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October 2007 Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street
October 8, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M



7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of September Minutes
Approval Treasurer's Report
Approval of October Agenda
Introduction of Audience Members

7:20 Reports and Announcements

Assembly Report - Allan Tesche
Legislative Report - Sen. Wielechowski/Rep. Gruenberg
APD Report- Seargeant Denny Allen
Written Reports- Community Center, Mountain View Patrol, Job Center,
Crime Committee, Code Enforcement, Neighborhood Plan, Other
prepared by Amy Grant, ACLT

Guest Speakers for October 8, 2007:

8:00	Century 16 Movie Theatre- Carma Reed/David Irwin
8:10	Glenn Square Hiring Hall- Sharon Patterson
8:20	ACLT Consultant- Jewel Jones
8:30	Laborer's Union 341- Patrick Falon
8:40	Pacific Environmental (PENCO) Facility- Hugh Wade
8:50	McPhee Community Gardens Play Area- Teri Peters
9:00	ARBRA's Homeless Camp Campaign- Ed O'Neill
9:10	Old Business/New Business

Next Council Executive Meeting
Monday, October 29, 2007 at 5:30 PM
Mobile Trailer Supply Building
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

World Eskimo Indian Olympics July 2007



A remarkable event this summer was the World Eskimo Indian Olympics. Our intrepid MVCC photographer and general go-to guy, Glenn Howson, visited this spectacular event and came away with pictures of the blanket toss, Miss Fairbanks (left, middle) and Miss Napakiak (right, later Miss WEIO) and the well dressed young son of a proud mother (bottom frame). The athletes performed beyond expectations and the city greeted visitors warmly.

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Treasurer: Niki Burrows 274-1179
Mountain View Patrol: 223-9524

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PO Box 142824, Anchorage, AK 99514 *Thank you so much!*

Cinemark 12 Screen Theatre Coming

November 2008

The expected opening date for a Mountain View movie theatre is a year away, but the design has met the general approval of those reviewing the plans. Located on and near the Willhour Trust property, the 39,000 square foot building will have a lower profile than originally envisioned because it will sit below Mountain View road level.

Linking with Glenn Square Retailers

Together with Old Navy, Famous Footwear, Petco, Michaels, and Bed, Bath, and Beyond, the Cinemark building will be added to 100,000 square feet of retail and office space designed by P.OiB Montgomery. The opening for those stores should be before Thanksgiving. The retailers expect to take advantage of the forthcoming holiday season when most retailers earn a substantial part of their year's revenue.



Traffic Loads Suggest Numerous Customers

According to DOT figures, nearly 45,000 vehicles per day come inbound on the Glenn to Anchorage. At peak hours, more than 3,000 vehicles travel through the intersection at Glenn Highway and Bragaw Street which is a piece of the revitalization of Mountain View now underway. Some of this traffic will be diverted to the new mall because of ease in leaving and re-entering the Glenn for East and Northbound travelers.

Mountain View Library Makeover

A Mountain View Library Community Fundraiser will take place on Thursday November 15. Flyers on the event will be passed out at the October meeting. The reconstructed library will feature:

- Design plans that have been influenced by community input
- Exterior color as recommended by a professional artist
- Placement of the Randy Smith plaque at one of the entrances
- Features for children, teenagers, and adults

The timetable starts in January 2008 where Phase I will include gutting and asbestos removal. Phase II will take place in the spring, and completion should occur in September 2008. Approximately 2.5 million dollars will be spent on the remodel. About half the money is in hand, and additional funds will be provided by a Community Development Block Grant and by the Rasmuson Foundation. Linda Klien is the current Mountain View Branch Librarian at 343-4034.

Mobile Trailer Supply Building Not Suitable for Public Use

Jewel Jones, the consultant for the Anchorage Community Land Trust, advised Bruce Farnsworth and the artists planning on future exhibitions that the building could not accommodate further public events. The Fire Department noted that the building lacked adequate entrances/exits, and there are no bathrooms for persons using the facility. Although a commitment to the Arts Center has continued to be stated, the issues of location and funding are not clear at the moment. ACLT has its offices on the second floor and the Glenn Square construction offices are on the first floor along with the current gallery which has hosted remarkably attractive displays of both local and outside art.

Language Center To Open- The Alaska Immigration Justice Project will provide an interpreter center and interpreter training next year.

