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## Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council  
Mountain View Community Recreation Center  
315 North Price Street  
February 12, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.

**7:00 Call to Order**

Pledge of Allegiance  
Approval of January Minutes  
Approval of Treasurer's Report  
Approval of February Agenda  
Introductions



**7:20 Reports and Announcements**

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

**Guest Speakers for February 12, 2007:**

- 8:00 **Security View Project** - Jason and Serena
- 8:10 **Clean-up Plans**- Scott Kohlhaas
- 8:20 **Mountain View Road Work**- Jacques Boutet
- 8:30 **Glenn/Bragaw Interchange**- Claire Noll
- 8:40 **Latino Lions** - Earnestine Fleece
- 8:50 **Voter Registration at Apple Market**- Don Crandall
- 9:00 **Old Business/New Business**



**Next Council Executive Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 5:30 PM**  
**Mobile Trailer Supply Building**  
**This is an open meeting - You are welcome**

## Community Council News in Brief

**MVCC Financial Report**  
**Niki Burrows, Treasurer**

**February 2007**

Office Supplies	-\$74.99
Computer Supplies	\$285.28
Telephone	-\$34.31
Awards	\$75.47
Machine Maint/Repair	\$197.50
Sunshine Account	-\$139.90
Neighborhood Plan	\$124.60
New Copier	\$138.00
fundraising	\$194.21
Patrol Grant	-\$230.00
Patrol	-\$285.65
Fun Day	\$44.79
CleanUp	\$4.17
Total	\$299.17

**Donations Are Needed to the MVCC**

Please contribute to MVCC's activities (see example below). All of our accounts are short as you can see (above). Financial support from businesses is always welcome. Thank you for thinking of your hard working, volunteer council.

**Mountain View Clean-Up is Coming Last Week of April/First Week of May**

Scott Kohlhaas and his clean-up committee members need money. The clean-up costs and the clean-up gets results. If you don't have money, how about your dump truck? Scott needs four of them. A front loader? Boy, would that be good. Volunteer labor? It takes a lot of time and energy! We had great support from the Latino Lions and from our residents. Please volunteer your valuable time again. Committee meetings are Wednesdays at the ACLT (Mobile Trailer Supply). Please call for times (usually 6 p.m.). Call Scott at 337-3171 to sign up.

**Meet the World Coming February 24 at the Anchorage Museum-**

Bridge Builders will hold its multi-ethnic festival with booths from approximately 50 countries at the downtown Anchorage Museum from 10 to 4 on Saturday, February 24. There is no cost to the event. Participants have an opportunity to go from booth to booth and see fabrics and products from other cultures and have their passports stamped for having sampled some of that country. <sup>1</sup>

# 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!**

<b>Send to:</b>	President: Hugh Wade
<b>Mountain View Community Council</b>	272-2697
<b>P.O. Box 142824</b>	Treasurer: Niki Burrows
<b>Anchorage AK 99514</b>	274-1179
	Mountain View Patrol: 223-9524

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Your donation in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is **Tax Deductible.**

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 Treasurer **Received by Treasurer**

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## Community Council News in Brief

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reimbursement from the state will lower the cost to about 28 million for Anchorage taxpayers.

Secondly, approximately this amount will be completely paid off in 2007 so that there will not be a dollar change in Anchorage homeowners tax bills.

Thirdly, new schools have been built on the hillside (Goldenview), Eagle River, South Anchorage (Dimond and South) and elsewhere in recent years. It is a responsible vote to upgrade Clark for, essentially, less than 28 million dollars.

What can you do? As a Mountain View supporter, please tell your friends and neighbors in South Anchorage, Eagle River and other parts of the Municipality to vote for this bond. It is important that you help in this voter education effort.

For new voters, Mountain View Vice President Don Crandall is urging absentee ballots since it is often hard to get to the election booth on election day itself. Don will have more information on voter registration in the next (March) newsletter. (some info taken from John Gallup's Compass Piece)

### **MVCC Residents/Business Leaders Meet at Rasmuson Foundation Offices**

Led by President Hugh Wade and spokesman Owen Carey, Mountain View residents spoke to Rasmuson Foundation executives and board members on January 23. Owen expressed gratitude for Rasmuson's efforts in Mountain View such as the Garden Art Project, Campfire, Museum of Natural History, Theatre of Youth, Neighborhood Health Center, Special Olympics, Success by Six, Anchorage Community Land Trust and other support. New homes through Cook Inlet, the Weed 'n Seed grant, the Neighborhood Plan, and renewed business investment all have roots in Rasmuson efforts. Roger LeBlanc and John Kito have recently been honored for their leadership at our two elementary schools, and the neighborhood has successfully welcomed several hundred new Hmong residents

### **MVCC Votes On Holiday Display Awards for December 2006**

A short video of fifteen homes in Mountain View was watched by the Community Council members in attendance January 11. The displays judged most attractive by the people in the audience that evening led to cash prizes of \$75 for first place plus a Noble's gift certificate, \$60 for second plus a Noble's gift certificate, \$45 for third, \$30 for fourth, and \$15 for fifth place. The top five were 4021 Thompson, 3920 Peterkin, 3534 Parsons, 419 Klevin, and 425 Bliss. Council member Jaye Keener notified the residents of their selection. The video was taken on December 29.

## Community Council News in Brief

### **Mountain View Needs a New Middle School**

Clark Middle School was built in 1958 and the operations at that time separated the school areas by subject matter. Today's middle schools place students in academic teams. Their core classes are next to each other. The purpose of this change was to create a small school feeling for each team. Having students grouped closely makes each student noticeable.

