

DECEMBER 6, 2021

6-8pm Via Zoom

In attendance:

Board Members Hans Jannasch, Jeannie Ferrara, Marta Kraftzeck, Ray Meyers, Mike Pekin, Jean Rasch, Bruce Zanetta. Charles Martin joined at 7:00.

Guests via Zoom: John Sovereign, neighborhood residents

1. Approval of minutes, November 1, 2021. Attached. Secretary for tonight.

- Marta volunteered to be secretary for this evening 12.6.21
- Hans suggested that Marta be promoted, at least temporarily, to Secretary, as Kristin is recovering
- Discussion of releasing recording of minutes to members of the public. Our policy is to release just the minutes
- We are not elected by the public
- Hans motioned to accept the minutes, Jean seconded, all voted to accept except for Bruce who abstained as he was not at the November meeting, 6-0

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

- Jean mentioned LAFCO meeting regarding the water meeting, Measure J
- Marta read Molly Ericksons letter to MPUSD Board regarding the CPRA lawsuit Taxpayers for MPUSD Accountability vs MPUSD
- Elizabeth is moving forward, 2nd round of questions to MPUSD, now the Neighborhood and Schools Collaborative, next round for January 6, 2022

3. Mar Vista rental issue. (Hans and community)

- Neighborhood residents complaining about a business at 224 Mar Vista. Property is owned by Mr. Rettinger
- 224 Mar Vista, many cars in driveway and in front, label on his home stating it is a business on Google maps
- Neighbors dealing with this house for years, numerous cars in the street and in driveway, people working on cars, neighbors have seen tow trucks arrive with cars. Neighbors have talked to the compliance officer
 - Question how do you prove that the neighbors are running a business?
 - Neighbors see people working on cars
 - 5 bedroom house, rent out rooms monthly for \$500/month
 - Police are there often
 - People are afraid to complain or confront the tenant and the landlord will not do anything, uncomfortable taking pictures, no one willing to sign a letter or petition
 - Hoping MVNA could go to compliance
 - Neighbors have not been to the police think this should be a code enforcement issue

- MVNA can go to code enforcement regarding running a business
 - Issues with traffic, noise from a business
 - Junk, fire hazard, living situation
 - Hans will follow up with Code Enforcement
 - Discussed possible Letter to Rettinger from MVNA about complaints regarding his tenants. He owns the following homes
 - 52 Via del Rey
 - 224 Mar Vista
 - 3 Cielo Vista, on the market now
 - 11 Cielo Vista, Rettinger residence
- Put on the February agenda to revisit this situation

4. Pickleball update. (Jean)

- MVNA confirmed that we would not participate without City decision makers present , it might not be worth our time. At the November Jean suggested pursuing as the NCIP representative
- Uslar appreciated Jean's offer but he encouraged Jean not to bring it up as a NCIP project, so she redrafted it as a neighbor
- Possible mediation in January between neighbors and pickleball players, suggested Paul O'Leary and John Sovereign as representatives
- John Sovereign spoke with members of the Pickleball club, supportive of mediation
- Should involve Parks and Recreation, someone there to answer questions from the City
- Need to understand the goals of both parties as well as the community
- Discussion of possible dates, community members involved, confidentiality of mediation report
- Charles brought up question about the sound made by pickleball on hearing and wondered if there were any studies done and the effects on the players long-term

5. CA ban on gas leaf blowers AB 1346. (Jean) Push City council further

- Jean has not written letter yet

6. Parking. (Bruce)

- Bruce will present at a later time
- Brought up the 224 Mar Vista house as a good example for why is code compliance not working?
- 72-hour parking on the street, difficult as lots are narrow, people have 2 cars
 - State rule for urban areas

7. District based elections- general discussion with all.

PLUS: should MVNA endorse request for 90 day delay?

From Esther: This is a DONE DEAL but shouldn't impact the outreach to get the maximum amount of residents to understand it & how it will change so much as well as giving input on how the districts are drawn plus get interested candidates to possibly run. In my opinion people are distracted & busy over the holidays to have 2 meetings on this in December to care about this. I'm told a resident has already

posted district recommendations on Have your say Mry. The benefit of extending the process is to make sure all voters understand how critical their votes will be going forward. I think raising awareness that more time can get us is valuable especially when recruiting candidates in districts that will have trouble but it's not as much a concern for MV neighborhood. It's a lot to understand especially for renters we want to get out next election that may not have cared much about local elections. If MV can support our neighborhoods that may benefit it.

- 7pm Monterey City Council meeting 12/7/21
- Slow down the LULAC process. Why? What is the benefit?
 - Communities towards the north who have not been politically involved so other communities can “catch up”. How are they are going to find candidates and become involved in the political process
 - City afraid of cost of litigation
 - Will we get quality of people with this redistricting? Need to bring more people up to speed.
 - No harm in delay
 - Many people in other districts don't have time, given jobs and other demands on their time, other areas don't have our demographics we do
- Take a position in showing we want other neighborhoods to get on their feet, not as obstructionist but to support neighborhoods to prepare
- Concern that military DLI and La Mesa included in the City of Monterey, most do not vote here locally. DLI and La Mesa 5600 people almost 1/5 of the city population
- Each district can only vote in that district and the representative has to reside within that district. All districts will vote for Mayor.
- Concerns that MVNA is the target of this redistricting
- Redistricting has many problems, concerns that were discussed
- Jean to speak at City Council tomorrow
 - Motion to request additional time in the LULAC process for neighborhoods to adapt to this redistricting. We want the best for every neighborhood and the city as a whole. MVNA supports request from other neighborhoods to delay for education of other neighborhoods and to allow the process to bring forward the best candidates for the city. Unanimous decision 7-0

8. Race for sheriff and Tina Nieto. Non profits can't endorse candidates for political office but we can support education of members/board. Jean via other Alta Mesa NA member Article on Nieto: <https://voicesofmontereybay.org/2021/11/04/qa-with-tina-nieto>

Hans has updated MVNA website to suggest annual donations using Square to be secure. Three different donation levels, Individual, Household, or Supporting Member.

Happy Holidays All!