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Mountain View Community Council News

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Mountain View Community Recreation Center
315 North Price Street
January 8, 2006 @ 7:00 P.M.

7:00 Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance
Approval of December Minutes
Approval of Treasurer's Report
Approval of January 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

Happy New Year!

Guest Speakers for January 8, 2007:

- 8:00 **Wilhour/Warner Properties** - Mary Jane Michael
- 8:10 **Weed 'n Seed**- Suzanne Little, ACLT
- 8:20 **Cook Inlet Housing Update**- Jeff Judd
- 8:30 **Library/CBDG Funding**- Claire Noll and Suzanne Fleek
- 8:40 **Christmas Decorations in Mountain View**- Hugh Wade
- 8:50 **Resolution for Farmer's Market in Mountain View**
- 9:00 **P. O'B Montgomery and Theatre Update**- Hugh Wade
- 9:10 **Old Business/New Business**

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

Community Council News in Brief

ACLT Planning Weed 'n Seed Mini-Grants- The Anchorage Community Land Trust expects mini-grants to be available for activities in the Mountain View community. One thrust is toward youth events for kids between the ages of 10 and 18. Some funding is available from the Mountain View Weed 'n Seed grant and some is expected from a grant that may be provided by the Casey Family Foundation. The Land Trust has successfully approached Casey and other providers with requests for financial support. Announcements on the mini-grants may come after the first of the year.

Wilhour Trust Property Site of Multi-Plex? Join the conversation on the value of a 16 theatre cinema on the Wilhour Trust property. Please make your views known to Hugh Wade, Niki Burrows, or Don Crandall or speak with Wendy Mikowski from the Municipality. This use is being debated right now.

**MVCC Financial Report
Niki Burrows, Treasurer**

January 2007

Office Supplies	-73.14
Computer Supplies	285.28
Telephone	-378.49
Awards	75.47
Machine M/Repair	197.50
Sunshine	-139.90
Neighborhood Plan	124.60
New Copier	138.00
Fundraising	194.21
Patrol	-52.65

New Area Community Coordinator at Mountain View Job Center-

Please feel welcome to meet Sharon Patterson at the Mountain View Community Center downstairs. Sharon is interested in working with residents and agency representatives in Mountain View to build the community. Her phone number is 297-5460 and her e-mail address is <sharonp@ninstar.com>.

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.

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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Community Council News in Brief

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The Mountain View Library Design discussion included:

- the city and the community council feel a 7000 sf library is too small (existing footprint): we want more space. Muldoon and other branch libraries are larger.
- we both want a community meeting room, but the MV council would prefer a meeting room on a second story addition a la Black and White Architects rendering c. 2005.
- we'd like to see Phase I (basic renovation) be implemented as soon as possible, to conclude with books in place and doors open to the public, entry possibilities to include Mountain View OR Bragaw (east or north) entry.

-However, schematic drawings must show consideration of Phase II, and Phase I implementation should not be at the expense of Phase II implementation, i.e. we would prefer to spend our CDBG funds to have the building designed with the following ideals in mind, rather than to have Phase I proceed immediately without consideration for Phase II.

-Phase II (community meeting room, elevator, additional space, other) would involve a second story INDEPENDENT of first floor structure if necessary. A second story, or vertical/ "up", addition is preferred over a horizontal "out" plan. A second story would reduce building footprint, reduce roof area, encourage Mountain View Neighborhood Plan "main street" design ideals, embrace viewshed of Chugach Range, offer distinctive landmark from new Glenn/Bragaw exchange project and Clark MS renovation, utilize existing utilities and parking, provide an invaluable and much needed public space, and would "make a statement" about our values as a community and arts and culture district.

-Phase II funding should come from a number of different sponsors, a la Girdwood public library and Mountain View Recreation Center/ Boys and Girls Club.

-Phase II funding must include an increased operating budget, with at least 2 full time librarians, 1 paraprofessional (?), and at least one of these people being bilingual.

-Phase II coffee shop to be considered

-Phase II graffiti wall to be considered.

(Notes from the December 16 meeting were provided by Claire Noll. The editor has copied her (abridged) notes into the text of this article on this page.)

Holiday Display Awards Featured Again This Year

Christmas decoration in the neighborhood will be photographed for the January community council meeting participants to view. Prizes will once again be given by MVCC for those displays judged most attractive by the people in the audience that evening. The cash prizes will be \$75 for first place, \$60 for second, \$45 for third, \$30 for fourth, and \$15 for fifth place. Rankings will be determined by the audience members who view the photos at the January meeting. Photos will be taken during the last week of December.

Community Council News in Brief

Library Design Considered for Mountain View

The present Parks and Recreation Building is the probable location of the new Mountain View Library. The city has initiated an effort to renovate or build library buildings in Mountain View, Muldoon, and Girdwood. The Mountain View Community Council sign is currently outside this building at Mountain View Drive and Bragaw.

