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Mountain View Community Council
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Mountain View Community Council News

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

7:00 Call to Order

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

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 March 12, 2007:

- 8:00 **Northeast Park District** - Teri Peters
- 8:10 **School Bonds Yes!**- Kitei Miller, Anchorage Tomorrow
- 8:20 **Mountain View Drive Road Work**- David Rogers/Jacques Boutet
- 8:30 **Glenn/Bragaw Interchange Resolution**- Claire Noll
- 8:40 **Clark Town Hall February 28**- Don Crandall
- 8:50 **Boys and Girls Club**- John Oates
- 9:00 **Old Business**
- 9:10 **New Business**



Next Council Executive Meeting
Tuesday, March 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

March 2007



-76.24	Office Supplies
285.28	Computer Supplies
-88.86	Telephone
75.47	Awards
197.50	Machine Maintenance/Repair
-139.90	Sunshine Account
124.60	Neighborhood Plan
138.00	New Copier
194.21	Fundraising
-383.65	Patrol
-230.00	Patrol State Grant (2005)
44.79	Fun Day
4.17	CleanUp
145.57	Total

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. Clean-up is April 29 to May 4, 2007 (Sunday to Friday).

Please Give MVCC Your E-Mail Address

Please send your email address to the FCC at info@communitycouncils.org, (note that you want to be put on the Mountain View Community Council email list) or Niki Burrows at nburrows@alaska.net. (You will receive the newsletter sooner by email, and there are Municipal and State notices that you can receive by email that are not available by postal mail.) 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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Treasurer **Received by Treasurer**



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Synopsis of Alternative Art Amenities for Mountain View Drive

concepts developed by Bruce Farnsworth

Notion 1: Large Monumental Gateway Sculpture

Where: North East corner of Bragaw & Mt. View Dr. intersection.

Process: Pick site and have road construction company lay pedestal with light and electrical. Empanel artist/resident/business owner jury. Send out global RFP.

Budget: \$150,000.

Notion 2: Visual Friction Installation

Where: Both sides of Mt. View Drive near Flower St. between Flower & Kleven

Process: Contract with Trailer Art Center (a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation) to manage the design/build process. Empanel a jury of artists, residents, and business owners. TAC presents 3 (or more) designs for a high impact sculptural feature to designate the pedestrian walkway, calm traffic, and create a permanent landmark.

Budget: \$275,000.

Notion 3: Phased-in Street Amenities Fund

Description: \$100,000. Set-aside fund as seed money to create unique amenities such as bike racks, benches, trash receptacles, kiosks, etc. along Mountain View Drive over the next ten years.

Process: Every other year for 10 years the neighborhood of Mountain View would host an artist in residence to work with youth, residents, other artists, to design and create a new street-scape amenity (bike rack, bench, trash receptacle, kiosk, etc.) Matching funds could be sought so that the annual budget was adequate for housing, stipend, workshops, materials, etc. (approx \$40,000 per residency).

Budget: \$100,000.

Notion 4: Light Pole Template Sculptures

Where: Along Mountain View Drive between Bragaw and Kleven

Process: Select six light poles in the core area as vertical templates. Commission six different artists to create a unique sculptural signature on and around each of the light poles.

Budget: \$200,000.



Mountain View Looking for a Bank

Allan Tesche introduced an Assembly resolution calling for a financial institution to locate in Mountain View. Mountain View leaders and Municipal leaders are keenly interested in getting a bank or a credit union in the neighborhood for the residents and in connection with the new retail stores coming to Glenn Square.

The Boys Next Door Auditions at Mountain View Community Church

Auditions for a play put on jointly by the Anchorage Community Theatre and the Mountain View Theatre Project will take place March 9 at 7 p.m. and March 10 at noon. The location is the Mountain View Community Church, 4301 Mountain View Drive. Seven roles are available for men and four for women. The play will run April 18 to May 5. Call 278-1099 or visit www.actalaska.org.

Community Council News in Brief



MTS Exhibits Feature Works Chosen by Panelists

Bruce Farnsworth has worked steadily to make the exhibits and shows at the MTS gallery reflect a wide variety of ideas on art and style. Bruce initially selected 11 panelists to assist with the development of exhibits, and the opinions led to plays and displays with a focus on quality, but with a touch of originality. Those who saw My Favorite Things in December and January were treated to collections from Mountain View residents that appealed to most of the viewers. More recently, iOut of the Jewelry Box, a show curated by Rika Mouw, has been well received by those who have seen it. Because MTS also puts a premium on expenditures, it was helpful that Mouw had already prepared much of the work in December for the Bunnell Street Gallery. It is also the opening show for MTS in 2007. Bruce bumped this show to the top of the list of those well regarded by the panelists because it was important to get the year going well. Bruce is committed to quality because that is the hallmark of an on-going, successful gallery. The panelists, too, have expressed their interest in putting on productions that people value for the artistic ability shown by the artists.

