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Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street
May 14, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of April Minutes
Approval Treasurer's Report
Approval of May Agenda
Introductions



Mayor Mark Begich with Fred Young at Youth Job Fair

7:20 Reports and Announcements

Assembly Report - Allan Tesche
Legislative Report - Sen. Wielechowski/Rep. Gruenberg
APD Report- 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 May 14, 2007:

8:00 Mountain View Road Project - Jacques Boutet
8:10 Municipal Code Enforcement- Daune Wyatt
8:20 John's RV Update- ACLT Representative
8:30 Mobile Trailer Supply Building- Muni Rep
8:40 Road Art- Bruce Farnsworth/Jocelyn Young
8:50 Resident Representation ACLT- Hugh Wade
9:00 Old and New Business

Next Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday, May 29, 2007 at 5:30 PM
Success by Six Building
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

Community Council News in Brief

MVCC Financial Report
Niki Burrows, Treasurer

May 2007

Office Supplies	-\$186.24
Computer Supplies	\$285.28
Telephone	-\$200.08
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	\$175.35
Fun Day	\$44.79
CleanUp	\$4.17
 Total	 \$483.15

Mountain View Clean-Up is Coming Last Week of April/First Week of May
Scott Kohlhaas and his clean-up committee members need money (337-3171).

Spring CleanUp History- For the past nineteen years, the Mountain View Community Council has conducted a Spring Clean Up with the help of the Municipal Public Works Department, Anchorage Refuse, local businesses and unpaid volunteers from the neighborhood. In the past, it has been the same small group of volunteers working to clean up the entire neighborhood!

We need your help - we cannot do this without volunteers. This is YOUR neighborhood too. Help us to pick up the over 200 TONS of trash we remove every year. We need people to help pick up, to help with the lunch served all 7 days and help with monitoring the dumpsters. Please do your part!!

April 29 - May 4

Clean Up is a very positive project for our community and it visually improves our neighborhood. Property owners know that junk, garbage and derelict vehicles lower property values, make it difficult to rent to good tenants, and gives our neighborhood a poor reputation. These are safety hazards, zoning violations and eyesores. Call 274-1179- volunteer. Thank you.

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

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Fred Young's Mission Is Youth Service

New Mountain View Boys and Girls Club Director Fred Young responded to a question on his long term plans for the Center. "If it serves youth, I'm for it," he said. Fred has worked for the B & G Club for about 7 years, but this is his first experience at Mountain View. Asked about his own children, he said he had three who are on their way toward adulthood. He spent 17 years in Japan with the military, so he's no stranger to a different culture. Please stop by to say hello to Fred who has an easy smile and a relaxed demeanor.

Mountain View Job Fair Attracts 500 Youth

Taking place on Friday, April 20, an inservice day for the Anchorage School District, 47 vendors including Delta Global, Old Navy (coming to Glenn Square), Fred Meyer, First National and many other companies with good jobs interviewed more than 500 youth and took more than 50 applications. Eleven people were able to secure jobs on the spot. Led by Mayor Mark Begich, Nine Star President David Alexander, and Mountain View Boys and Girls Club Director Fred Young, the crowd was festive and responsive. The Department of Labor and Workforce Development brought their mobile van, and the Mountain View Job Center downstairs from the Mountain View gym where the booths were set up had additional computers for job seekers to register for Alexsys, build resumes, complete job applications, and view employment opportunities. The Job Center is open every day from 9 to 6 and Manager Sharon Patterson welcomes residents to visit and get assistance with job search and employment applications. Youth between 14 and 21 can apply for the Youth Education and Employment Program (Andi Nations, 743-6074) and take either subsidized or unsubsidized summer positions.

Twenty-nine of the employers filled out satisfaction surveys and almost all expressed appreciation for being at the Mountain View Community Center where they could meet with Boys and Girls Club Members and have the Mountain View Job Center in the same building. Many expressed an interest in a Job Fair in Mountain View in October.



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M.L.&P to Glenn Square?

Jim Posey, Municipal Manager for M.L. & P, gave a convincing presentation to the MVCC executive committee and assembled committee chairs and other residents in February because the utility can 1) hire interns who can stay on as employees after their internship ends, 2) provide a learning center/community room which Mountain View residents can use, 3) bring new professionals into the neighborhood to patronize Mountain View businesses, and 4) provide an energetic and successful business at the new Glenn Square Mall. MVCC executive committee members Don Crandall and David Alexander attended the April 27 Assembly work session prepared to list these reasons for M.L.&P moving in, but the opportunity to speak did not arise. Mountain View residents can present their views on the M.L.&P move at the May 1 Assembly meeting starting at 6 P.M. at the Loussac Assembly Chambers.