Currently co-located within Clark Middle School, the library will be upgraded as part of a multi-million dollar project that covers the entire Anchorage municipality. Last year, the legislature earmarked \$500,000 for library re-development. Further funds may be available through the 2007 Action Plan under the Mountain View Arts Anchors and Municipal Development. As noted earlier, this is the same U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) money earlier used to purchase the Mobile Trailer Supply Building where the Anchorage Community Land Trust is located (along with the Weed 'n Seed project). The plan is to improve the facade of the building so that it calls attention to the library as an independent asset in the neighborhood. This building, like the rehabilitated Sadler's Building and the Natural History Museum, continues the trend toward redeveloping Mountain View as an Arts and Culture District. The library can reflect the ethnic diversity of Mountain View, in part, through resident involvement in the design process.

A meeting was held on December 16 with MVCC President Hugh Wade, Niki Burrows, Clark Yerrington, Carolyn Kinneen, Claire Noll, Kep Pierce and, for the city, Suzanne Fleek. Ms. Fleek cited their priorities as creating a community room, maintaining ADA standards, establishing a street presence, and securing operating funds as well as additional construction funds. Right now, the need is for \$750,000 more than currently secured. The estimated costs for the most basic renovation of existing 7000 sf building, with hazmat/roof renovations/interior renovations/small shell improvements would be \$1.3 million. Mountain View's CDBG fund allocation would make this estimate feasible for a total of app. \$1.6 m. Furnishings such as computers, desks, chairs, some shelving are not included in this estimate.

Ms. Fleek also noted that the project manager is the same as with downtown fire station. The Municipality's architect is Larry Lander of GDM Architects. Currently, a structural analysis of the existing library building is underway and due January 1st, 2007 including "up" v. "out."

Moving Ahead in Our Neighborhood



The Weed 'n Seed Steering Committee has been discussing options for providing services and increasing opportunities for Mountain View residents to receive those services. One concept the Steering Committee discussed is to offer services in large residential units. A large apartment complex might have the space appropriate for, say, classes in improving English skills for those residents who would benefit from those services.

This would be on the "seeding" side of the Weed 'n Seed community effort which is sponsored by the U.S. Department of Justice. U.S. Attorney Nelson Cohen and Mountain View resident (and MVCC Treasurer) Niki Burrows co-chair the Weed 'n Seed Steering Committee. As part of the overall Weed 'n Seed effort in Mountain View, residents Grace Anderson, Gerald and Karen Delkettie, and Angel Stewman have made contributions through the new Code Enforcement Committee, the Crime Committee, and Cook Inlet Housing Services respectively. Weed 'n Seed aims to get resident involvement in activities large and small- from the May clean-up which is under the direction of Scott Kohlhaas to involvement in the "second Tuesday of the Month" MV Community Council Meetings.

And don't forget the Anchorage Community Land Trust under the direction of Suzanne Little in their location in the Mobile Trailer Supply building on Mountain View Drive. Right now, Bruce Farnsworth has organized an Arts and Culture District showing entitled "my favorite things" in which residents have contributed art objects and items precious to them. They are attractively displayed downstairs in the gallery space through the middle of January.

What is common to almost all of these efforts is that they are developed and managed by volunteers. Weed 'n Seed will succeed based on the efforts of volunteers just as the annual Mountain View Clean-up, the Mountain View Art Walk, and community celebrations depend on volunteers.

Right now, the Weed 'n Seed Steering Committee is considering invitations to landlords who might want to participate in a program such as the one described in the following article which came to Mountain View through the research efforts of Niki Burrows. This idea, like all community based ideas, can greatly benefit from community residents contributing to the development. What services might be located in residential complexes that would be beneficial to the residents of those apartments? Please see the following article from a similar program.

Crime Free Multi-Housing Program Works

The Crime Free Multi Housing Program began in Mesa, Arizona, in response to the need for a crime prevention program that addressed some of the unique needs of rental properties.

Crime Free Multi Housing is a three-part program that hinges on the partnership between property owners/managers and police and a zero tolerance for crime.

Phase One of the program is an eight-hour training session for apartment managers, leasing agents and maintenance workers. The training is designed to help apartment personnel to recognize and mitigate situations that encourage criminal activity. A key component of this training is the introduction of a "crime-free lease addendum that enables a landlord to outline activities that will not be tolerated. It gives the landlord the ability to evict tenants if any of the noted activities occur in their dwelling. The crime-free lease addendum is only effective if it is enforced universally.

Phase Two of the Crime Free Multi Housing Program involves an inspection of the property by the police department personnel to assess the physical security and general appearance of the property. This is often the hardest part of the program for apartment managers/owners to comply with, as it often involves numerous changes to improve the safety and security of the property to reduce the potential for crime. Referred to as "crime prevention through environmental design," this often involves improving the visibility in common areas and walkways to help deter crime.

In the final phase of the program, apartment managers are required to have a "safety fair" for the residents to introduce them to the Crime Free Multi Housing Program and encourage them to be active participants in keeping their homes and neighborhood crime free. When all three phases of the program have been successfully completed, the apartment community is designated as crime free and managers can use their certification as a selling point to attract quality tenants who wish to live in a safe and secure environment.

The Crime Free Multi Housing Program is a voluntary program and relies on apartment owners/managers' desire to participate in and create a safe environment for their tenants and neighbors. Once a complex is certified as crime free, it must complete an annual review to keep the certification. Excerpted from "The Corner Post", newsletter of Central Oklahoma. For more information on this program, contact Niki Burrows at 274-1179.

