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Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street

Monday, December 13, 2004
7 PM

Council Meeting Agenda

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of November Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Approval of December Agenda
Introductions

7:20 Committee Reports

Assembly Report - Allan Tesche
Legislative Report - Sen. Guess/Rep. Gruenberg
Community Center Report - Rick Henderson
Fundraising Report- Barbara Hogan
Zoning Report & Sidewalks- Kerry Hawkins
Mountain View Patrol - Fred Schirner

Guest Speakers

7:55 Cook Inlet Housing - Bruce Geraghty
8:10 Venture Development - John McGrew
8:25 Street Maintenance - Paul Vanlandingham
8:40 Mountain View Neighborhood Plan - Open Discussion
9:15 Weed 'n Seed Support for Police - Thom Blackbird
9:30 Election of New Secretary
9:45 Old Business/New Business
10:00 Noble's Liquor License- Comments
Adjournment

Next Council Executive Meeting
Monday, December 27, 2005 at 7 PM
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY WITH YOUR ATTENDANCE AT
REGULAR MEETINGS (SECOND MONDAY OF THE MONTH)

Mountain View Sign Dedication



Have you looked at our sign on the corner of Mountain View Drive and Bragaw? Thanks to Signco, Brewster's, Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, and the Mountain View Unity Team, the old letter board has been replaced with a new sign manufactured by one of our neighborhood businesses, Signco.

A write-up on the dedication appeared in the Daily News. The article by Jane Szabo is one of a number of anticipated news reports about our community in the recent past and in the near future. Rob Stapleton's article "Renewing Mountain View" appeared in the November 11 issue of the Chronicle. More is to come, and getting this positive publicity is one of the long terms goals of the Unity Team.

The Mountain View Unity Team selected the sign project as a short term, visible achievement that everyone in the neighborhood could feel a part of. The Unity Team is made up of Angela Jimenez, Kerry Hawkins, John Kito, Sera Tainaolo, and Barbara Hogan. The group traveled to Los Angeles in September to attend a Community Leadership Institute. The trip was funded by Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services and Neighborhood Reinvestment. The Unity Team wants more neighborhood residents as members, so call Lisa Mills (277-2012) if you are interested.



Community Council News in Brief -Continued-

+ Mountain View Main Street is actively working to bring needed businesses, such as a bank, to the community and at the same time design Mountain View Drive to support shops and commerce that are helpful to residents. Led by President Angela Jimenez who owns a business on Mountain View Drive herself, the Main Street group is comprised of people who have succeeded in their own commercial efforts in Mountain View. That group includes Carey Homes, Noble's Diner, Mayfield's Cleaners, Brewsters, the Asian Market, TC's Buffet, and John's RV Park. For further information, Angela can be reached at the Hispanic Service Center at 3948 Mountain View Drive.

+ Mountain View Community Council recently held a fund raiser at Mr. Whitekeys' Christmas in Spenard show. Coming up is the silent auction and dance on February 12. Please look for announcements of future fund raising events that help build our community.

+ We need any postings from businesses, churches, civic organizations and others to be in by the third Friday of the month to make it in the newsletter. We also welcome articles and ideas for articles. Please share ideas on what you would like to see in the newsletter. Call Kerry Hawkins at 272-2697 or Peter Acquaro at 279-7827.

+ New Business Highlight- The opening of Noble's Diner has been a great success. Plan to have lunch with your friends at the corner of North Park and Mountain View Drive. Noble's provides catering as well as daily restaurant service. They have great coffee, too!

Community Council News in Brief -Continued-

+Jobs, Jobs, Jobs- The Mountain View Job Center has internet connected computers available for job search Monday to Thursday from 9 to 6 and Friday from 9 to 4. Please stop in for a vocational assessment if you aren't sure what job would meet your needs. Located in the Community Center downstairs, the phone is 297-5422.

+New Neighbors- Arriving from Laos via Thailand are new members of Anchorage's Hmong community. Catholic Social Services' Refugee Assistance Project is providing support for the families with a program at Tyson Elementary School that features instruction for pre-school children, school age children, and their parents. This is the first time that refugees have come directly to Anchorage from their lives in a camp situation. Please make our new neighbors feel welcome.

+Density an issue- Mountain View residents have asked about the apparent changes in Cook Inlet Housing Authority's plans for the houses and lots they have acquired in the Mountain View neighborhood. Concern has been expressed about the possibility that some CIHA properties are being considered for multiplex dwellings that had originally been intended as single family homes.

+Thanksgiving Spirit- The Community Center was a distribution point for the Food Bank's Thanksgiving Fixins'. The Boys and Girls Club distributed food to people in the zip codes in and near MountainView from 3 to 8 on November 22. That event followed the famous Mountain View Thanksgiving Dinner organized by the Boys and Girls Club on November 18.

Increased Policing a Result of Weed 'n Seed



There will be additional patrols in the Mountain View neighborhood as a result of a \$50,000 increase in funds available for both Mountain View and Russian Jack neighborhoods. The money is to be used for overtime pay. Community members at St. Anthony's saw the need to allow officers to be on the street longer in the Mountain View and Russian Jack neighborhoods. Their request for special funds through the existing east Anchorage Weed 'n Seed program resulted in this special support money.

The new Mountain View Weed 'n Seed initiative may lead to other funds being committed to Anchorage police patrols in the neighborhood. Completed in October, the Mountain View Weed 'n Seed application will be its own grant if it is funded by the Department of Justice. Many Mountain View residents participated in the writing of the application which got a boost from the positive past history of the east Anchorage grant located in Muldoon and also the more recent grant awarded to the Russian Jack Community Council. The writing of the Mountain View grant was supported with funds from the Land Bank.

In the meantime, the increased police presence should be felt soon. This increase in the number of patrol hours provided by officers should make Mountain View even safer. Mountain View's crime statistics show them to be substantially lower than most other areas of the city despite the perception that the community has a lot of crime. In fact, this community has less reported crime than some of the neighborhoods with more expensive housing.