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February 6th, 2013

David Hardenbergh, Executive Director
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Executive Director Hardenbergh,

The Mountain View Community Council will be bringing a resolution before the Council at the February 11th meeting asking that RurAL CAP delay the request for funding from the State of Alaska FY14 Capital Budget for 9 million dollars related to the relocation of Karluk Manor 2. The resolution will ask that you delay any action related to the project and its acquisition until appropriate community process on this large and controversial project takes place.

This Community Council is not out rightly opposed to the project, but the process up to this point has been dissatisfying for our residents, businesspeople, schools and all who comprise this community and deserve representation and input. RurAL CAP's Executive Director's Welcome on your website states that, "community action is a people process, one which serves to reinforce the intangible values of personal responsibility, community self-reliance, participatory decision-making, and overall well-being." Having been a close partner with RurAL CAP in the past on a variety of projects in Mountain View, we know firsthand how a good community process with your organization works. We believe the process thus far has been inconsiderate of the impacts on our community. We've been dissatisfied with the 'backroom' feel of these negotiations and getting news directly impacting our community from the evening television casts. We have not been asked for any input on any part of the proposed project.

Because there has been no community process and we believe this project will have a significant community impact, we are requesting this delay of funding. Additionally, this Community Council sent a letter to the Mayor's Administration dated January 10th, 2013 requesting more information and has not received any response.

The Mountain View Community Council has had no involvement regarding the site selection process and has been given no justification as to why this was the best location for a new Karluk Manor. From what we understand, the "idea developed after Paul Fuhs and other members of the Fairview Business

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Association, whose members think Karluk Manor is in a poor location, began looking around town for other sites (ADN, January 24, 2012)." From what we've learned, RurAL CAP and the Mayor's Administration have only explored sites in Mountain View for the development of a facility to help curb this city-wide problem. Should this be the case, we would ask for the study revealing your justifications of why Mountain View is the suitable location for such a site and for a neighborhood impact analysis report detailing how this would affect commerce and the small businesses located along that commercial corridor as well as the quality of life for our residents. We'd also request the impact statement for how this new development would affect Tyson Elementary located within a quarter mile and the Ship Creek trail recreation system. We understand you will need to prove compliance to the SADH housing ordinance, and we'd like to see that documentation upfront before acquisition is pursued. We understand the site selected also has issues with contamination and would request to see your remediation plan and due diligence immediately.

From what we understand from the newspaper, the original Karluk Manor site is a suitable location for you, but has been rejected by that community. "We are pretty happy where we are," Scollan said (ADN, January 24, 2012). Because of the inconsiderate process thus far, we will be bringing forward the resolution requesting that you delay any further action until you can guarantee public involvement and public process going forward. We encourage RurAL CAP, as a community development organization, to include our community in the proposed future of this project.



Don Crandall

Mountain View Community Council, Acting President

On behalf of the Mountain View Community Council Executive Committee

Cc: Governor Sean Parnell
Mayor Dan Sullivan
Senator Johnny Ellis
Representative Geran Tarr
RurAL CAP Board of Directors
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