

## MVNA Board Meeting Minutes January 6, 2020

**Board members present:** Jean Rasch, Pat Venza, Susan Nine, Jeannie Ferrara, Hans Jannasch, Nickie Bach, Jeana Jett, Ray Meyers, Kristin Dotterer, Bruce Zanetta, Marta Kraftzeck, Michele Altman (arrived 6:30), Charles Martin (arrived 6:45)

**Board members absent:** Mike Pekin, Pat Venza, Jeannie Ferrara

**Guests present:** Alan Washburn, Jean and Paul O'Leary, Jane and Darryl Sink

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call of Board Members—Kristin

1. **Approval of minutes** from Dec. meeting — Approved unanimously.
2. **Updated board roster.** Please replace and recycle old ones.
3. **Public Comment** on items not on agenda:  
Alan W. — Wished to for the Board to address leaf blowers, which had been pushed to a subsequent agenda.
4. **Gas-powered leaf blowers** in residential areas were discussed. Susan discussed response-generating NextDoor posts on the subject and apparent support from some C. Council members, article in the *SF Chronicle* about possible state ban due to emissions, buyback programs in other places; Ray asked about Carmel and PG's current regulations/bans; Monterey's current noise ordinance possibly being violated; Guest Alan W. favors banning all types of blowers; Nickie inquired about differences between commercial use and use by residents.

Motion to begin to write a survey of MVNA members to determine level of support of regulations on leaf blowers — Approved unanimously.

5. **Neighborhood Volunteer Corp.**—Alan Washburn (founder Quarry Park Broom Bashers)  
Guest Alan W. founded Quarry Park Broom Bashers in 2016 to eradicate invasive species French broom, which he noticed was overtaking that park. He recently emailed Chair Susan inquiring if MVNA might establish/sponsor a volunteer group to undertake neighborhood tasks including and beyond weed pulling. Alan mentioned that there is also a bloom of stinkwort on a vacant lot on Stephens Pl. that should be addressed quickly. Hans noted possible city concern of needing insurance for group events, as was the case with the block party. Susan suggested research into the liability issue, possible NCIP proposal, and encouraged guests to write newsletter articles. Kristin suggested reaching more people about French broom via NextDoor too.

## **6. Report on pickle ball at Via Paraiso Park**

Two different handouts given out on options to address pickle ball club use and the disturbances residents are experiencing. Discussion followed regarding number of courts reserved for pickle ball versus for tennis, number of players, reserved times and open play, club advertising the park as a tourist destination, parking/safety issues, etc. Guest Paul O. relayed that a C. Council member was surprised by the noise after he observed club playing, Paul O. has an ongoing petition for residents, mentioned Tennis Center as alternative location, described recent PG pickle ball changes including moving locations, reservations required, quieter equipment, and how the club later removed PG from their website's list of pickle ball locations.

Motion to oppose pickle ball club play due to the nuisances of noise, over-utilization of the park, parking, and the displacement of tennis — Approved unanimously. Discussion continued on specific language and letter will be written and voted on at next meeting.

## **5. Report on Cielo Vista Dr/code compliance**

Susan and Hans met with w/ a city rep who explained a passive enforcement policy in which members of public report violations, use of triage system so health and safety violations addressed first, coordination with police dept.

Guest Darryl and Jane S. concerned about house with vicious dogs, and other code violations having to do with property maintenance on their street, will be submitting an NCIP proposal. Susan suggested reaching out to C. Council if complaints not being addressed, people can make complaints anonymously if go to city in person but if make them online/via phone must give personal info.

**6. Newsletter** — Handout of suggested topics that came from Nov. meeting brainstorming, Susan would like everyone to contribute to newsletter and report at next MVNA meeting what you are writing.

**13. Treasurer's report** — Charles reported 3 memberships added, no expenses, up \$33 from last month.

## **7. Undergrounding Utilities Subcommittee report**

Jean reported next Undergrounding Subcommittee meeting will be Mon., Jan. 27th, 6:15 MP Library, follow-up needed after C. Council voted in Oct. 2018 to initiate work program toward undergrounding policy and General Plan amendment. Ray is researching League of Cities additional funding option.

**8. Sales Tax Measure** — should MVNA take a position?  
Suggestion to first survey MVNA members on sales tax.

## **9. NIP report/application process**

Application request and deadline Feb. 7, Jean advertised on NextDoor and to MVNA membership list.

10. Updates on **MHS Measure I projects**

Marta reported school district floating another bond measure and sent out a survey, possibility of building teacher housing on MPUSD property, school district will charge rent, teachers might favor increasing salaries instead. Vacancy on the MPUSD school board (our area's rep John Hill resigned), replacement will be an appointment.

11. **Wireless Subcommittee Report**

Susan reported that Wireless Subcommittee's work is finished, awaiting when their recommendations come in front of Planning Commission.

Meeting adjourned 7:50 p.m.

Next Meeting—February 10—Library Community Room