As it is, after class periods, students may go a long distance down the narrow corridors. Both the narrow corridors and the low ceilings contribute to a feeling of being closed-in. Making physical changes in the school does provide a better education for our students.

There is a bond coming up in the April election that will fund the rehabilitated school if it passes. In order to pass, citizens of Anchorage from throughout the Municipality need to support this bond.

What does this have to do with you?

Please join the campaign to inform Anchorage voters of the need for a new facility in Mountain View. The current Clark structure is so old that there are 10 portable units attached to it. These 10 units have 25% of the total school population. Children need to spend most of their day in the main building and not be shunted off to a poorly heated and ventilated building.

In addition, the portables are located around the school grounds. Instead of being closely grouped, they are placed at some distance from one another. This could be an unsafe situation if a neighborhood problem came over into the school grounds.

The need also exists to provide more technological upgrades. More computers are needed and better wiring. The technological needs grow each year and Clark cannot keep up with the demands. The new school goes a long way toward helping students be competitive in the workforce of tomorrow with its advanced technology.

It is necessary, though, to *convince all Anchorage voters* to accept this cost. Right now, the opportunity exists to get a large portion of the bond paid for by the state legislature. That reduces the costs to Anchorage taxpayers significantly. Instead of the stated cost of 65 million, the bond

## Moving Ahead in Our Neighborhood



### Werner-Willhour Trust Properties Being Discussed

At an MVCC meeting at ACLT on January 26, Hugh Wade said the smaller theater with Mobile Art Center moved to the northern edge of the property was the starting point for the discussion. Some of the problems of the art center would be parking (how to share with a theater when both compete for evening peak hours), and being unsure what a new art center would look like.

One concern is the ML&P substation. Jim Posey, Manager, said the substation was 30 years old and a move/expansion has been delayed 5 years. Cannot rebuild it where it is unless the power was turned off for 18 months. There was a plan to build it slightly to the east initially, but the school district objected. Cannot build other developments under powerlines, but can build a substation there. Substation has to go somewhere, and moving it up to the street next to Special Olympics is a good possibility.

Owen Carey voiced concern for moving the substation along Mountain View Drive, where considerable investment is being made to upgrade the main commercial corridor in Mountain View. Jim Posey said the Mountain View substation will be fairly large, but they will make efforts to screen it appropriately. ML&P is looking at panels and backlighting to make it attractive. Hugh had heard that there are three options for the substation: in place, along Mountain View Drive by Porcupine, and across Mountain View Drive.

Jim P. said to move it farther increases the costs. Owen suggested using the area under the powerlines as parking for the ML&P offices and thus preserve the access area to MLP through the Mobile Art Center. Apparently, the constraint of powerlines is that buildings can't be within 60 feet of a 115v line. It would cost \$20/\$30 million to put it underground. Everything that could be buried has already been buried, much of this paid by the POiB development.

Community asked why the proposed ML&P offices can't be moved up along Mountain View Drive. Jim P. said the building is 35% designed, and that the developers (Montgomery) had said the community had approved the design of the building. Mac Carey said the big concern is the substation. There should be more to public process than just moving it. Parking lots and housing do not mix. Parking does not support future residential development. The entire process seems to not be empowering at all for the community. The community voices their opinion, but is told that the development needs to be feasible. The



community was sold on a mixed use, retail/housing mall, and now there is no housing now.

Other comments were on a new design which Bruce Farnsworth submitted a plan, access to the mall through ML&P, covered sidewalks on either side of ML&P, the additional strip mall going in South of the ML&P headquarters, the possibility of the art center at the very northernmost tip of the W-W property, the possibility of leaving W-W vacant, the support for the ACLT mission in making ACLT decisions on its property, shared parking with ML&P after 3 P.M., sharing the proposed ML&P Learning Center, is ACLT under more pressure than Special Olympics to provide access, how small might the proposed theatre be, what are the municipal requirements for parking, and why does it appear that the icreamî of the development is moving downhill when the attractive parcels and the iviewî in Mountain View is uphill? Most of the notes and the conclusions stated below are from Tyler Robinson who took notes during the January 26 meeting.

### Conclusions:

1. Importance of transition between development and school, and development and residential trailer court. Ground floor retail, walkable area important versus large parking areas.
2. Housing and mixed use, even though challenging, is a priority.
3. Smaller theater could work.
4. Concerns of substation along Mountain View Drive; staying in/near current location could be best.
5. Minimal surface parking; continue to consider parking garage. Parking garage. Minimal lot parking. Housing yes. Mixed space.
6. Current developer does not offer true alternatives to development. Consider RFP.
7. Need engineering and parking analysis on art center. First choice is to leave it where is, but if not, perhaps location in other part of neighborhood is best (away from mall).
8. Existing businesses in upperî part of Mountain View Drive continue to need support of community and community council.

### Diane Kaplan and Rasmuson Foundation Invite MVCC to Their Offices

Diane Kaplan, the CEO of Rasmuson, listened to coments from Marge Chord, Hugh Wade, Owen Carey, Don Crandall, Niki Burrows, Kep Pierce, Sharon Patterson, David Alexander, and Carolyn Kinneen on January 23. Owen presented a four page report on changes and growth in the community which MVCC states is partially attributable to Rasmuson. All in attendance expressed appreciation for Rasmuson and Helen Howarth, in particular, for her role in working with us.