Homeward Bound in Transition- The building at 400 N. Lane, currently a 10 plex, will apparently become the new iwarehouse for Homeward Bound clients. Homeward Bound houses both regular drinkers and those who have moved past a state of continuous inebriation, and the wethouse is for current drinkers. Housing is now considered of paramount importance in helping people kick the alcohol reliance. There is a community meeting with Melinda Freeman, Executive Director, coming up on Monday, October 1 at the Homeward Bound administrative location at 127 N. Hoyt.

Bridge Builders Potluck Dinner is Saturday, November 3 this year at the Anchorage City Church, 100th and the Minnesota Bypass from 5:00 to 8:00. This celebration of food and art from throughout the world is sponsored by Bridge Builders of Anchorage and hosted entirely by Anchorage residents who cook the food and arrange the music and art presented during the evening. Susan Churchill, of Japanese-American descent, has been coordinating the celebration for many years, and the members of our city's 95 ethnic groups in Anchorage have brought their special dishes and their enthusiasm to this great cultural outpouring.

Mayor's Diversity Banquet October 5, Friday, at 6:30 at the Sheraton. The Annual Diversity Awards will be presented by Mayor Mark.

Local 341 is a Mountain View Partner

Photo from Laborers' Local 341; Text by Newsletter Writers; Posters from Job Center

Laborers' Training Hall to Mountain View?

Laborers' Union Local 341 is considering moving their training facility to Mountain View. They have an excellent probable location near the corner of Reeve and Commercial Avenue toward the west side of the neighborhood. In fact, they are located just behind the 1989 Mountain View USA Neighborhood of the Year sign.

Union apprenticeship positions are coveted by high school graduates, and Local 341 leaders are interested in Mountain View candidates. One of Mountain View's recent problems was a lack of activity in the community related to work. If Local 341 succeeds in moving their training hall out of South Anchorage and near their current administrative offices, they will be just a stone's throw away from the community's growing youth population. Here is an opportunity for Local 341 and the community to come together for a useful purpose—training for young men and women who want to enter the workforce.

However, the possibility of a training slot for a young person depends on many things, and one of them is personal responsibility. All community members can play a part in helping the children who attend Tyson, Mountain View, the brand new Clark, East and Bartlett to plan on a working life that begins with self-discipline and timely attention to the academic work preceding any good job. How does a kid get on the right road to enter an apprenticeship program?

Last month, the PRIDE program was featured here. Maio Tosi has been working to involve youth in constructive activities which will lead to self-sustaining jobs including apprenticeships and further vocational training. The Mountain View Job Center works daily with residents who want to go to work. The Mountain View Boys and Girls Club supports youth who want healthy, growth inducing activities after school. Camp Fire builds leadership skills for work. There are good supports in Mountain View for those youth looking forward to attending a training program after graduating from school. For those who can't graduate from ASD, options exist such as the Alternative High School Diploma Program offered by Nine Star Education and Employment Services.

There are numerous supports for Mountain View youth who want to go on to further training, and the presence of the successful Laborers' Union Local 341 School in this neighborhood will be another giant step forward for the residents.

The Laborers' Local 341 building has been in the neighborhood for a long time, and they've always welcomed Mountain View residents to apply for training activities. It is just going to be an easier and more accessible process if they are able to build a new school. The existing school on Old Seward has existed since



the '60s, and it is somewhat worn and outdated through still servicable. Along with the labor hall pictured above, Local 341 will be helping put a new face on the Mountain View community, and the promise of substantive jobs after training will nicely complement the arts and culture district which requires a variety of jobs in order to thrive.

Other Current Training Free to Mountain View Residents

Along with *Glenn Square Mall Job Opportunities* (call Sharon at 297-5460), these training programs beginning October 1 are available at no cost from the Mountain View Job Center. *Trades Math* (call Jan at 375-3714) and *Customer Service* (call Jeff, 375-3732)

Trades Math is at 125 W. Fifth Avenue (Nine Star Building)

Customer Service is at N. Lights and Lake Otis (Charter College)

Interested in a career in retail sales or customer service?

Free course
Oct. 1–Nov. 9,
2007
Monday–Friday, 1–4pm

Learn necessary skills for an entry level retail job

Course includes:

- Classroom participation
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Course prepares you for the Retail Customer Service certification exam.*

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Call Jeff Randolph at Nine Star
(907) 375-3732
or email jeffr@ninestar.com

Jeff is also the instructor.

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