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# January 2008 Mountain View Community Council News

**Mountain View Community Recreation Center  
315 North Price Street  
January 14, 2008 @ 7:00 P.M**

## **7:00 Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of December Minutes  
Approval Treasurer's Report  
Approval of January Agenda  
Introduction of Audience Members



## **7:20 Reports and Announcements**

Assembly Report - Allan Tesche  
Legislative Report - Sen. Wielechowski/Rep. Gruenberg  
APD Report- Seargeant Denny Allen  
Written Reports- Community Center, Mountain View Patrol, Job Center,  
Crime Committee, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Plan, Other  
prepared by Amy Grant, ACLT

## **Guest Speakers for January 14, 2008:**

**8:00** Bus Route 45- Glenn Howson and Kep Pierce  
**8:05** Habitat for Humanity- Jim Frederick  
**8:10** MV Christmas Decorations  
**8:20** ACLT /MTS Update- Jewel Jones  
**8: 25** MTS Update- Bruce Farnsworth  
**8:30** Road Update- Russ Oswald, Municipality  
**8:35** Anchorage Partner Family Intake- Jennifer Howell  
**8:40** Red Hook Community Justice Center- Tom Begich  
**8:45** Gleen-Bragaw Update- Claire Noll  
**8:50** Glenn Square Hiring Hall- Sharon Patterson  
**8:55** Cook Inlet Housing Update- CIHA Staff

**Next Council Executive Meeting  
Monday, January 29, 2008 at 5:30 PM  
Mobile Trailer Supply Building  
This is an open meeting - You are welcome**

### Dilemmas with the Neighborhood Health Center

As noted in a letter to the MVCC from Joan Fischer, Executive Director of the Anchorage Neighborhood Health Center, the Mountain View branch will close and Mountain View residents will have to travel to the Fairview location on 8th and Karluk to receive services. A meeting was held in December here at the Community Center where some of the issues surrounding the Mountain View operation were addressed.

One big problem is that Mountain View residents did not keep their appointments as regularly as Fairview users. A result of the no-shows is that the doctors were not used effectively in Mountain View. Many times, the residents making appointments do not call to change date or time and have no phone where the receptionist can confirm with them.

Another factor is the general challenge of finding doctors to staff the clinics. Every time a doctor leaves and a new hire must be done, the clinic loses approximately \$450,000 in revenue. As of December, ANHC has three positions for doctors that have not been filled. Any health care facility needs to efficiently use their staff and facilities because the cost of providing these discounted services is so high. While everyone connected to the Health Center would like to maintain the Mountain View clinic, ANHC's overall change in its 11.7 million dollar operation was a negative \$600,000 as reported by the Anchorage Daily News.

Dr. Tom Hunt, the medical director for ANHC, notes that each doctor would have to see and serve 18 to 20 patients a day in order to break even at the second location. That number has not ever been reached. All medical personnel from Mountain View will be working in Fairview despite the fact that the main facility there is already overcrowded. The ANHC board would like to have a new facility at some point in the not too distant future.

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 Treasurer: Niki Burrows 274-1179  
 Mountain View Patrol: 223-9524

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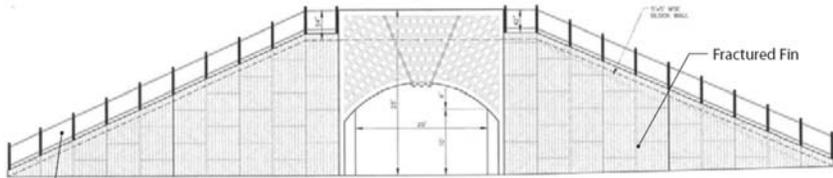
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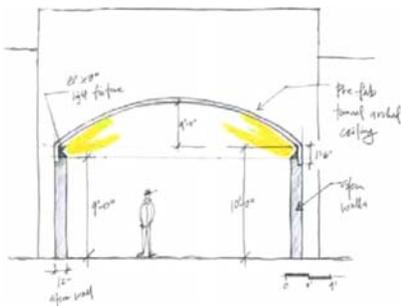
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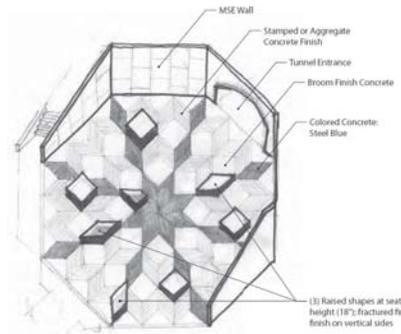
Bridge with mountainscape fence concept



Tunnel entrance



Tunnel uplighting concept



Tunnel plaza

The Glenn-Bragaw Citizen's Action Committee (CAC) has been working effectively with Dennis Falldorf of Wilder Construction. Claire Noll, the Chair, notes that the CAC will request a delay on the planting of the shrubs and trees in the open areas around the bridge and tunnel entrances until the spring of 2009 (see page 3). The concern is that planting in Fall 2008 will not allow the new vegetation time to take root.

Both the MVCC and the Russian Jack Community Councils have passed resolutions in favor of the pushing the date back. The artist's designs above are a product of the collaboration between the committee and the artists involved in the project who presented this information on December 10 at the MVCC meeting. Sheila Wyne and Kevin Doniere made the presentation with Claire Noll.

