not an enforcement agency. We need concise statements of what is needed. I appreciate you telling us what is going on, but what do you want the land trust to do? CK: Marilyn Peters was given x amount of dollars to get out? Laura: I don't

think anyone understands what he is saying- That the tenants need money to move. Jaye; Will you help this man to move? Suzanne: We can talk about this and other solutions. Don: We appreciate you folks coming and telling us about the problem, but this is something you need to negotiate the problem with the land trust. Mike Roudeman: I'm not worried about moving, but I've had kids causing disturbances and police coming three nights in a row. Nobody returns my phone calls from the land and trust office. John Peirce: We speak highly of sweat equity at Habitat for Humanity. Kevin Komp: What do you think about the homeless people who are in MV now? You are about to get another 40-50 people.

MVCC Road Committee- Niki Burrows, Resolution on Flower Street...The latest is from Paul Palinski. "For many years, my wife Jean and I and Randy Smith put up with rampant drug dealing. The first things the municipality did then was to have the city spend the money elsewhere. We had to take it to court to get the money spent on the cops. The money we arranged to receive for Mountain View for a reasonable level of police protection was given to other communities. In the late '90's, Fairview stopped traffic in their neighborhood with roads closed off. That plan seemed to work." Paul chaired the Safe Streets Committee here in Mountain View to try to get the same result in this neighborhood. Municipal agencies cooperated. Paul: "All the agencies bought off on blocking off the neighborhood. This helped police and hindered drug dealers. I live on Lane street which allows cars to drive fast, but Niki lives on Klewin where there is no reason to speed. They've already opened up the Klewin block off and now they're going to open Flower. This is a step backward for the community. We worked years to get the barriers. Why would we want to take them down? The resolution refers to the history of the closures." Moved by Paul, seconded by Hugh to approve the resolution. Discussion: Allan: what shall I do with this? Take it to the Assembly? Don: I'd like to hold off until Jacques can comment on it. Paul: The prominent criminal activity is urination, defecation, drug deals. We used to live at 228 N. Park. The owner and manager were involved in the cocaine trade. Glenn: When I walked by there were five guys sharing a bottle. There were two people fornicating on the patio in the neighborhood. Laura: Streets being closed don't change anything. Closing the streets didn't do anything. Caused harm for emergency vehicles. Jaye: Very good presentation. I don't think we need to discuss this any more. Michael Evans: This is Robert's Rules. You can't tell them what to discuss. Scott Kohlhaas: Bob's auto repair has been denied access. Paul: No, Bunn Street was left open for his customers. The need for access was carefully considered and Bob's Auto Repair does have access. Allan: With or without the resolution, would it be helpful to have someone to attend the next community council meeting. Someone from city hall could come to answer the questions being posed. Kep: We have a road project that is going in soon and for those of use who think this resolution is important, we need to pass it soon. Michael: A while back I made a statement to Jacques when he was designing these streets. Doesn't he work for the city? Allan: He is a contractor. Michael: He made a

statement to me that he had businesses which were denied customers because of the blockages. One of them was the Knife Business. Paul: The knife business between Bliss and Lane has access with a left hand turn. The fire department came into the neighborhood to determine access and egress. Niki: Lane Street is open so there is no issue with the closed off streets. The blocked areas on both sides were intended to be parking areas. Joe Ward will have plenty of parking for his video store. Don: We can't just dismiss the concerns of businesses. How will the congregational church get into their parking? Paul: The businesses were supposed to maintain the blocked areas. They had agreed to keep them clean for the neighborhood. In favor: 13 Opposed: 3

MVCC Road Art Committee- Arts projects associated with the Summer Road Project. Bruce has met with Jocelyn Young a few times. She is the curator for public art. The conversations are going well. There may be a full blown proposal at the next meeting.

Anchorage Community Land Trust, Suzanne Little- Changes at John's RV and the closing of Noble's have been recent concerns. Concern about pressure put on people who are at John's. ACLT is looking forward to summer events as well as weed 'n seed activities. David Schlereth: What problems have occurred at John's RV. Suzanne: I can't discuss that in a public forum other than to say we have to get the facility empty. David: What are you doing to do to facilitate a transfer for the people who are living there? Suzanne: I'm going to work with Rick Henderson to assess the best means of assisting the people. Victor Lukavich: I've agreed to put in Sweat Equity: Why wasn't it kept up as it was at first? I made my concerns known to Gina when they were first known. Suzanne: We have owned the facility for a little over six months, and we need to assess the circumstances which would involve helping the people who have to leave.

