

MVNA Board Meeting Minutes May 4, 2020

Board members present: Jean Rasch, Susan Nine, Jeannie Ferrara, Hans Jannasch, Nickie Bach, Ray Meyers, Bruce Zanetta, Marta Kraftzeck, Mike Pekin, Pat Venza, Jeana Jett, Charles Martin (joined 6:45)

Board members absent: Kristin Dotterrer, Michele Altman

Guests present: Jeff & Kimberly Moir; Barbara; Laura & Dan; Jeannie & Gustavo

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

1. **Approval of minutes** from April meeting — Approved unanimously.
2. **Zoom Meeting Protocols** — This is MVNA's first virtual meeting; please use "raise/lower hand" feature to participate; meetings can be recorded; this meeting's minutes will be written by the secretary from the recording; guests from the public are welcome to join/leave the meeting at any time; public comments require prior notification and guests must provide an email so Hans can send a link to join the meeting.

3. **Public Comment** on items not on agenda

Guest Jeff — homeowners at 188 Via Gayuba who wish to add on to their home; due to lot size they explored second story but realized would block neighbors' views; alternative option is to add on back of their home; in order to replicate their backyard they wish to purchase unused portion of MPUSD's Colton Middle School lot (approximately 5k sq ft, 30% grade); school board expressed willingness to entertain the idea and wanted to make sure everyone is informed and there was no neighborhood opposition; no objection from other homeowners so far.

Guests Laura & Dan — Support the backyard addition; second story would result in half of their view disappearing, and view was one of reasons bought their home.

Board may decide whether or not to agendize for next month, or may direct Chair to express MVNA has no objections.

4. **NCIP Report** (Jean) — City Council appropriated NCIP fund into their General Fund and deappropriate and transfer \$10.6 million of capital improvement program money and NCIP funding (passed 5-0); Chair Heuer and NIP Committee were not involved in making this decision, Jean/Heuer concerned because statutory process says recommendations to City Council must come from NCIP. No longer money for the unstarted and non-emergency projects of the past, this year's, as well as next year's projects (fiscal year '20-'21).

5. **Homelessness** (Pat) — Jeannie & Gustavo live next to Union Bank, which is one area where homeless camp in the neighborhood; ongoing issue and MVNA did work with the bank in past years who put up lights, cleaned up landscaping, turned off water, but did not replace the fence they took down.

Guest Jeannie — sees escalation of aggressive behavior among homeless: person set up camp on their property; long confrontation on their porch with another; friend on 700 block of Pacific experienced break-in and man was arrested; car vandalism on 700 block of Pacific; Via Buena Vista violent home invasion; their next-door neighbors selling their home. Would like to see data of property crimes/trespassing since shelter-in-place order, hasn't heard updates on recent incidents from Police Task Force on Homelessness. Had survey done after bank removed fence without their consent, nothing has come of initial agreements to erect a new fence.

Discussion involving who to contact for assistance — starting with city's homeless SubCommittee (Haffa and Albert) vs. approaching other neighborhood associations first to create a unified approach. Writing to City and Police Dept, news media on why incidents haven't been covered sufficiently, urging Union Bank to act based on previous promises (i.e. fencing).

Suggestion to invite Sergeant Jenkins or another officer to talk with MVNA. Item will be agendaized for next month.

6. Undergrounding Report (Jean) — small victory in amending the General Plan to default to undergrounding for new construction citywide, even though it took 1 1/2 years to get action on this, Planning Commission is sending the language to the Council. Multi-neighborhood info event had to be postponed. Assessment districts may be the only viable method post-COVID-19; lost money for NIP undergrounding- and fiber-related projects.

7. MPUSD Report (Marta) — Paving project of field that borders Martin and Woodcrest, MPUSD trying to take that project out of the EIR for the football field. Difficult for public to hear about projects. MPUSD proposal to levy school fees from building permits, which was pulled off the agenda.

8. Treasurer's Report (Charles) — \$30 up, should think about keeping dues up if missing upcoming events where people usually renew.

9. Membership Report (Hans) — up to 178 paid members, newsletters posted on Nextdoor.com has likely helped membership.

Adjournment at 8:15 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for June 1, 2020 has now been moved to June 8, 2020.