

Feb. 13th, 2013

At the February 11th meeting of the Mountain View Community Council a resolution was approved by the body requesting that RurAL CAP postpone any actions toward and funding of the relocation of Karluk Manor to a site in the Mountain View Community Council district.

We appreciate the presentation by RurAL CAP detailing the city-wide problem of homelessness and the needs of people with severe alcohol dependence issues. RurAL CAP did a thorough job describing the needs of the clients of it serves with its facility, Karluk Manor, in Fairview.

Paul Fuhs, a lobbyist and President of the Fairview Business Association, and Jeff Jessee, CEO of the Alaska Mental Health Trust Authority, discussed how they had chosen a new site for Karluk Manor. It was confirmed that no Mountain View businesses, organizations or residents have been involved in the site relocation negotiations up to this point.

The Council was resolved that much more time was needed to thoroughly answer a variety of questions relating to this proposed relocation in our neighborhood.

We thank RurAL CAP for the years of successful partnership in our community. All parties agreed that this is a complex city-wide issue that will not be resolved by this relocation and that full community support is required to solve it. The Council agreed that this process has proceeded too hastily and that much more analysis on the possible community impacts outside of the specific clientele population that will be served at Karluk Manor needed significantly more thorough consideration.

Don Crandall, President of the Mountain View Community Council