

## MONTEREY VISTA NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

NOVEMBER 1, 2021 6-8pm Via Zoom

In attendance:

Board Members Nicki Bach, Hans Jannasch, Marta Kraftzcek, Ray Meyers, Susan Nine, Jean Rasch, Pat Venza. Charles Martin joined at 6:30.

Guests via Zoom: John Sovereign, Helen Anderson, Kathy Rodgers

1. Approval of minutes if any. Temporary appointment of Secretary for 11/1/21.

- No minutes available to approve
- Marta volunteered to be Secretary and take minutes

2. Public Comment for any topic not on the agenda; no discussion.

- No public comments

3. Campaign from Library of their fundraising, sent to MVNA. Should we donate.

- Donation to Monterey Public Library Friends and Foundation of \$100
- Motion to donate: Unanimous, 7 yes 0 no.

4. Pickleball update

- Jean wrote a proposal and submitted it to Parks and Recreation for mediation. C. Davi didn't want city decision makers at the negotiations and turned down the proposal. MVNA had voted to not participate without decision makers. This proposal included mediations with Jackie Pierce the lead negotiator of the Mandell Gisnet Center and the City of Monterey would pay the \$600 fee for the mediation. Jean suggested that perhaps she could bring this up as the NCIP representative as MVNA would not participate without Parks & Recreation.
- Susan emphasized that if the mediation resulted in closure with NCIP then it should also be closure with MVNA as it appeared that the city has given up on any involvement with MVNA for this mediation.
- Pat stated the need to explain to Parks & Recreation that MVNA is in favor of this mediation and it was C. Davi that turned this proposal down. Explain that MVNA is not happy that no decision makers would be present. Question regarding what is the distinction between the City sending, for example, one person to the water board, and that person reporting back.
- It was noted that at public meetings on pickleball very few neighbors that asked for MVNA's help showed up.
- Discussion on more neighbor involvement moving forward
- Checking on the cost to restripe back to a single court
- John Sovereign indicated that the pickleball board might have the same feelings that MVNA does that currently it is a waste of time without interface with the city.
- Discussion on pickleball options
- Jean will resubmit the request for mediation as the NCIP representative

5. CA ban on gas leaf blowers (AB 1346) Push City Council further?

- CA Governor Newsom signed ordinance that 2 stroke gas engines won't be sold in CA after 2024
- Discussion about whether MVNA should request a City ban on all gas-powered devices such as blowers, weed wackers, chain saws etc.
- Possible push to have the city ban on commercial properties as well as residential as is the current City ordinance
- Jean will craft a draft letter to extend the ban to commercial areas for the next meeting, including perhaps distance from residential areas and the environmental perspective not just an annoyance. City wide ban on leaf blowers suggested.

6. Dog at Flores? Communicated on Nextdoor Cielo Vista

- Inquiry if anyone knew anything about a new dog at this residence. These residents have a court order to not have another dog for 3 years. Apparently pictures of the dog were taken and sent to C. Davi but no one was aware if the City contacted the residents.
- Hans will check with C. Davi as to the status
- Helen Anderson spoke to the issue of loose dogs and dogs off leash in our neighborhood. She says that she doesn't always feel comfortable walking the neighborhood due to the loose dogs. Suggests that people need to pay attention to dog ordinances.

7. Police high vax rate? Letter thanking?

- A. Haffa mentioned that 100% of sworn Monterey police officers are vaccinated and Jean felt this showed incredible community commitment.
- Discussion of appreciation for our police but that issue can be seen as political
- No action taken

8. Discussion on improving the look of area in front of MVNA sign

- Pat discussed the Carmel Cares organization. City of Monterey now has a volunteer release form.
- Small, roughly 5' section, by the MVNA sign on Soledad. Property owner does not want to participate in improvements since the City placed the sign on their property and feels it should now be City responsibility.
- Suggestions for improvement were considered
- Motion to allocate up to \$100 for Monterey Cares project for MVNA sign at Soledad as needed. Unanimous 8 yes 0 no, Charles Martin now present

9. Undergrounding update

- Discussed Undergrounding meeting with A. Haffa, Ray, Jean and Susie Grimes. Haffa indicated that he would bring up undergrounding with further infrastructure projects.
- Discussion of Community Power budget for possible undergrounding
  - Segments to "island off of the grid" during times of power shut off
  - Maybe they will see some parallels with undergrounding and microgrids
  - Solar storage of power could appeal to a broader group
- Discussion of study, Monterey similar in comparison to Laguna Beach in size and demographics

- What should our current approach be? Funding mechanism? Utility tax?
- Deadline to for decision on asking for a utility tax is in July. Currently the state average is 6% but Monterey residential is only 2% but commercial is 5%. Suggestion to make commercial and residential more equitable.
- Susan noted that the Courts have ruled against the FCC on aesthetics making legal arguments easier. Also, undergrounding increased property values by 10% or more

10. Update of Hans and Elizabeth's efforts in school communications

- Met with Tom Newton and Beth Wodecki.
- Shared a possible Mission statement (attached to minutes)
- Effort to connect the neighborhood to MPUSD and open dialogue
- Questions were brought up that it seems to be forced with MPUSD and is there movement on MPUSD's side to participate.
- Is there a role for MVNA?
- Topic tabled until December meeting due to late hour

11. Code compliance issues. Do we want to focus on this this year?

- Discussion moved to another time.