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Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street
Monday, December 12, 2005 @ 7:00 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
ROC Report- Niki Burrows
Zoning Report & Sidewalks-
Mountain View Patrol - Fred Schriener
APD Report- Sgt. Cindi Stanton
Federation Report- Kep Pierce
Job Center Report- David Alexander
Arts and Culture District Vision- Bruce Farnsworth
Weed 'n Seed Report- Michael Evans



Guest Speakers:

8:00 WRAP- Lory Nealley
8:10 Mailbox Update- Clark Yerrington
8:15 Predatory Lending- Kep Pierce
8:30 Alaska Moose Federation- David Olson
8:40 Ordinance A0 2005-108- Ken Langford
9:00 New Business
9:15 Adjournment



Next Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday, December 27, 2005 at 5:30 PM
Mountain View Community Center
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR COMMUNITY BY
ATTENDING COUNCIL MEETINGS

Community Council News in Brief

Community Patrol funds announced by Max Gruenberg- Thanks to Mountain View's legislators, Max Gruenberg and Gretchen Guess, the Community Patrol funds from the legislature have arrived via the Municipality. Bruce Holmes from the city has transferred the money to MVCC. Our three patrol cars require trained drivers, insurance, repairs, tires, and fuel. The expense is spread among donations, the legislative grant and fund raising activities done by the Council. We are grateful to Mountain View business for their contributions, and appreciate the support of our legislators-
 Hugh Wade

Design Considerations for Buildings and Lots - The Community Council is in the best position to help businesses and developers with lots and construction if plans are submitted to the Community Council early so that affected residents and business owners can be consulted and traffic patterns can be reviewed.
 Clark Yerrington

Brown Jug Working to Keep Liquor Out of the Hands of Underage Youth- As reported by the Daily News and then more clearly by Beth Bragg in the November 26 edition of the paper, Brown Jug clerks confiscate IDs of kids who are underage. The IDs have been altered or are false. This also applies to adults who are buying liquor for kids. Liquor stores and other establishments that sell liquor can use Anchorage and Alaska laws to take civil action against the violators. The fine can be as much as \$1,000, but Brown Jug's policy is to write to the parents, seek agreement that the youth will attend alcohol awareness classes, and request \$300 in lieu of the full amount. The clerk receives \$270 of the fine, so Brown Jug does not profit in the transaction. The class also costs the violator about \$300, so the underage youth has to pay about \$600 for the class which takes two days. It's still less than the full amount, and the class links alcohol to car crashes and sexual offenses.

According to Bragg's column, there were 188 IDs taken from offenders this year, and the total in 2004 was 284. The decline in numbers, Bragg thinks, may be related to the Brown Jug policy of doing something about the wannabe drinkers' underage offenses. So far, 100 youths have said they would attend the alcohol awareness classes that are mostly sponsored by Akeela.

The Brown Jug policy appears to be a winner for Mountain View, and the hope is that this approach can set a standard for the community. Since the store clerks don't have to confiscate fake IDs, there may be no incentive for clerks in other stores to follow this plan- that is, unless, their owners see the value in sharing the civil penalties with clerks the way Brown Jug does.
 David Alexander

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
P.O. Box 142824
Anchorage AK 99514

President: Hugh Wade
 272-2697
 Treasurer: Niki Burrows
 274-1179
 Mountain View Patrol: 277-4357

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Mountain View's 1947 Resident Recognized: Sol Gerstenfeld- Sol Gerstenfeld is a regular at Mountain View Community Council meetings. Few have missed his distinctive contributions to any discussion. Although his points sometimes range afield of the issue under discussion, his passion and historical perspective lend weight to his points of view. Sol is not concerned about where an issue falls on the political spectrum- just that the facts are accurate and that pressure is applied to make the issue work for the people who live in the community.

Sol has lived on Irwin since 1947 when he returned from the war. Same house, same ethical stance. He has participated in a lot of neighborhood improvement efforts, and he always has something to contribute. When he isn't contributing in a public forum, he makes his views known through letters to the editor. "Pithy" is a word that describes his short, to the point observations he writes.

Food Bank of Alaska Moves Toward Mobile Unit- The Food Bank of Alaska is planning a tractor trailer storage van with doors on the side which can go from neighborhood to neighborhood distributing food. It will serve Mountain View and other Anchorage neighborhoods on a regular basis. The van cost per year is around \$30,000 for operations (not including food) and the initial investment would be approximately \$45,000 for the truck. Anchorage East Rotary is considering a primary sponsorship in the van. Volunteers will be recruited to do the food distribution itself. This effort is in cooperation with all other food distribution efforts in the city.

Susannah Morgan

Weatherization, Rehabilitation and Asset Preservation Partnership

Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services is Proud to Announce this Exciting Program for Mountain View

The emphasis of The WRAP program is to work with homeowners, to determine ways WRAP can assist them in preserving their home. Preservation strategies can be in the form of energy efficiency upgrades, minor repairs, financial education, maintenance training and linking to other resources. Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services is recruiting for interested homeowners who would like to be part of this innovative program. Currently the WRAP program is available only in Mountain View... and we want to invite YOU to be part of the excitement!

