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Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council Meeting
Mountain View Community Recreation Center

315 Price

Monday - February 9, 2004

7 PM

Council Meeting Agenda

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of January Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Approval of February Agenda
Introduction of Special Guests

7:15 Committee Reports

Assembly Report - Allan Tesche
Legislative Reports - Sen. Guess/Rep. Gruenberg
Community Center Report - Rick Henderson
Zoning Report - Kerry Hawkins
Mountain View Patrol - Fred Schriener

8:00 APD - Sgt. David Cook
8:15 Habitat for Humanity - Kim Ross
8:30 Equal Opportunity Outreach - Celeste Holmes
8:45 Street Maintenance - Paul Vanlandingham
9:45 Old Business /New Business
10:00 ADJOURNMENT

Next Council Executive Meeting

Monday, February 23, 2004 at 7 PM

Mountain View Community Recreation Center

This is an open meeting - You are welcome

Mountain View Drive Design Study Report Draft Complete

The Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) has completed a draft Design Study Report for reconstruction and improvements to Mountain View Drive from the Glenn Highway to Commercial Drive.

The Design Study Report contains the results of research on the existing roadway that will aid in the new design—such topics as utility line locations, traffic forecasts, current road and pedestrian path conditions, and soil conditions in the road bed, drainage needs and public transit use.

This information, together with early public input, is used by engineers to develop design alternatives for consideration by the interested public and to be evaluated by the Municipality before choosing the design that will go forward into design and construction.

If the future of this section of Mountain View Drive is important to you, now is the best time to learn about the design proposals and communicate your ideas and opinions to the project team. The Design Alternatives

The project team has worked with the Mountain View Arts and Cultural District Design Committee to develop the most desirable design ideas from the large menu of possibilities. The Design Committee requested

- * Only 2 driving lanes on the street
- * No raised median for the full length of the street
- * Minimum 10' sidewalks where possible
- * Sidewalks located at curbside, not separated from the street
- * Temporary snow storage on-street
- * Landscaping zones maximized wherever possible
- * On-street parking where possible

The two design alternatives presented in the study reflect our attempt to incorporate these ideas into our project.

How to Get a Copy of the Study

The copies of the studies have been provided to the Mt. View Community Council and placed for public access at the Mt. View Community Center and the Loussac Headquarters Library. The report can also be viewed at the following link, using Adobe Acrobat Reader: <http://www.theboutetcompany.com/projects/mtview/drafts/>

Please take a look at the study and forward any comments you have to Jacques Boutet at: 522-6776 (voice), 522-6779 (fax), or Jacques@theboutetcompany.com (e-mail).

FROM THE GRASS ROOTS

OF MOUNTAIN VIEW

The Mountain View Community Council and all its members would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for your contribution. Citizens like yourself make a big difference in our community.

We need more people like you!

Send to:

Mountain View Community Council President: Tom Blackburn
608 N Klevin 279-7535

Anchorage AK 99508-1438 Treasurer: Niki Burrows
274-1179

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2286.90	Patrol Account
11.79	Fun Day
111.59	CleanUp
\$ 4226.20	Total

Thank you for meeting our needs every month. You are the best community in the Municipality by far!! No other Council gets such participation and support. Your Executive Committee truly appreciates you!

As your Treasurer, I really appreciate those "As Needed" donations - it makes my job so much easier to be able to put the money where we need it at the time!! **THANK YOU!**

Is Your Dumpster/Trash Pickup Area Snowed In?

If you don't clear out the snow from around your trash pickup area, your trash won't be picked up! In year's past this hasn't been a real big problem, but this year, we have had an overabundance of snow (duh), so we have to remember to clear a path so the drivers can get to our trash. Please be as kind to the Solid Waste Services employees as you are to your mailman - you clear a path to your mailbox, don't you?

You're paying for the service whether you use it or not. And if you use it more than your allotted amount because they couldn't pick it up, you will be charged for the extras at the rate of \$1.70 per can or bag. At present, you are allowed four cans, or eight bags per week.

Tired of Being Plowed In?

Please call 343-8372 or 343-8195 and report the lack of snow removal in the parking lanes on our streets, on the sidewalks and in the alleys. Be specific about your situation. How high is the snow piled where your garbage is to be picked up? Is it getting picked up? Can you park in front of your house? Can the kids, at least, walk in the parking lane on your street? (We know they can't walk on the sidewalks!!) Ask them when it will be cleared. If it isn't done by then, call again!! Don't lose this number!

