

Senator Wielechowski and Representative Gruenberg:

The Mountain View Community Council held its monthly meeting at the Mountain View Community Center on February 14 th. Review and discussion of recommendations from the Council's Executive Committee took place regarding funding for community capital projects.

Members were given the opportunity to add projects not included however, no additional plans or ideas came forward. Score sheets were passed out and members were asked to rank in priority order each project. The results and project descriptions are attached.

If you have questions, please contact Don Crandall, President – MVCC dhc@ak.net I am transmitting this information to you in the absence of the Council Secretary, James Wileman. Thank you for your consideration and assistance in moving our request forward to the legislature.

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PRIORITIZED FUNDING REQUEST MEMORANDUM
Mountain View Community Council

Date: February 15, 2011
From: Mountain View Community Council
Subject: Capital Projects Funding Request to Legislature

Projects are prioritized 1 (highest priority) through 9 (lowest priority)

1. Alaska Museum of Natural History

Museum staff is in the process of preparing expansion plans and upgrades to the Museum which is the only natural history location in Anchorage. The Council supports this activity as a distinguished learning center for MV youth and all students in the Anchorage school district. It's location in MV is not only a valuable educational experience but also an important asset for the neighborhood. This request would cover demolition of the annex and upgrades to the bathroom to make handicapped accessible plus adding stalls on the second floor. **\$150,000 requested**

2. ACLT Blighted Property Acquisition

Anchorage Community Land Trust requests assistance to support the purchase of blighted property along MV Drive to upgrade and hold for development in conjunction with the wishes of MV residents. Site development of the old gas station now the home of CU 1 MV branch is an example of the type of acquisition and development ACLT works to achieve. Redevelopment of the abandoned Sadler furniture warehouse into a modern office complex today housing Camp Fire USA, Foraker Group, AK State Council on the Arts, Alaska Works Partnership training facility and soon adding the Program for Infants and Children as tenants in MV is another example of ACLT's property acquisition program. As soon as weather permits, demolition of the office structure and removal of the house on the John's RV and Motel property will include site preparation work for future development of an arts center or other desired improvement or business activity. **\$1 million requested**

3. William Tyson Elementary Before School Program operated by Camp Fire

This program has been operated for three years as a public safety initiative to ensure children, walking to school in the early morning hours arriving at school before it opens, have a safe environment and supervised activities until teachers arrive. Principal Kito has credited the program as a major factor in reducing truancy at Tyson and preparing students for a learning experience during the school day. Funding to support and stabilize this program is critical to the safety of children in MV and money is requested for this purpose. **\$50,000 requested**

4. Books and Resource Materials for the Mountain View Library

The Library is short on books and specific materials that meet the needs of MV and area residents. Books that assist English as a second language: Introductory and transitional reading materials for adults, both fiction and nonfiction, particularly those that assist with applying for citizenship. Multimedia materials are always popular, particularly music. **\$25,000 requested**

5. Neighborhood Crime Watch

Mountain View is beginning to create Neighborhood Crime Watch areas by blocks. This is an important public safety initiative where neighbors help each other protect their community. This funding will assist the Community Council to develop and distribute flyers and other important information to residents as the program grows. **\$5,000 requested**

6. Community Spring Clean-Up

It costs a minimum of \$10,000 each year to mount a successful Clean Up of the neighborhood. Funding is requested to continue this vital function of the Mountain View Community Council. Funding from the Weed and Seed program that supported the cleanup in previous years is no longer available.

\$10,000 requested

7. Mountain View Community Patrol

The Mountain View Community Patrol continues to need funding for gas, maintenance and equipment. Other patrol needs include:

- Five Universal safety all weather Jackets Yellow-Black reflective with Community Patrol logos
- Five Shirts
- Five pair of pants
- Five Radios
- Five emergency scanners
- Five high end flash/hand held flashlights
- Five sets of 4 electronic cone/flairs
- Batteries for electronic equipment
- Maintenance on vehicles and equipment
- First Aid equipment and Training
- Gas and Oil

\$10,000 requested

8. Davis Park Little League Fields:

The Anchorage Parks Foundation, Anchorage Urban League and others have expressed interest in supporting the Polar Little League organization to strengthen their program which is centered in Mountain View. It has been reported area youth do not have the proper clothing, equipment, and fees required for participation. A capital request to cover some of these costs would be beneficial to MV

\$50,000 requested

9. Faces of Mountain View - Part 2

In collaboration with ACLT, funding is requested for a planning grant work with artist that will lead to the commission of two additional "Faces of Mountain View" sculpture projects for installation along MV Drive as part of the on-going street art project. The faces monument recently installed is the signature and identity of the diversity of this community and provides a significant expression of how we successfully live in harmony with one another.

\$25,000 requested as a

planning grant