

Mountain View Community Council
General Membership Meeting
Minutes
7 p.m. – 9 p.m. November 10, 2014

A meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Mr. Daniel George. Quorum was present at time of order with a total of 16 voting members.

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Diane Mead moved, seconded by Ms. Niki Burrows, to approve the agenda as presented.

With no further objection, motion passed

MOTION

Approval of Minutes

Ms. Diane Mead moved, seconded by Ms. Niki Burrows, to approve the minutes, for October 13, 2014 with the following changes: Committee Chair changed to Council Chair in Patrol/Crime Watch section of minutes.

With no objection, motion passed

MOTION

Fiscal Report

Ms. Melissa Houston, Treasurer, presented the current financial report for the council. Copies of the financial report were distributed prior to the meeting. The current balance is \$12,314.74. We can expect a rise in the balance with some reimbursements from the Federation of Community Councils and the grant for the Mountain View Neighborhood Cleanup, which was just received.

It was suggested that Mountain View delay the cleanup one year in order to reorganize the effort, as there is no longer a coordinator, location, or HAZMAT certified volunteer to handle hazardous waste.

Patrol and Crime Watch/FCC Update

Mr. George noted that the phone number on the side of the patrol vehicle has been having some technical difficulties; it currently goes directly to a voicemail. The purpose of the line is to report any issues in the neighborhood and is monitored regularly, however, if you require immediate assistance please call 911 or the police station's non-emergency number 786-8900. There were no other updates at this time.

The council is currently looking for parties who are interested in establishing a Neighborhood Crime Watch in their area. There is currently only one active watch in Mountain View on Bunn Street at this time and there is funding available for engagement activities and get-togethers for the participants. *Anyone interested in participating in the community patrol or Neighborhood Crime Watch are encouraged to contact Mr. George at 907-529-4211 or dgeorgeak@gmail.com*

Schools/Education Standing Committee Update

Ms. Tasha Hotch, committee chair, presented a report and hand-outs outlining the current events at schools within Mountain View: All of the schools have had at least two family nights for the first quarter. With Alaska Native Heritage Month upon us, schools in the area have done a great job of preparing curriculum and assemblies to recognize Alaska Native culture and heritage. Recently a program was developed that will support graduation rates and disparities amongst minorities males. The program is called Boys of Color and will benefit several minority groups experiencing high drop-out rates at this time.

Executive Committee Updates

Mr. George made applications available and would like to encourage anyone in the neighborhood who wishes to make energy saving updates to their home to contact RurAL Cap and take advantage of this weatherization program.

Kinney Engineering is asking for volunteers from local businesses to participate in a steering committee to help determine the art feature to go in the center of the upcoming roundabout. Anyone interested in participating in this steering committee are welcome to contact a MVCC member and they will be put in touch with Ms. Joanne Mitchell at Kinney Engineering.

There is currently a group working together with Representative Geran Tarr to submit an application for a Challenge Grant which matches grant funding with volunteer hours, up to \$40,000, for vital improvements to Davis Park. This grant application is due in February, which allows time to gather the volunteers and determine improvements desired at Davis Park. Anyone interested in working on this project may contact Rep. Tarr.

Mr. Darryl Walters with Alaska Workforce presented the organization's plan to build a Workforce Rehabilitation Center next to the Ridgeline Terrace Development in a previous meeting. Alaska Workforce has secured the site and it looks like the project is moving forward as planned. There are currently no other updates concerning the project at this time.

The MVCC Executive Committee met on Oct. 27 at Kriner's Burgers and Pies. This meeting was a joint meeting with Fairview and Mountain View officers. There were two action items that came out of the meeting: The possible creation of a style guide was discussed which would include a map of Anchorage communities so local news outlets can provide an accurate description of the location of crimes and current events, which will hopefully detract from the negative connotations from specifically naming only our two neighborhoods in the news. The group also discussed the possibility of organizing a housing summit during the legislative break in March 2015.

Confirmation Vote to Fill MVCC Secretary Position

Ms. Lynelle Davis has offered to sit as the MVCC Secretary. She has been serving as acting secretary until

she attended the number of meetings required to be voted into office. A unanimous confirmation vote to install Ms. Davis into the Secretary Position passed 16-0.

With no objection, motion passed

MOTION

Bylaws

A summary of changes was distributed to the council and the new bylaws document was reviewed for the purpose of adoption at the current meeting. The bylaws have already been reviewed by the proper overseeing bodies and approved with the changes determined at the October 13, 2014 meeting.

The newly approved bylaws are effective once approved and must be filed with the municipal clerk within 45 days. Ms. Burrows moved, seconded by Ms. Mead to adopt the new bylaws pending two grammatical changes in Article 9.a and Article C.3.b.

Motion passed 15-1 with no abstentions

MOTION

YWCA Presentation

YWCA's Girls Circle program holds groups every semester to support up to 15 21st century eligible schools. There are currently two groups operating in the neighborhood at this time. Mountain View Elementary serves 9 girls and Mountain View Boys and Girls Club serves 11 girls. The program has shown great results for the youth and was recently awarded a substantial grant to expand the program into rural areas of the state.

