

MVCC Notes December 9, 2013

Daniel George presiding, Elizabeth Nicolai notes

Call order to 7:05pm

### **Minutes approved from November 2013**

#### **Treasurer's Report – Melissa, motioned and approved**

#### **Community Patrol – Daniel George reporting**

- We are working with APD fleet services to get two new patrol cars, something like a Ford explorer around the \$3000 range.
- Have shopped around for a better rate on insurance, none available.

#### **Assembly Report – Patrick Flynn, staff member reporting for Flynn**

- Amendment to add \$25,000 Boys & Girls Club operating expenses to budget was approved.
- Holiday wishes extended from P. Flynn to Mountain View community

#### **Legislative Report – Senator Johnny Ellis**

- He is headed back to Juneau for the session, but is available via phone, text, email, and facebook.
- He is interested in our capital budget requests and is aware that this will be a very tight budget season for the next legislative session.

#### **Legislative Report – Rep Geran Tarr**

- The lighting project is ongoing. There was a walk through with the engineers to scope out where some of the additional lights on the commercial corridor. The funding we got last year might not be enough to complete the work.
- There have been some meetings on the resource commission and possibility of a new gasline.

#### **Announcements – Daniel George**

- There was the walking tour with the engineers for the possible lighting projects along Mountain View Drive (Taylor to Boniface). The engineers did not have firm numbers during the walk, but an approximate (low) cost of \$26,000. It will require community input from residents about priorities to make the money go as far as possible.

#### **Discussion on McCarrey/Mountain View Drive – Geran Tarr**

- There was funding in a previous capital budget for pedestrian improvements at the McCarrey/Mountain View Drive budget. The results of the study was a roundabout was recommended.
- Current funding is not adequate to finish the project. More funding is in the capital budget request to the state legislature from the municipality.
- This project would influence the stretch of lighting available in the aforementioned lighting project.
- Discussion that there is not a very good chance that the state will be able to provide more money. Suggestion that it might be possible to go the city with a bond to raise more money to finish this project.
- Some of the possible issues with this project: right of way issues, owners unwilling to work with the engineers, possible of airspace influence study needed for the JBER approach.

#### **Announcements – Daniel George**

- Next month's meeting is January 13<sup>th</sup>. It will feature representatives from the park foundation and the Municipal Parks department to talk about the plans and vision for Davis Park.
- Cook Inlet Housing Authority will have an announcement next month about phase 5 of their development.

- Discussion on the continuing issues of homeless camps around Davis Park that are facilitated by overgrown brush.
- Ralph's Sport's Bar (Taylor & Mountain View Drive) has a meeting 12/10/13 for a renewal of license.

#### **Rural Cap – Melinda Freemon**

- Safe Harbor Inn is divesting itself of its properties. They are a non-profit hotel. Rural Cap has been in talks with the board of directors to acquire and operate their hotels. Rural Cap has a letter of support for the community council to consider that would be sent to the board of directors of Safe Harbor Inn.
- The plan will not be to turn Safe Harbor Inn into housing for inebriates (Housing First), but it will stay with the same clientele as residents. The only possible change will be creating some permanent housing units for the same clientele as currently lives within the facility.
- Motion to approve this as a resolution of the community council. Seconded. 12 approved, none opposed. Resolution approved.
- Next was a resolution to support Rural Cap in an application to Alaska Housing Finance Corporation for the property at 702 N Park to be purchased. It will not be housing first; it will be affordable housing. Moved to approved and seconded. 10 approved, 1 opposed, 1 abstained. Resolution passed.

#### **Mountain View Lions Club**

- Donated \$600 worth of gas cards to the Mountain View Community Patrol.

#### **Capitol Requests for State Budget**

- Daniel George read a quick overview of all proposed projects for Mountain View Community Council support.
- Discussion around if the council should prioritize the list of projects.
- Motion to prioritize the list of projects. 2 in favor. 5 opposed. 5 abstained. Motion failed. Will not prioritize this year, but it will be explored further in the future years.
- Changed library project to read Technology instead of Laptops.
- Motion to approve the list and back up document. 12 in favor. 0 opposed. 1 abstaining.

Motion to adjourn. Seconded. No opposition. Adjourned 9:14pm.