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Mountain View Community Council News

Mountain View Community Council
Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street
June 11, 2007 @ 7:00 P.M

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of May Minutes
Approval Treasurer's Report
Approval of June Agenda
Introduction



Don Crandall, David Alexander and Bruce Farnsworth at May 29 EB Meeting

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 June 11, 2007:

8:00	Wilhour Trust- Carma Reed
8:10	AVIEW Project- Cassandra Rockwood-Rice/Anda Saylor
8:20	ACLT Consultant- Jewel Jones
8:30	Mountain View Traffic Calming Study- Jacques Boutet
8:40	Road Art- Bruce Farnsworth/Jocelyn Young
8:50	McPhee Community Gardens- Teri Peters
9:00	Small Business Development Center- Olivia Lorenzo
9:10	Old Business/New Business

Next Council Executive Meeting
Monday, June 25, 2007 at 5:30 PM
Success by Six Building
This is an open meeting - You are welcome

Community Council News in Brief

Weed and Seed Steering Committee Meeting May 31

Jewel Jones, longtime executive with the Health Department at the Municipality, is serving as a consultant for the Anchorage Community Land Trust. On May 31 she worked with the Mountain View Weed & Seed Steering Committee on the issues of arranging contract-described mini-grants and managing the remaining 2006 money which has a July 31 end date. While there are approximately \$25,000 in mini-grant funds available, and the Steering Committee has discussed funding for the PRIDE program, Steering Committee members referred to the RFP process as the best way to distribute the funds. At present, Communities in Schools which oversees PRIDE has proposed four different small scopes of work. The RFP process would cast a wider net in the Steering Committee's consideration of possible funding support. A tentative plan to write and distribute the RFPs for the money available was identified including e-mail notification, flyers at churches and community locations, and telephone calls. Meanwhile, Jewel reviewed the terms of the Weed & Seed grant whose language identifies the Anchorage Community Land Trust as the fiduciary agency (responsible for the money) as the group to give the go-ahead to funding including mini-grants. Steering Committee member Helen Howarth also pointed to ACLT's role as the oversight agency, and suggested that enough time existed to solicit for other mini-grant applications.

Mike noted that the 2007 funds had not been released by Congress yet and that operations on Weed & Seed could not continue past July 31 if those funds were not made available. Although there are match funds from ACLT, they represent partial support for the Executive Director's position, the administrative assistant's work for Weed & Seed, and the accounting. Most people feel that the funding will come through prior to that date.



Scott Kohlhaas, Clean-Up Coordinator, listing needs at the May 14 Council Meeting.

Thanks, again, to all of our remarkable Clean-up volunteers (story pages 4-5).

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!

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 274-1179
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Community Councils News In Brief



Artists for Visual Integration and Educational Work

You are invited
**Saturday June 9th
from 10am-5pm**

Mountain View Community Church
4301 Mountain View Drive

There will be free pizza and refreshments, music, and poetry as we celebrate the 15 winning mural designs. This will be a community celebration for all ages. Even if you are not from Mountain View please come and join in. The Mountain View community is rapidly

Diverse Artistic Voices of Mountain View

Are you a poet? Do you write rap or slam?

All entries must be received by **June 20th**. Contact **Cassandra Rockwood-Rice** at (907) 440-4621 for more information.

Cassandra Rockwood-Rice

(photo courtesy Glenn Howson, MVCC Photographer)



I would like to help your unique voice be revealed. My name is Cassandra Rockwood-Rice, I am an Anchorage artist and poet working on community art in Mountain View. I have received a grant to develop a collection of writing and art based on and designed with Mountain View residents. I am collecting short stories, poems, raps, quotes, and am interviewing Mountain View residents who have stories they would like me to tell for them. The goal of this project is to offer an unrestricted, free multi-ethnic perspective of what life in your community is about.

changing and growing. This is an opportunity for us to rejoice in their diversity through art.

We are still accepting submissions of mural designs by Mountain View students in grades 7-12.

Mural designs can be a drawing or painting. There are no size requirements. If you need supplies contact Cassandra at (907) 440-4621. The 15 winning designs will receive a \$50 award plus art supplies. Call Cassandra to submit your design, or turn it in at The Boys and Girls Club off Price Street in Mountain View.