Youth Job Fair, April 20, Sharon Patterson, 297-5460- Please let everyone know that there will be 50 vendors with jobs at the Youth Job Fair sponsored by the Mountain View Job Center. It will be upstairs in the gym. The Job Fair attracted 500 people last year. The Mountain View Boys and Girls Club, Nine Star Education and Employment Services, and the Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development are sponsoring it. The event is free. Please see the advertisements in the Anchorage Daily News starting this Sunday.

Chanlyut, John Pavao- We're expecting to have 20 to 30 people living at Chanlyut by November. We won't help people with sex offenses, and it is a work ethic situation where clients are taught how to live. 4119 Mountain View Drive. Jaye: It is a residential housing facility. John: Yes, for people who need help. It is a replication of the Delancy Street Foundation.

Wilhour-Warner/Glenn Square, Hugh Wade- There was a proposal for a 39,000 square foot theatre. On-street parking. Theatre must remain small. Substation would go down below. No exposed, bare building walls.

Weed 'n Seed, Mike Guitierrez- Crime free multi-housing program. This is an experimental program. Still looking for a site. Sgt Denny Allen and I are planning to look for a location which could be a candidate property. I'd like to know about it. It isn't the necessarily the best property, but one so it can have some problems to solve. We'd like a local landlord. 274-0152 is my phone number. Jaye: How many square feet? Not certain. Melinda Freeman: We've been active with our concerns about safety for our residents, and would like to serve on this effort.

Clean-up Plans

Scott Kohlhaas reported that it was going to run April 29 through May 4. We've had more money this year, but not enough money. Noble's provided free food last year, but now that they are closed, that is a concern. Our next meeting is next Wednesday at 6 at the Success by Six building. Ricky Garcia is going to require surgery and he is not available for the clean-up. This is a serious problem given his ability to organize and direct. Sol: The money situation looks bad, but we have had a problem. Weed 'n Seed committed \$5,000 so we should wind up in the black.

School Bonds Yes!

Cessilye Williams praised the community for helping the Clark Bond pass. People from so many parts of the city helped us. The town meeting and fun night helped. Thanks to Weed 'n Seed, Mountain View Community Council, and Nine Star personnel. I'd like to personally thank those who played a role in the passage. Thank you! Thank you! I'm so pleased with the results. There will be a pep rally on Friday the 13th to thank Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Nine Star Education and Employment Services, and others who have been our supporters.

Clark Re-Design- McCool made a presentation along with Mary Cary. Main entrance will have a lot of glass. Nice glow from the light. Falcon wings for the entry way. Porcelain Tile. View from Glenn Highway will be attractive. Big picture windows at the end of the track. Entrance to lower level. At entryways, bring in more Clark colors- bright blue and bright yellow reduced somewhat where they will be used in large areas. The glass windows will be taken out and put back in to the new school. ASD wrote specific ed specs for Clark. What has been going on nationally is not to pre-dispose a site size and look at custom tailoring the school. We will be demolishing the school this summer. First meeting is tomorrow at 6:30 at Clark. Begich has clearance for students in the Muldoon area who would be Clark students. Wendler, Central, and Romig will be the other locations. Make it a warm environment for all the new locations. Most staff will travel to those locations. One security person will go to each of those schools. Cessilye: the kids from Clark will just be integrated into their schools. Sol: Mainstreaming is older than ADA, but it didn't work. You've only seen the beginning of mainstreaming. Laura: What is the Council going to do about the

Safe Haven? Weed 'n Seed has money that is supposed to be used for this purpose. Weed 'n Seed should be used for this opportunity to make the environment safer for the students. Mary: We haven't planned for a large storage, bomb shelter type location. Paul: We did that for the old Clark, but haven't planned for it since the end of the cold war. Clark used to be a center for emergency preparedness. Michael: As Chair of the Weed 'n Seed application, when the final analysis came down, I asked the emergency preparedness people what they were going to do to make Clark an effective safe haven? You have money set aside for either design or another structure or option to create the safe environment.

Mt. View Patrol

Fred Schriener 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