One of the panelists is Bonnie DeArmoun who teaches art at both Tyson and Mountain View Elementary Schools. Her point of view is how helpful MTS can be in bringing children into the art world. Even though some of the concepts considered by the panelists featured children's work, they weren't selected in this initial go-around.

Although the gallery represents the Mountain View Arts and Culture District from the point of view of the Community Council and the various arts committees that are working to make the District a reality, it is ultimately a city treasure. Hal Gage, a panelist and a photographer in Anchorage, was mentioned in the Daily News story of February 11 by Dawnell Smith as noting that this gallery- MTS- is really one of the best in town. That suits Bruce's intention- he wants to steadily improve MTS in keeping with the growth of the district, and he can be found at many community meetings that concern Mountain View revitalization. While he, himself, is a poet, he has the talent to bring artists together who represent many different viewpoints, if not different art abilities from painting to sculpture to drama.

No one expects MTS to be a commercial success from the get-go, but that is the ultimate objective. It can not only be a rallying point for arts in Mountain View and in the city but a place to focus and channel financial opportunities for artists. In the current series of shows the panelists have chosen, there is a modest budget of \$3,500 per show. Bruce has also secured another small grant of under \$10,000 to support the programs upcoming that the panelists have chosen. MTS is a gallery for the entire city to enjoy, and to participate in with respect to exhibiting art, with respect to viewing exhibits, and with respect to contributing to ideas on what art to display. To paraphrase a familiar saying, it is a gallery of the people and by the people. It encourages art and it encourages quality. (some of the information was taken from the Daily News article, 2/11/07).

Moving Ahead in Our Neighborhood



Town Hall Meeting at Clark on February 28

Vote absentee or come out April 3 for your school- Clark Middle School

ACLT invited residents to a Town Hall meeting at Clark Middle School on Tuesday February 28 from 6 to 8 to allow people to register to vote and also to learn about the value of a new Middle School. About 75 residents from Mountain View and Russian Jack in the Clark attendance area came to see the places in need of renovation at Clark and find out about the relatively low cost of the bond proposition coming up on April 3.

Kitteí Miller, who advocates for school bond (mvh@gci.net), 317-3477, notes that ASD has paid off more than \$85 million since the last school bonds were passed. This is in addition to the fact that construction costs are increasing. Technological changes demand new features in schools. The students deserve safe adaptable learning facilities equivalent to other middle schools. The Clark construction costs replace the continually rising Clark maintenance and repair costs. Indeed, a renovation to code would be more than the entire school replacement expense.

Clark was constructed in the statehood year- 1959- and the legislative bond reimbursement program is set to expire in a year. With 60-70% state reimbursement, local taxpayers only have to pay \$32 million of the \$85 million total for propositions 4 (Clark replacement) and 5 (routine maintenance).

ASD is a good steward of our public assets. With 90 schools, approximately 7.5 million square feet of facilities valued at \$1.5 billion, ASD needs to protect the public investment by maintaining and renewing facilities on a regular basis. Every home and business has to do this, and so does our school district.

When is this vote? The municipal election is Tuesday, April 3 at your neighborhood polling booth. Or, you can vote absentee ballot. The community council will help. Just call Mountain View Vice President Don Crandall (dhc@gci.net) 272-8808. Rides to the polls on April 3, too.



Please vote for the school bond on Tuesday, April 3



Town Hall photo courtesy of Glenn Howson, February 22, 2007

Each year, the district spends about \$19 million from our general fund budget to pay for routine maintenance. Many people can pay the plumber out of pocket but will have to take out a loan for the roofer. For the district, the loan comes in the form of school bonds. This April, there are two school bonds on the ballot, one for building system renewal districtwide and the other to replace Clark.

Proposition 4 will replace Clark Middle School. The current facility is maintenance intensive, overcrowded, has inadequate heating, plumbing, electrical and lighting systems, and substandard air and water quality. The total cost of this bond is \$65 million and the state has approved 60 percent debt reimbursement, subject to annual legislative appropriation. That leaves a \$26 million tab for taxpayers, amounting to \$7.57 per \$100,000 of assessed property value. The added facility space (Prop 5) will increase the tax cap \$1.51 per \$100,000 of assessed property value for increased operation and maintenance costs.

Proposition 5 funds major maintenance and safety/security upgrades to 39 schools and two facilities districtwide. The state has approved 70 percent debt reimbursement for the \$20 million dollar bond, lowering the taxpayer cost to \$6 million. That amounts to \$1.75 per \$100,000 of assessed property value.

Another critically important reason to help these bonds pass is the test scores of Tyson and Mountain View Elementary students who are improving academically and deserve a new middle school. **VOTE FOR 4 and 5.** *Thanks to the Mountain View businesses that supported this Town Hall!*



Please learn more at www.asdk12.org/bonds and make your vote count on April 3.