

# Minutes of the Mountain View Community Council Meeting February 14, 2005

**President Thomas Blackbird called the meeting to order at 7:14 PM**

## **Pledge of Allegiance**

**January 2005 Minutes:** Motion to approve as amended by Paul Palinski, seconded by Kep Pierce. Motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:** Motion to approve by Kep Pierce and seconded by Paul Palinski. Motion passed unanimously.

**February Agenda:** Motion to approve February Agenda as amended by Paul Palinski, and seconded by Joyce Hines. Motion passed unanimously.

## **Committee Reports**

*Assembly Report, Allan Tesche-* First proposition is \$20,000 of property tax relief. This will reduce our taxes as homeowners. Second is the hotel/motel tax. It is a charter amendment which would result in a tax increase and would establish the threshold for passing the proposition at 50%. Debbie Ossiander has a competing proposition that establishes the level at 60%. Third, a 40 million dollar road bond. Fourth, a small public safety bond for less than a million dollars for some ambulances. Transit bond is for the people mover system and the museum bond is for the facility expansion. Voters would have to approve the maintenance cost and the city would receive 70 million dollars from the Rasmuson Foundation. No school bonds this year, in part, because of the recent bond propositions for the schools.

*Fundraising Report, Barbara Hogan-* Second annual celebrity roast is coming up in May, perhaps the second Saturday in May. Mark Begich picks the roastee- maybe Assemblyman Tesche. The Mayor Mark Begich roast was a lot of fun and the jokes were great! Please plan to come. Barbara will have tickets in the near future.

*Thom Blackbird, Zoning-* There is a new Community Service Office for this area. One of the zoning problems is that across from

Homeward Bound there is a new parking lot for used cars that is not legit. Sixty vehicles had been tagged and Fred Schriener reports that only four are now left. The CSO serves a large area, but she is doing a good job. The location on N. Hoyt is just off the right of way so the Council will have to protest to Zoning. Allan Tesche suggests that we stay with the CSO and then work with the ombudsman. There are vans on the lot where public inebriates are sleeping. And, they are not being charged a hotel tax!

*Fred Schriener, Patrol-* More snow and we will be moving it. Too many cars driving in the alleys. A boy was recently hurt when his mom's car was hit by a hummer. Two other kids were hurt this month.

Question: What about Brewster's? It will be leased. Lot next to B's is empty and they are trying to find a buyer. B's could be an artist's location.

*Rick Henderson, Community Center-* This afternoon we treated at the China King and collaborated with ATY who have the sponsorship for the Boy Scouts who are using the multi-purpose room at night. Adult basketball and working with ATY on Saturday mornings from 12 to 1 who have scholarships to go through their drama workshops. Kid's Café is doing well. Students from Bethel Chapel were serving and their help was appreciated, but they aren't available now. Rick would like help with the kitchen. The Advisory Commission did not have a meeting because they did not have a quorum. You can only serve two consecutive terms. They need people for the Commission, and the Commission has not met in a year. Niki is not on the Commission right now. Richard Benavides is still a member as is Thom Blackbird. Terry Peters arranges the meeting at Parks and Rec. Problem with traffic at the intersection of Bragaw with McPhee in front of the school. Traffic needs to be going in one direction on McPhee. Snow removal has been a problem in the parking lot. Thursday the Mayor will have a press conference in an upstairs room here to discuss the CBDG cuts. Time is not yet determined. Kids are still using the building shingles as Frisbees. Shingles are used as brakes to slow down kids when they are running by.

## **Guest Speakers**

*Art Weeks, Municipal Librarian-* Circulation is the key measure of the library. We were circulating 60,000 items a year in 1985 when we had a full library and now we are down to 8,000 items a year in Mountain View. The library is in the school as a cost saving measure. Eagle River costs \$671,000 a year to run, the most expensive in the system. But, it costs \$10.69 to circulate a book in Mountain View and \$3.88 to circulate a book in Eagle River because of the differences in numbers of books circulated. There is tremendous diversity in the city collection and, for example, the Loussac (main branch) has books in sixteen languages. Two things Art would like to have happen- I would like the Council to pass a resolution in support of the capital appropriation for this community library. Second, support the Alaska legislative appropriation for the library.

Motion by Niki Burrows for a resolution to place a restored library in Mountain View, seconded by Kep Pierce. Allan Tesche said it would help him to hear that we need to reverse the decision to incorporate the municipal library into the middle school. Motion passed unanimously.

*Kep Pierce, Federation of Community Councils -* We now have the motion on the bylaws changes and we will be voting on it next month. They are in the February newsletter.

*Lisa Mills, Community Organizer-* She has been in this position for ten months with ANHS, and is putting together a Landlord Resource Workshop on April 13 at 5:30. Muni personnel will talk about code enforcement. ANHS will talk about legal responsibilities. Anchorage Mutual Housing and Anchorage Neighborhood Housing will talk about tenant interviews. APD will talk about avoiding meth labs. This is a structured event.

Second item is neighborhood leadership circles. Immigration rights and credit reports have been presented and now conflict resolution will be the third topic. 30% of APD cases have to do with neighborly conflicts that grow out of proportion. The conflict workshop will be on March 16 in the multi-purpose room.

Third, the Mountain View Unity Team which includes Kerry Hawkins, Barbara Hogan, Faa'ana Tosi, Angela Jimenez and others and they are collecting information on a youth initiative at this point.