MVCC Talks to Jacques Boutet About The Importance of Blocked Streets- A resolution on keeping the barriers on Flower Street was introduced by Paul Palinski at the April MV meeting and sent to the Department of Neighborhoods. As a result, Tyler Robinson and Jacques met with MV residents at the Executive Board meeting on April 24. Tyler pointed out that the Mountain View Drive upgrade was an economic development project and opening the streets gives consumers an opportunity to circle the block for parking. Niki Burrows reviewed the history of the barriers which were installed eight years ago and how they had lessened unwanted traffic on Park, Flower, and Klevin and reduced drug activity. The barriers served the purpose for which they were intended and reduced negative activity, other residents testified. Paul Palinski had pointed out that the 7,000 some residents were primarily walkers, as Glenn Howson said he was. Paul had said on April 9 that the vehicle traffic was a serious problem prior to the barricades because cars were coming through the neighborhood too recklessly, there were more children as the years passed, and drivers were increasingly ignoring speed limits. Another factor influencing the traffic was the increased transience within the neighborhood. Tyler pointed out that the sidewalks on the rebuilt Mountain View Drive were wider with on street parking to provide a better feeling for walkers. Parallel parking slows traffic. Removing these barriers fits with the street changes, noted Jacques. Revitalizing Mountain View businesses will bring money to the neighborhood. Later, he spoke to the Mayor on April 20 about the community's concerns about traffic calming and Jacques introduced a traffic calming study area along Mountain View Drive. Hugh said that Paul Palinski would be the Mountain View contact in working with Jacques on the study.

Facade Upgrades Part of Mountain View Revitalization- Loans from Wells Fargo for Facade Upgrades along Mountain View Drive are part of the ACLT plans. There are different financing possibilities for improvements.

Moving Ahead in Our Neighborhood



Weed and Seed Steering Committee Meeting May 10

Mike Gutierrez announced the next Steering Committee Meeting for Thursday, May 10 from 2:30 to 4:30 at the ACLT Building (Mobile Trailer Supply) 3142 Mountain View Drive (274-0152). Suzanne Little, Executive Director of the Anchorage Community Land Trust, resigned on April 24. Her departure calls into question a number of ACLT plans including some of the efforts being undertaken by Mountain View Weed ãn Seed.

Mike is also still looking for volunteers for the Mountain View Clean-Up being coordinated by Scott Kohlhaas. If you are able to give some time, please call Mike and get your name on the volunteer list.

Clark Wins! Mountain View Wins!- Thanks to the steady efforts of *School Bonds Yes!* led by Kitte Miller, the work of the Mountain View Community Council, especially Vice President Don Crandall, and many concerned residents, Proposition 4 to replace Clark passed and the school will undergo reconstruction for the next two years. This is convenient to the extent that the same time period will see the new Glenn-Bragaw intersection built with Bragaw crossing over the Glenn.

The Clark Middle School replacement will cost homeowners \$7.57 of assessed valuation, and the operating costs will be reduced because the new school will eliminate the 10 portables currently located on the grounds, improve heat circulation, reduce illumination costs, and reduce expense for operation of equipment such as portable computers. Because the debt from Proposition 4 to replace the school is equal to the debt recently retired by the District, the total impact of the Clark replacement on Anchorage homeowners' property taxes would be very small. In recent years, the School District has proposed bonds which will not add significantly to individual real estate tax bills.

The Clark replacement allows Clark area students to receive the same benefits provided to those students attending the new Begich Middle School as well as those enjoying the new south Anchorage Goldenview Middle School. Good facilities lead to good performance on the part of students, and Anchorage taxpayers want Anchorage students to perform well so those students are prepared to enter the world of work and successfully repair cars, build houses, join the North Slope oil field workforce, deliver essential services to Anchorage residents and be productive citizens and family members in the years ahead.

Chief's Necklace Presented to New Federal Magistrate Deb Smith- Faa'na Tosi presented Deb Smith, former Acting U.S. Attorney in Alaska with a necklace worn by her father, a traditional Samoan Chief. One significance of the present is that such gifts are only worn by men in Samoa.

Clark is an investment in the economic future of Anchorage. The students who will attend this school will work on the new Alaska gasline as well as fill the jobs in Anchorage's steadily expanding economy which has seen 18 consecutive years of growth. The new school makes sense for the future of everyone who lives in the city because each person living here depends on the competence of those who learn in city schools at the time those students enter the workforce and provide essential services such as plumbing, heating, and electrical maintenance.

The Boys Next Door Presented at Mountain View Community Church -- From April 24 to May 5 at 7 P.M. Thursday to Saturday the Mountain View Theatre Project from Anchorage Community Theatre, the live production will show at the Church on 4301 Mountain View Drive. Tickets are \$12 at www.actalaska.org or by calling 868-4913. Go to adn.com/artsnob for viewer reviews.

Suzanne Little, Anchorage Community Land Trust Executive Director, Resigns- The Johnís RV Park and Motel problems were among the issues that suddenly appeared and presented themselves as dilemmas without clear cut solutions. As Ms. Little said on her appointment last year, "I'm ready for difficult situations" and she worked without complaint on a number of seemingly intractable issues, but more criticism came at the April 9 MVCC meeting when CK McKellar took up a considerable amount of time relating resident concerns about their proposed eviction from Johnís RV. An article appeared in the Daily News on April 25 featuring Mr. McKellar and several other Johnís RV lodgers. Ms. Little bore the brunt of these complaints, and, although she did what most would consider reasonable for the people who had to move the 40 residents were dissatisfied. Anchorage Community Land Trust had acquired the choice parcel on Mountain View Drive as part of its intent to purchase useful property with the goal of improving the neighborhood. They hadn't had that property long when issues began to arise such as malfunctioning electricity and sewage problems. The Daily News article quoted a number of former residents on the continuing problems which included apparent illegal activities such as drug deals. Other property problems including the closing of Nobleís and difficulties with the former Sadlerís Building leave ACLT staff with a number of building issues and few ways to act on them to the satisfaction of those who had complaints. The MVCC Board was unanimous in expressing appreciation for Ms. Little's service to the neighborhood.