Questions? Contact Cassandra Rockwood-Rice at (907) 440-4621.

Sponsored by the Municipality of Anchorage, University of Alaska Anchorage, Camp Fire USA, and Blaine's Art Supply.

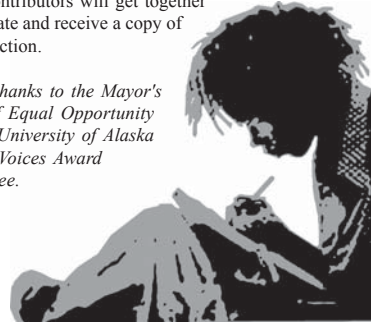
Your writings and/or stories can be on any topic ranging from your cultural history, to your perspective on life, to how you feel today, to designs of your imagination. People of all ages and abilities are welcome. If you desire to be anonymous, I will leave your personal information out.

Each contributor will be invited to enter photos, drawings, paintings, or any form of 2-dimensional art they would like to accompany their submission. I will also have disposable cameras to hand out if you would like to take photos of Mountain View, your family, or anything of significance to you for the collection.

In September 2007, part or all of the collection will be featured at the Mayor's Diversity Week.

We will also have a small ceremony where all of the contributors will get together to celebrate and receive a copy of the collection.

Special thanks to the Mayor's Office of Equal Opportunity and the University of Alaska Diverse Voices Award Committee.



Community Council News in Brief



2007 CLEANUP

**29 April—4 May
With Salvation Army lot
cleanup on 5 May**



As it is with all great projects, it was the people that made it that way and we have many to thank!

Scott, our Fearless Leader, is on the right. *(photos courtesy of MVCC photographer Glenn Howson)*



Nearly two hundred tons of trash were removed from Mountain View, of which over 14% was recycled.

(See full story on pages 4-5)

Moving Ahead in Our Neighborhood



Mountain View Clean-Up a Mega-Ton Success!

by Scott Kohlhaas, Clean-Up Coordinator

In the spring of 2007, the elements that make up a successful clean-up came together again, as they have in years past, to remove **nearly two hundred tons of trash** from the Mountain View neighborhood, of which over 14% was recycled.

Led by the Mountain View Community Council, we saw individual volunteers, all kinds of businesses, local and national non-profit groups, the municipality, national youth service groups, environmental groups, school groups and just about every other group you can think of combine to form a powerful force with one goal: to help our neighbors keep it clean in Mountain View.

As it is with all great projects, the people made it that way and we have many to thank:

1. **Niki Burrows:** She is the leader. Everybody knows she is pulling the strings. If you think this clean-up was a success then you could thank Niki. In addition to doing the advertising flyer and directing everything else, she coaxed Lyle at AAA fence into a week of free fencing, which was a huge boost to our morale this year.
2. **KeP Pierce:** She handled the food and a good portion of the 80 tons our volunteers loaded into city dump trucks directly from the street. That is right, little KeP moved tons of trash off those streets!! She also filled-in wherever she was needed and recruited and managed and motivated. She also lined up the port-a-potties which was another big morale boost over last year!
3. **Paul Palinski:** Paul was our general. We could not run a clean-up without Paul and that is a situation we need to fix because nobody lives forever. First and foremost he was our Hazardous Materials handler of huge job. As usual, Paul handled the front-end loader. Crushing the loads in the roll-offs saves us more than can be mentioned here. To future directors of the clean-up: you can learn as much about the clean-up in 5 minutes with Paul Palinski as you can in 5 hours of public meetings.
4. **Glenn Howson:** Besides working behind the scenes to organize the clean-up and helping with the advertising flyer, Glenn was this year's camera man. By documenting the clean-up in pictures, he did a tremendous service to this year's effort. It will always be remembered. Glenn worked the weekends, took off two days work during the week and came in after work on the other days and was basically one of the few volunteers who had a grasp of the entire operation. He became the deputy director of the lot, a very helpful position indeed! Best of all, Glenn worked out the details with King Career Center to donate all our lawnmowers, snowblowers and boat motors so KCC could teach people how to repair them. Right on!
5. **Jaye Keener:** Jaye pitched in wherever he could and did yeoman's work. Everybody knows Jaye is one of our most motivated volunteers, and his development of a manual for the clean-up will guide us in future years. Some people might think removing tons of garbage would physically build you up but I can tell you it actually tears you down and Jaye was really hurting at the end! He could barely go on but he never quit! Jaye also coordinated with Clark Middle School to have roving bands of youth bagging trash. They made a huge difference because they did several streets that we would have otherwise missed!
6. **Andrew Gall:** Andrew was our Americorps/Vista volunteer. He was the one who landed the Home Depot grant of \$3000 and was one of the best workers in the project. The municipal workers said it the best, "The boy is not afraid of hard work". They wanted to hire him!