## Mountain View Community Council Glenn - Bragaw Interchange Resolution

WHEREAS, the Mountain View Community Council and the Russian Jack Community Council have formed a Task Force I Citizen's Action Committee (CAC) to assist the Alaska State Department of Transportation (DOT) to plan the Glenn-Bragaw Interchange;

WHEREAS, this CAC and DOT have worked together for nearly two years and agreed on our goals to connect the Mountain View neighborhood back to the Municipality of Anchorage and its neighbor, Russian Jack;

WHEREAS, this CAC has agreed on goals to provide the first link on the Highway-to-Highway route with a definable gateway to the city of Anchorage;

WHEREAS, the Mountain View and Russian Jack communities are very excited at the construction of the Glenn/Bragaw Interchange, and the advent of being reconnected as two neighborhoods via this unprecedented gateway project. Further, the GIS CAC is very excited about the extended proposed landscaping and greenspace, pocket parks and community gardens, We very much hope to enjoy these plants and grounds as much as possible and hope to see these features mature and blossom throughout the years into an integral part of the MV/RJ/Glenn/Bragaw neighborhoods and experience for motorized and non-motorized traffic.

WHEREAS, and in light of the Fall 2008 operational deadline for the interchange, and since landscaping is most likely to be completed at the end of the project (in the fall), it is not likely that there will be adequate time for perennials, shrubs, trees, and other plants 10 adjuslto their new home before cold weather takes hold. It is more likely that these expensive plants will live and flourish if planted in the spring and summer, when the soil is warm and roots have adequate time to recover from the shock of transplanting and adjust to new conditions. The project will be supplied with water taps for watering and maintaining new plants throughout the summer and fall.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the Mountain View Community Council supports the following:

The G/B CAC recommends and requests that the D.O.T. grant the Glenn/Bragaw Interchange/Wilder Construction design team an extension for landscaping and plantings to Fall 2009.

PASSED THIS 12th DAY OF DECEMBER 2007.

Signed,

Don Crandall, President

David S. Alexander, Secretary

## Anchorage Libraries Awarded \$840,000 from BP Alaska

*Funds Support Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative*  
Press Release – December 18, 2007 – Municipality of Anchorage

The Anchorage Public Library (APL) system is getting a major gift from BP Alaska. BP Alaska President Doug Suttles announced today the company is giving \$840,000 in funding to support the city's libraries. The funds are targeted to several capital projects to renovate and expand Anchorage library buildings,

"BP's investment and generosity recognizes the vital role libraries play in our community," said Mayor Begich, "These funds are a huge boost for the Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative and will help us leverage millions more for our libraries and continue to build our libraries for the next generation."

"BP is proud to support the Library Renewal Initiative," Suttles said. "Local libraries give neighborhoods, like Mountain View, the opportunity to build a spirit of community, educate children and create a strong future for Alaska."

Mr. Suttles and Mayor Begich made the announcement this morning during a news conference at the Municipality of Anchorage Parks and Recreation Building on South Bragaw, the site of the future Mountain View library.

Specifically, the \$840,000 supports the following projects:

- \$540,000 for a new 10,000 square-foot library and learning center in Mountain View that will open in the fall of 2008;
- \$50,000 for a technology lab at the new Chugiak-Eagle River Library opening in the Valley River Center next fall;
- \$150,000 for a technology lab at Z.J. Loussac Public Library;
- \$100,000 for a new library in downtown Anchorage.

These projects are all part of the Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative launched in 2006 by Mayor Begich to revitalize Anchorage's public libraries by enhancing services, operations, and facilities. The overarching goal of the Initiative is to build state-of-the-art, public libraries that reflect the diversity of Anchorage's neighborhoods and residents and encourage lifelong learning and community engagement.

The Renewal Initiative is based on comments received during an all-day community stakeholders' meeting that brought together more than 70 Anchorage residents to share their ideas for revitalizing our libraries. Over the past year, the Anchorage Library Renewal Task Force, made up of representatives from the Anchorage Public Library, Alaska State Library, and key library partners, has guided the Renewal Initiative.

For more information on the Anchorage Library Renewal Initiative please visit [www.anchoragelibrary.org](http://www.anchoragelibrary.org). To support the capital campaign, visit the Alaska Community Foundation at [www.alaskacf.org](http://www.alaskacf.org) and select the Anchorage Public Library Fund.

## Governor Sarah Palin Visits Mountain View Elementary

Mountain View Elementary School, named last month as a Distinguished Title I School, received a visit from the Governor when she dropped in to congratulate Principal Roger LeBlanc and talk about the successes Mountain View has had recently. The school came off the list of those institutions which failed to show adequate yearly progress. Mountain View's principal and staff have taken a disciplined approach to working with our children, and the results have been borne out in the standardized testing.

### Trades Prep Math Classes Start in January

Please call Jan Nicholls at 375-3716 if you want to improve your math skills prior to taking a job or enrolling in an apprenticeship program. This is a pre-apprenticeship program or pre-employment class and it is at no charge Mountain View residents who want to attend. The class normally operates for a couple hours a week in the evening to accommodate residents who work. Subjects included fractions, decimals and percents, basic geometric calculations, beginning algebra, and advanced math for those enrollees who request additional math assistance. The class has resulted in jobs or apprenticeship positions for 75% of those who complete the class. Some participants finish the class in less than three weeks. Please call Jan to enroll.

### Mountain View Christmas Decorations

The Anchorage Community Land Trust is sponsoring the prizes for this year's MV Christmas Decorations contest. The videos of houses will probably take place December 26. Prizes are \$100, \$75, \$50, \$25, and \$15. MVCC votes January 14.