

# MVNA Board Meeting Minutes

## July 6, 2020

**Board members present:** Jean Rasch, Susan Nine, Jeannie Ferrara, Hans Jannasch, Kristin Dotterer, Nickie Bach, Ray Meyers, Bruce Zanetta, Marta Kraftzeck, Mike Pekin, Jeana Jett, Pat Venza, Charles Martin (joined 6:50)

**Board members absent:** Michele Altman

**Guests:** Vicki Williams, Moyara Rgehsen, Julie Conrad, Alan Washburn

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

### 1. **Guests MPUSD Board Members Dr. Amanda Whitmire (AW) and Ms. Veronica Miramontes (VM)**

Each gives an introduction with personal history, followed by board-member-predetermined questions asked by Jean:

- How to reach out to neighborhood? They answer that could do a better job, district-wide correspondence often just to parents, AW uses social media, perhaps utilize the MVNA list, VM suggests MVNA contact Ms. McFadden who does MPUSD's newsletter.
- Reopening funding? AW answers that for bonds to be used would have to be facilities funding.
- Reprioritizing Measure I for reopening? AW answers would need to ask Superintendent PK how it's done.
- Priorities according to Feb. 2018 community survey (athletics rated low)? Inconsistency with Measure I voter pamphlet areas of funding vs. actual allocation of funds? AW answers strong community push of MHS field project and that some teachers gave public comment, that athletics were in voter pamphlet; VM relates her experience coaching at MHS field.
- MVNA concerned all allocation of Measure I funds for MHS going to athletics not that some funds go to athletics (imbalance). Are they willing to reopen discussion on MHS project? VM answers would like to learn more and to follow community's priorities. AW answers she would wait until EIR and community feedback, restrictions on field use were drafted and wants to collaborate, great personal experience as student athlete.
- Hybrid learning model? AW answers there is a Reopening Task Force, not convinced hybrid best route, transmission levels among younger kids different.
- Their priorities? VM: Latino population needs extra focus, as does academics. AW: equity - persistent performance gap, possibly consolidate schools to better fund.
- Proposed teacher housing bond for Nov? Answer haven't seen agenda for board retreat yet. AW: Possibly \$30-60 million bond, also talk of parcel tax.
- How schools affect desirability of neighborhood — how to improve performance/hire qualified teachers? VM: Incorporate restorative justice — social and emotional support so can focus more on academics (her daughter had trouble at Colton). AW: Redo how schools funded so not based on property taxes.
- Both would like to collaborate with neighborhood. Can email them with questions.

2. **Motion to approve of minutes** from June and Feb meetings — Approved.
3. **Public Comment** on items not on agenda — none.
4. **Treasurer's Report** (Charles) — received some member dues. Balance \$3536.
5. **Road Repair** (Charles and Bruce) — Bruce provided summary via email to board members, engineer report after work done, has been pot holes/soft areas, 3-4 failed areas, board members provide feedback on problem areas.
6. **City Council Report** (Susan) — home businesses and code compliance, wharf parking, TOT tax increase on ballot, urgency face coverings order, indoor dining, museums, etc. closed again
7. **Pickleball Letter** — City Manager's proposed pickle ball solution is to play at MPC on Saturdays. Motion to respond with draft letter sent to members beforehand — approved.
8. **Newsletter** — Edited, 1000-word-max articles due 8/1 to Arthur Simmons.

Adjournment at 7:45 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for August 3rd, 2020 promptly at 6 p.m. Reports from Picnic Comte. and Membership Chair postponed until then. Please sign in to Zoom early.