Mountain View Arts and Cultural District Steering Committee Meetings

The Steering Committee Meetings are where you can get the latest news on what progress has been made and what is planned next. You are invited to participate. It is held at the Mountain View Community Center in the upstairs meeting room every other month starting with the first Wednesday in February (Feb. 4) at 10:30 AM. You can also sign up to be on a committee!! Call 677-8490 for more information.

Leadership Anchorage Scholarships!

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services has agreed to sponsor two Mountain View residents to participate in Leadership Anchorage. The program, which is part of the Alaska Humanities Forum is designed to expose the "emerging leaders" of non-profit, neighborhood, and ethnic organizations to the larger power brokers of Anchorage and Alaska. These individuals have already demonstrated a commitment to their community, have already shown leadership skills, but they benefit from intensive leadership training to give them - and their communities - the access to mainstream movers and shakers. Our goal is to make sure these emerging voices are heard - are at the table - in the mix of Anchorage decision-making.

Consequently, group diversity is essential. Twenty individuals proceed through ten rigorous, full-day sessions of interviews and group activities, reading and skills-building. The keystones of the program are a one-on-one mentorship program, a group project fulfilling an already-expressed need in the community, and a series of readings in the humanities. When a Leadership Anchorage class graduates, the community is enriched with individuals who know how to get things done, know how to operate in a diverse world, and think carefully about the ethical and personal demands of leadership. For more information on Leadership Anchorage check out their website at <http://www.akhf.org/leadership.htm> or call Barbara Brown at 272-5324 or email her at barbara.brown@akhf.org

Community Councils Center

FUNDING CRISES!!! YOUR HELP IS NEEDED!!!!

The Community Councils are mandated in the Municipal Charter as a way for ordinary citizens like you and me to participate in our local government - to be able to help define how Anchorage works and how it looks. The Community Councils Center was set up to help us do that and has been funded by the Assembly for about 27 years.

The funding reached the level of \$120,000 by 1995 to pay for the office, equipment, supplies, postage, two full-time employees and one part-time employee. The employees maintained the equipment, produced a newsletter called "Neighbor To Neighbor", maintained Council files, Council mailing lists, answered lots of questions, maintained a library for Councils to do research on most any subject pertaining to Municipal government, produced informational pamphlets, Officer packs, and assisted Council members as needed.

For the past several years, the Community Councils Center has been funded at \$108,000. The Assembly has decided to fund the Community Councils Center at the level of \$26,000 for 2004. This amount will barely pay for the paper and postage for the 37 Community Council newsletters. It will not pay for the current part-time employee who produces all the newsletters and takes them to the Post Office. Nor will it pay for the office space or equipment to produce them.

The current equipment is past its last legs - the repairman cannot believe it is still gasping along. It needs to be replaced.

Without the Community Councils Center, we cannot inform you of what is happening in our neighborhood that affects you and your property.

An unfunded mandate allows the Municipal government to ignore Community Councils and you. Don't let this happen!

As your editor who works hard to write this newsletter every month, I beg you to come to our February 9th meeting and ask Assemblyman Allan Tesche what he intends to do about funding this vital office. Funding is the difference between your getting this newsletter and not getting it.

Also, please contact all the Assembly members, the Mayor and the Ombudsman and ask them to restore the needed funding.

Assembly members:

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Mayor Mark Begich	343-4431	wwwmayor@muni.org

Title 21 Rewrite

The purpose of the rewrite of this code is to modernize Anchorage's land use regulations to include development techniques and design standards; to make the code easier to understand; and to implement recently adopted plans and policies from the Anchorage 2020 Plan.

The consultant firm, Clarion Associates from Denver, have been hired to write the new land use code of regulations.

The Anchorage Citizens Coalition has organized a citizen participation program. This program provides a forum for information and discussion that is designed to integrate multiple citizen perspectives, minimize polarization, and allow the public to establish consensus wherever possible. Contact the Anchorage Citizens Coalition at 274-2624 for more information or to participate.

A Title 21 Citizens Advisory Committee has been formed and includes representatives from 4 Municipal Boards and Commissions, Community Councils, homebuilders, civil contractors, commercial contractors, architects, engineering, landscape architects, planners, Alaska Center for the Environment, Anchorage Citizens Coalition, Anchorage Board of Realtors, and the Anchorage and Chugiak-Eagle River Chambers of Commerce.

Draft documents have been placed on this website:

www.muni.org/planning/prj_title21.cfm.

This brings you to the Title 21 Diagnostic & Rewrite project. Choose Documents for Review. There are 6 for Module 2. Module 1 can also be downloaded. Please get involved and help shape Anchorage's future.