

## MVNA Board Meeting Minutes August 3, 2020

**Board members present:** Susan Nine, Jeannie Ferrara, Hans Jannasch, Nickie Bach, Bruce Zanetta, Marta Kraftzeck, Jeana Jett, Pat Venza, Ray Meyers, Mike Pekin, Charles Martin (joined 6:30)

**Board members absent:** Jean Rasch, Michele Altman, Kristin Dotterrer

**Guests:** Mayor Clyde Roberson, Councilmember Alan Haffa, Elizabeth Jannasch

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

1. **Role Call and Approval of Minutes** — July minutes approved.

2. **Guests:** Mayor Clyde Roberson discussed measure to increase TOT — from 10% to 12% paid by hotel/motel guests, with 16% allocated to NCIP and rest to essential services, and expanding to online travel companies, providing \$2.8 to \$5.6 million/year. Argued necessary due to major covid-19 hit to the budget, much of economy based on tourist income, TOT last increased in mid-1980s when NIP put in charter, one of lowest TOTs on Central Coast, unanimous support from library board, tourists use our facilities/services so should be symbiotic relationship, 70 city staff remain laid off, will not negatively influence people choosing to visit Monterey. Measure will require 2/3rd vote for approval. Challenges in running and funding this campaign.

Guest Alan Haffa suggests promoting measure with signs on private property and calling friends to dispel misinformation, argue will let us bring back programs sooner.

**Motion** to endorse TOT increase measure — approved.

3. **Public Comment** on items not on agenda — none.

4. **Annual picnic** — Board surveyed in July and wanted to wait until Aug meeting to formally cancel. Jeana of Picnic Comte. called Rec. Dept. who do not expect BBQ area to open anytime soon, we can secure a reservation for next year. Guest Elizabeth J. proposes to reach out to membership for contributions of what they like about the neighborhood in lieu of picnic. Should discuss 2021 reservation at Sep meeting or later.

**Motion** to cancel Sep 2020 picnic — approved.

5. **Membership renewals for 2020/2021** — Membership officer, Hans, suggested to extend free membership an extra year since no main expense (the BBQ), people can pay optional dues if they wish. Can make announcement in newsletter, email, and Nextdoor. We can advertise on Nextdoor as a promotion to get new members. **Motion** to extend all members' membership by one year due to BBQ cancellation and make membership free for new members to expire Aug 31, 2021 — approved.

6. **MVNA slate of officers** — Everyone would like to continue in their member and officer roles, Jeana will join as Outreach officer, and we still have one board opening.

**Motion** to accept slate of candidates — approved.

7. **Virtual mayor/council candidates forum** — Hans researched tech options, Zoom webinar would work well, panelists and moderators would be the only ones on video, residents would be attendees not visible, cost \$40 for 100 people or \$140 for 500 people, so latter option would work if split with Old Town and promote citywide. Gari will ask Old Town at their upcoming meeting if willing to participate. Should form committees (questions, publicity, etc). **Motion** to hold a candidates forum, with Old Town if they accept, held probably early Oct, via Zoom webinar, and allocate up to \$140 to cover the expenses which can be split with Old Town — approved. Send Susan email if would like to be on the organizing comte. for candidates forum.

8. **Local ADU options beyond state requirements** — City has circulated survey about ADUs, state law that went into effect this year supersedes the local codes and makes permitting ADUs easier, MVNA should be prepared to analyze the effects on R1 neighborhoods should the city propose going farther than state law. State requires city to provide an incentive for affordable rentals. Discussion about how to predict how many ADUs will actually result from the new laws. Relationship to water availability.

9. **Status Report on Draft Wireless Ordinance** — Repeated emails to Ms. Cole at the city, finally responded they will look into it in Oct., applications for residential small cells could come at any time, unknown reason city is not moving the ordinance forward. Was it an entire year ago that the Wireless Subcomte. was directed to disband? Suggestion to email C.C. about the time it is taking to get to P.C.

10. **Street repairs** — Faulty asphalt areas after street work (especially San Bernabe), Charles suggests redo of road instead of multiple patches if cost effective now rather than later, city's contract restraints. Drainage issues have been brought up (especially Via Ventura). Upcoming slurry days. When is city signing off on this work by Teichert? Suggestion to try water drainage test with hose. For further discussion on this issue, email Bruce/Charles.

11. **Newsletter** — Article deadline could be extended a couple of days.

Adjournment at 8:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for September 14, 2020 promptly at 6 p.m. Please sign in to Zoom 5:45-6:00.