Mountain View Elementary

Mr. Woodward, Mountain View Elementary principal, announced a major milestone, when last week when a bill passed at the Anchorage Assembly to include the school in the upcoming bond package for critical updates to five schools in Anchorage including Mountain View Elementary. The bond will be up for vote on April 7, 2015.

Mr. Vernon Campbell was invited by Principal Woodward to provide an overview of the differences between the current Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) school rating system and the new Alaska Standard Performance Index (ASPI). The federal government required Alaska to create the rating system in order to receive a waiver from No Child Left Behind Act, which spurred the creation of ASPI. This new system far outweighs the old system which did not adequately accommodate the wide variety of schools and populations being served in the state. More information on these school rating systems can be found at education.alaska.gov/aspi/.

Legislative Reports

Senator Johnny Ellis

The state is currently facing a 2-3 billion dollar shortfall annually. Although cuts must be made, Senator Ellis' emphasized the importance of maintaining funding for public education and public safety. These will be his key priorities as enters the upcoming legislative session.

Accomplishments in the previous legislative session were improvements for UAA and UAF's engineering programs, Silver Alert system for locating vulnerable adults, and corrections reform, which aims to reduce the occurrence of recidivism.

Representative Geran Tarr

Representative Tarr is looking for volunteers to assist with coordinating the next Mountain View Street Fair. Over the last few years the fair has become mostly a "resource fair," Please feel free to join the committee during their next meeting from 5-6 p.m. on December 10. This year coordinators are looking to add more cultural activities back into the event. Ideas include farmers market, dance groups and music, carnival type games, food vendors, and face painting.

Snow removal is an issue Mountain View faces annually. Rep. Tarr is working with the assembly and snow removal companies to determine what the barriers are to plowing more thoroughly in our streets, whether it is better staffing or greater awareness. The greatest concern right now is making sure students walking to Clark Middle School and Mountain View Elementary have safe, plowed streets to travel, which is currently not happening. The number for City Maintenance is in the report handout distributed at the beginning of the meeting. Rep. Tarr will follow-up with an update on the issue after the upcoming public meeting on November 18. Ms. Mead suggested adding this issue to the master plan during the next meeting.

There will be a presentation from the city planning department at the December 8 meeting. The challenge grant is an accessory opportunity and coincides perfectly with the current renovation planning taking place. Updates for the Challenge Grant will also be provided at the next meeting.

Assembly Chair Patrick Flynn

Mr. Josh Spring presented updates on behalf of Assembly Chair Patrick Flynn. Budget meetings for the 2015 City Budget will take place November 5 and November 18, 2014. The budget will be approved during a special meeting on November 26, 2014. A few proposals concerning ridesharing will be presented on November 18, 2014; anyone with questions concerning this issue is encouraged to contact Mr. Flynn's office. Mr. Flynn is working on assisting the Mountain View Library to increase broadband funding or find another solution to accommodate the high-demand by the general public.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority

Mr. Shaun ___ updated the council on the upcoming rental availabilities for the Mountain View Village 5 project. Residents might hear some loud noises coming from the Ridgeline Terrace development over the next few weeks as workers pound the pilings in for the building's foundation. Future development for the area was discussed including the development of the land where the old Brewster's is located. Mr. ___ encouraged the council to contact CIHA upon planning for the 2015 Mountain View cleanup project to discuss possibly using one of CIHA's other vacant lots for a trash drop-off site.

Mountain View Library

Ms. Virginia McClure announced that the Mountain View Library had over 100 visitors for a Clark Middle School Math and Science Night. Collaborations with Clark Middle School have been a great success.

Anchorage Community Land Trust

Mr. Kirk Rose, Executive Director of ACLT, is hoping to model the downtown partnership's collaboration with local businesses to clean up commercial corridors of the neighborhood. He hopes to pull resources, to have someone come through Mountain View intermittently and clean up larger corridors. Contributors include the Brown Jug funded ARBRA program and other local businesses are currently being contact to solicit participation.

ACLT is currently working with MVCC to research community needs for the inclusion in the new community plan document. Input for the document has been provided by over 300 residents and local businesses in Mountain View. This is probably one of the most researched and comprehensive community plans ever created, and has been several years in the making. Mr. Rose was thanked for ACLT's generous contributions to this important work.

Member/Attendee Comments

Ms. Hotch suggested that the Mountain View Patrol spend more time patrolling the Davis and Lions Park areas. Rep. Tarr noted that there are currently two residents who walk their dogs in those parks regularly and have taken it upon themselves to report issues and monitor the activity in the area. More involvement is needed from residents to maintain the Mountain View Patrol. Anyone interested in volunteering or learning more can opt to go for a ride-along with Mr. Bob Lincoln.

Adjournment

With no further business to come before the council Mr. Rose moved, seconded by Ms. Mead, to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 p.m.