For more information on the **WRAP** Program, and how you can participate, call **Anita Seymour 830-4752 Anchorage Neighborhood Housing Services, Inc.**

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P.O'B. Montgomery to Break Ground in April- David Irwin made a presentation at the last Community Council meeting laying out the phases of the development of the 25 acre parcel between Mountain View Drive and the Glenn. There will be approximately three phases with store fronts going in earlier and amenities later. An amphitheatre where ice skating or performances could be held will be toward Mountain View Drive. With the Mobile Trailer Supply Building and RK Furniture among the buildings to remain, the housing concept for the development has changed, and the roadfront improvements originally envisioned won't be a top priority. It remains to be seen how many housing units will be included David has spent time with local businesses, agencies, and the city to work out the plans for issues such as M.L.&P's substation move as well as the Clark Middle School Plan. He is available by phone at 425-576-5208 or e-mail <dirwin@pobmontgomery.com>. A stoplight is planned, although studies indicate one is not needed. One of the problems they have uncovered is a 2 to 3 acre former dump along the inclination that runs down from Mountain View Drive and directly in back of Mobile Trailer Supply. Soil remediation has to be done in this area which Wendy Mikowski (343-4377 of the Anchorage Development Authority) says is already planned with plans approved. There are apparently no heavy contaminants that cannot be contained. The school plans are important because ASD will use 3 1/2 acres for the new design. How that building is placed and what utility and road access use issues might arise have an impact on the Montgomery development, but no surprises are expected from here on.

David Alexander

December 2 for First Friday in Mountain View- The Mountain View Arts and Culture District invites you to First Friday events on December 2 at Noble's and around the community. Call Sherre Dueno at 563-1958 to get the latest or Carolyn Kineen (770-3811) or stop in at Color Creek Art on Bragaw and Mountain View Drive.

Arts and Culture District Steering Committee

Cook Inlet Housing New Homes Available in Mountain View- The units available from Cook Inlet Housing (CIHA) began to be available for sale in May. They will be available for occupancy in August. Prices range from \$189,000 to \$203,000 with 3 and 4 bedroom models and 1 3/4-2 bathrooms. The homes have 1324-1750 square feet of living space with two car garages. Monthly payments range from \$940 to \$1,313 including tax and insurance. There are income requirements with a range between \$40,600 and \$76,550 based on family size. While minimum income requirements apply, the hope is that many Mountain View families can qualify. Call CIHA at 276-8822 to get more complete information on the homes. -Jeff Judd

MOUNTAIN VIEW PLANNING SHIFTS INTO HIGH GEAR



The long-anticipated Mountain View Neighborhood Plan is officially underway! A special subcommittee of the Housing and Neighborhood Development Commission (HAND), formed to facilitate the planning process, had its first meeting on Friday, November 18th at the Mountain View Community Center.

Over twenty subcommittee members, newly appointed by Mayor Mark Begich, came together to discuss the five major strands that will make up the plan. They formed task forces on **Land Use, Housing, Arts and Business Development, Public Health and Safety, and Youth, Families and Cultural Facilities**. Members of these task forces identified sub categories of these five strands and created work groups to tackle the issues surrounding them.

Carma Reed of the Department of Neighborhoods welcomed the assembled planning group and laid out the evening's goals. She explained that the city's 2020 Comprehensive Plan calls for local plans to implement its provisions. She introduced Carolyn Kinneen, co-owner of Noble's Diner and a member of the coordinating team who went over the agenda. All five groups, aided by a facilitator, engaged in a "values check." They discussed their individual reasons for participating and their hopes for the process before reporting back to the group as a whole.

Coordinating team member Bruce Farnsworth guided the groups through their next set of tasks and gave out the evening's homework assignment. The groups then discussed the homework and planned their next meeting. Community Council President Hugh Wade closed the meeting by thanking everyone for coming and rolling up their shirtsleeves to do this difficult but necessary job. He commented on the energy and good will he felt in the room as he watched the groups finish their evening's work.

The Neighborhood Plan will take about six months to create. An extraordinary effort to engage as many different individuals and groups in the neighborhood as possible is being implemented. This outreach effort will include meetings in homes and businesses, community events and presentations and hopefully a door-to-door campaign to get grassroots input into the plan. It is this campaign of neighborhood engagement, coupled with the input of experts and decision makers that will lead to broad support for the resulting plan and make it viable. If the community embraces it fully, and the planning teams do their work well, the revitalization of Mountain View might one day soon be more than a slogan—it might be our reality.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED IN THE MOUNTAIN VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN!

TO BE PART OF THE ONE OF THESE PLANNING STRANDS, PLEASE CALL:

Carolyn Kinneen: 227-8422



ARLENE SANDBERG IS ALASKA'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Arlene Sandberg, a teacher at Mountain View Elementary for the past 8 years, has been named Alaska's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Sandberg teaches students from all grades who are having difficulty with English because of knowing a different language better, and her instructional abilities are noted by students, parents, and fellow teachers. The 2005 Teacher of the Year award winner is an English as a Second Language instructor whose students are successful in English only classroom after they graduate to Clark and on to high school. Many of these students have only been in the United States for a short time. Hmong, Samoan, and Latin students attend Mountain View and many need assistance before they can operate independently in an English only classroom. Originally a special education teacher, Ms. Sandberg took an interest in teaching English to those who don't speak it as a primary language when she had an opportunity to live in Korea. Her experience living in a land where speaking English was no guarantee of getting what she wanted led her to an interest in working with American students whose English wasn't adequate. She would have the opportunity to go to another school having received this honor, but she has told the Daily News that working in the schools which have the most challenging students is the best place for a good teacher to be. She is one of 14 teachers who work with students who are learning English as a Second Language in the school district. Her work was recognized at the recent school board member conference by the Education Commissioner, Roger Sampson. Her previous experiences teaching have been in Massachusetts, Virginia, New York, Hawaii, and Pennsylvannia, but she is glad to be working in our community as she told the Daily News for its article on November 21.

Clark Middle School Planning November 29



The first of a series of planning meetings on the redesign of Clark Middle School takes place on Tuesday, November 29. The meeting, at Clark, is from 7 to 9. Other meetings will take place the middle of January and then a final community meeting is anticipated for later in February or early March. Residents' views on how the school should be set up are needed.