7. **Jorge Hernandez:** How can one estimate the value of one's time, energy and property? Jorge sacrificed his all again this year, and the people of Mountain View owe him and the Latino Lions a great debt of gratitude. He handled our special requests list (retrieving loads for those neighbors who can't bring it to us) and was basically bringing in loads with his truck throughout the whole project. Who knows how many scratches, dings and dents his vehicle suffered, and not all of the garbage smelled like roses! Jorge also recruited Dan King, who was a Godsend helper in the last few days.

8. **Kelly McDonald:** Kelly was there from start to finish each day. He pitched in wherever he was asked and he wins our unofficial "Mike McBride" award for being the one who we didn't know in advance that he was going to be there, but he ended up being absolutely indispensable as a volunteer!

9. **Mike Gutierrez:** Let's face it, without our \$5,000 grant from Weed and Seed, we would have fallen flat on our face. Mike not only delivered this grant, but he organized the volunteer sign-up prior to the clean-up and he worked several days on the lot. He was a reliable and mature influence in the project.

10. **Joyce Hines:** Besides coming out several times to help us staff the greeting table at the lot, Joyce brought out some dynamite food, including some incredible enchiladas. Mrs. Twitchell, Mrs. Spire, Star Laughton and Gay Wolfenberger and others all brought us several different kinds of stew, pork and beans, cookies, tuna fish sandwiches to die for—all-in-all I have not eaten so well in a long time!

11. **Richard Garcia:** Richard (and his sons Demetrius, Peter and Adam) was out directing the pick up of loads, even though he lost his foot this year to cancer! What is it about this spring clean-up that inspires this kind of dedication?

Other individuals who deserve special mention are: Hugh Wade, Sol Gerstenfeld, Chris Bauer, Tim Plummer, James Guddy and family, Shelly Morgan, Amy Grant, Fred Shriver, Suzanne Little, Mike Johnson, Aaron Weeks, Sean Whalen, Liberty Kyser, John Pavao, Ellen Maling, Sean Gravelle, Carol Hartmann, Ed O'Neil, Lisa Rieger, Randy Taylor, and Bert Ramsey. (Approximately 50 other people volunteered over the 7-day event.)

Over 30 companies/organizations who donated/participated: Holiday, Northern Hot Wheels, Mt. View Auto Repair, Anchorage Land Trust, Hickel Investments, Fantasies on 5th, Cook Inlet Housing Authority, AmeriCorps, Weed and Seed, Total Reclaim, Salvation Army, Municipality of Anchorage, Homeward Bound, Latino Lions, Brown Jug, Stone Soup Group, Anchorage Responsible Beverage Retailers Association, VFW Post 10252, AAA Fence, Alaska Waste, Federation of Community Councils, Cook Inlet Tribal Council, Battery Specialists, Home Depot, Aurora Refrigeration, Alaska Metal Recycling, Ramsey and Sonis, King Career Center, Alaska Industrial Hardware, Egan Center, Anchorage Chamber of Commerce, and Womens Environmental Network.

Each donation by the companies/organizations has a heroic story behind it but space and time prevent them from being told here. I want to apologize in advance to anyone or any group I have failed to mention. This was truly a team effort. **Lastly, I want to thank the citizens of Mountain View who came out in droves to deliver the following numbers:**

- 80 tons** of trash picked up from the curb, plus
 - 73 tons** of trash dumped at the lot, plus
 - 26 tons** of metal (recycled), plus
 - 2 tons** of electronics (recycled), plus
 - 7 tons** of hazardous materials, plus
 - 48 motors** for KCC and **27 refrigerators**
- Congratulations on a job well done!*