

MVCC Minutes

October 8, 2018

Call to order 6:08pm

Call to Order:

Agenda: Daniel moved, Jack seconded. Approved.

Previous Meeting Minutes: Name correction. Daniel moved, Tasha seconded. Approved as amended.

Announcements: Rep Tarr awarded Kirsten Swann of MV Post a legislative citation! Congrats! Thank you for sharing our neighborhood stories.

Schools Committee Chair: reported a vacancy on the school board, and on the MV Elementary School Playground. 15 responses from our online poll, most wanted the most expensive replacement option. Principal Woodward indicated ~300 additional responses from their school poll. Rep Tarr suggested thinking holistically with park upgrades, including planning for William B Lyons Park. Dave Barney strongly suggests a catapult swing. Fun? Yes. Regulation safe? Unclear...

Treasurer's Report: little activity to report. Invoice from 2017 cleanup arrived, executive board paid. Jasmin moved, Tasha seconded. Approved.

Federation of Community Councils Update: Daniel reported as the vice chair of FCC. Capital improvement project training moving forward. FCC adopted annual budget, \$80K.

Presentations and Appearance Requests:

Food Bank — Indiana Turkisher reported on the Hispanic Cultural Center Latino Lions Food Distribution location closing. 400-600 people reached, last day is Oct 20th. Partner agencies cannot absorb all the demand. MV mobile food pantry remains, but serves perishables. Seeking advice on relocation. Must meet certain criteria (open to the public, ADA, etc)

Parks and Rec, Ship Creek Trail— Taylor Keegan reported on the progress of a 2015 challenge grant project. Gateway feature will be installed at Tyson Elementary this year, while mile markers finish in spring 2019. Gateway sign will be composed of ascending concrete blocks with signage affixed. No promotion plans with school yet.

MVBCG, Keystone group— presented Anti Violence Event. Keystone is a BGC teen outreach group. They work on items they want to change in their community. They will hold a march on Oct 13th calling for an end to neighborhood violence, walking from Tyson Elementary to the community center.

Resolutions/New Business:

Meeting Location— Tasha explained our choices of meeting location. Library would cost \$160 per meeting. Our schools would be free of charge. Trial run at MV Elementary suggested, but being open on a holiday is a challenge.

Legislative Reports:

Senator Begich: Aid Joshua Spring reported on projects in the interim, including researching human trafficking laws.

Representative Tarr: reported on her timeline of working on community safety, reviewing how the quantity of police officers had fallen. It will take until 2019 to reach capacity seen in 2010. She is seeking to advocate for adequate police and trooper staffing. By 2020, 94% of Alaska State Troopers will be eligible for retirement. On her constituent meeting, youth had their own time to brain storm, and generated a list of priorities. Finally, applications for community patrol state funding are out, due Dec 1.

Assemblyman Constant: compared numbers of police officers over time with Rep Tarr's data: 379 sworn, plus 60 in training. 427 officers total. Though we let go of our expertise teams when the police force was at its lowest capacity, things are changing for the better. The municipal budget is now on the table, and 5 capital improvement projects are in MV. Library will receive funds for safety improvements, commercial drive will be resurfaced, and William B Lyons Park will be funded for a playground. Chris asked us to compare what we submitted for CIP to what exists in the current version of muni budget. ML&P transaction process begins at Nov 7 mtg. Membership discussed library funding. Chris sought a motion of support for a city health department position, a behavioral health director. These are services prominently in our neighborhood. MOA has the mobile intervention team, and our emergency responders have to coordinate between services. This new position would help coordinate. Magdalena suggested more funding for libraries, which are coordinating services currently. Tasha did not believe it should be a director level position. Members asked to see the job description and letter of support from the other councils.

Community Partner Updates:

Boys and Girls Club: Anti-Gun Violence March on Saturday. Oct 25 Lights on After Dark.

The Alaska Center: Evan Anderson reported on their door knocking for statewide election education in the neighborhood. Explained advocacy around their initiative Stand for Salmon.

Cook Inlet Housing Authority: Sezy reported that she will attend more often. Marina Karina will be completed August of 2019. Described block wide approach and memorandum of agreement. Seeking new name for development. Will aim for better connection between the community center by strategic installation of new fence.

MV Urgent Care: Dr. VanRavensway's clinic reported they are open and ready for business. BreeAnn Davis and Representative Tarr attested to their care.

Member Comments:

Ian put in work requests in Mountain View, which were completed by the city! Bulbs replaced in streetlights, and sinking man hole fixed.

Tasha reported on the upcoming budget work sessions, and school district budget allocation by # of students. Encouraged attendance.

Representative Tarr makes the best zucchini bread.

Jack moved to ask the MVCC to send a thank you letter to Bonnie Davis. Daniel seconded. Approved.

Sarah McBryde presented on Alyse Galvan running against Don Young. She supports net neutrality, no corporate funding. Election Day is Nov 6.

Deshala asked about revitalizing MV housing, and getting landlords to care about dilapidated housing. Requested advocacy for paved alleys. Discussion around how to help neighbors make change occurred. Requests for APD representative presence.

Move to adjourn, 7:54.