*Tim Sullivan, Weed 'n Seed East Anchorage-* No word on the Mountain View application at this point. More data will help planning as well as build the proposal. The community center represents the intervention and prevention components of the Weed 'n Seed initiative. Clark has been established as a Safe Haven by the school district which is another piece of the intervention and prevention component. The Hand Commission is supporting further support for community block grant funds in the federal budget. They are zeroed out at this point. There is a problem with the issue of the legislation which allows APD to charge owners if there are more than 8 police calls per year. There seems to be no action on it in Anchorage because, in part, APD is short staffed. More importantly, there is a legal problem with this because foreclosure is the only remedy.

*Megan for Senator Guess and Representative Gruenberg-* Carolyn Marie Tyson-Guess was born on February 2. Gretchen introduced a law that would limit the sale of Sudafed. Representative Gruenberg is working on several issues. Niki is asking if any legislation is developing concerning street walking on Fifth Avenue. The participants seem not to be hindered in their activity at this time and they apparently, or some of them, have moved from Spenard to Fifth Avenue. It may be time for APD or someone to change this situation.

*Major Bob Rudd and Bobbi Ragland, Salvation Army (and Ralph Ware from the Municipality)-* the Anchorage Salvation Army is pursuing a relationship with the Municipality and School District to build a new community center. There was a powerpoint program on the development. Joan Kroc's goal was to establish a facility to serve youth and adults in the community. The original facility was developed in San Diego. The Anchorage Salvation Army is working on the development of an application for funds to build a similar building. There must be an educational, recreational and artistic component. A public library, school partnership, adult education, computer lab, job training and life skills are the necessary components. The community center will have a track, climbing wall,

crafts, indoor skating, indoor soccer and a full size NBA gym. Arts, music, dance and theatre dance rooms are planned. Shared facilities with the new middle school are a part of the vision. Education, Arts, Recreation, and Administration Buildings placed side by side in the San Diego facility might be similar to what would be done here. Joan Kroc asked for excellence in architecture, and that will be an interest in the Anchorage buildings. Bob Rudd described it as a structurally aesthetic facility. There are Olympic, racing, and therapy pools on the grounds. The performing arts center seats 600 people. A full commercial kitchen at the facility is used for concessions and to support organizations that do conferences. MOA, ASD, and Salvation Army will sign an agreement. Muldoon Middle School (ASD) joint agreement for the site, community involvement in community center plans, and sustainable development are components of the Anchorage model. Kumen Architects did a depiction of the site with campus facility that has shared parking and designed around the existing middle school site. There will be a public municipal library. There will be theme studios for art and music. Indoor soccer will be on the campus along with an indoor ice arena. Preliminary construction costs will be 30 million in building and design, and 2 million will come from the Rasmuson Foundation. The Kroc foundation will give another 35 million to sustain the operations. The intent is to serve underserved kids with fees on a sliding scale. It will be the Anchorage Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center.

Barbara Hogan- How does this relate to the convention center proposed for downtown?

Allan- this is directed to the East End of Anchorage with structures that serve community needs as opposed to the greater floor space for the proposed convention center which is directed toward displays and thousands of people mingling.

Bob- there will be no auditorium for the community center as there is in San Diego. 70 million will come from outside the city to build this structure. No municipal money will go into this investment. The Salvation Army will acquire the property from the city and the school district and will pay for the initial large ticket items such as the

grandstands and the zamboni. Salvation Army provides services without regard to faith of participants.

Allan- City is looking at using the air rights above the newly planned downtown parking garages for high rise apartments. Creates an income opportunity for the garages that will be built, in particular, for the convention center.

Bob- There are at least 100 to 150 new jobs that will be created for the community center. He expects the revenue from the center to be able to run the facility without doing any additional fund raising to support its operation.

*Cindy Stanton, APD Sergeant* - Sgt. Stanton is the assigned APD Community Council Liaison & will be acting as the first point of contact and information exchange person between APD and every Community Council (CC). It has been hard for patrolmen to be at CC meetings consistently. Therefore, Sergeant Stanton has been assigned for the next year to be in attendance. Sergeant Stanton's direct desk line telephone #786-2668 and her work hours are Monday through Thursday 12 pm to 10 pm.

417 North Bliss is a location they will act on, and they need an apartment number. 408 North Park, #D is another problem spot and the resident appears to be incarcerated but activity continues at the location. Cindy needs additional information on the nature of the problem in order to act on it effectively. Is the problem that the residence is a flop house or are there illegal transactions going on? Sergeant Stanton needs an incident number on the addresses.

In addition to attending all the Community Council Meetings in Anchorage, Sergeant Stanton will be presenting a monthly status report briefings to the Councils. Unless there is a major event that would require an immediate 911 call, when Mountain View residents observe odd activities occurring on a regular basis Sergeant Stanton advised keeping a log including any license plate numbers, which can be helpful in an investigation. APD dispatch maintains logs of the number of calls to each address, so the number of call outs to a particular address is at hand for the officers.

## **New Business**

Resolution presented by Niki Burrows to invite the Aurora Waldorf School to initiate a kindergarten in Mountain View. Motion made by Kep and seconded by Fred to invite the Aurora Waldorf School to explore the possibility of offering a kindergarten class in Mountain View. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution to support the proposed Anchorage Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center. Moved by Niki, seconded by Kep to approve this resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Fred. Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Alexander  
Secretary  
Mountain View Community Council