

Minutes MVNA February 6, 2023

6-8pm Via Zoom

In attendance: Jean Rasch, Hans Jannasch, Ray Meyers, Pat Venza, Susan Nine, Jeannie Ferrara, Nickie Bach, Marta Kraftzeck, Charles Martin, Bruce Zanetta

Guest: Mary Ann Leffel

Approval of minutes

- Minutes approved unanimously
- Treasurer's report, gained \$114.26 ending balance of \$3,941.86

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

- Mary Ann Leffel updates at the airport
 - American Airlines now coming twice a day to Dallas, capacity 126 people/plane
 - Dallas as a connection point opportunity for our community
 - United struggling with pilot shortage
 - United pulled out of Oakland completely
 - Possible second flight to Denver with United
 - JSX 30 passenger jet out of Jet Center, 2 flights/day to Burbank, cost dependent on demand, long term parking available
 - Contract signed with architect for design of the terminal, will be in area of current long-term parking
- Lecture series resumes with Jo Mora lecture Stanton Museum

Wireless Ordinance before CC on 2/7/23. What can be done to help at this point?

- Information gathered from other cities regarding their stronger cell tower ordinances
- Planning Commission would not approve ordinance without 100' setback
- Additions needed: 120% Fall zone and 1500' spacing between small cell towers for aesthetics
- MPUSD has exempted themselves from all city ordinances
- 3D renderings allowed for visualization of units, should also add the radiation patterns
- Need to push for 1500' between units, possibility for 3 towers/city block
- Jeannie reached out to Petaluma for more information regarding their ordinance
- Presentation of pictures of cell towers to give the CC visuals
- Probably only 2 minutes available for comment
- Council is not reading the ordinance the actual ordinance at the meeting, too long
- Each provider can put facilities on same poles via co-location, up to 18 facilities on aging poles
- "Black Swan" projecting out into the future with protection of sanctuary and no more cruise ships why not with cell towers?
- City Staff only gave the Planning Commission a red line version of the subcommittee draft

- Many requests from subcommittee never got added back into the version that was reviewed by the Planning Commission, eg wind load, notification of temporary towers to neighbors, none based on legal reason for removal
- Council assured the subcommittee that their version would be the draft but staff changed the ordinance
- Staff excised setbacks and effective prohibition has to be the least invasive alternative, not the subcommittee draft, states “staff edited draft”
- Version submitted to council should have been the Planning Committee version, not a staff version
- At the meeting of the City Council tomorrow we will urge them to adopt the 100’ setbacks, 1500’ between facilities and 120% fall zone for safety
- Proposed ordinance is weaker
- Bring up the City of Monterey’s organizational chart. The City Council works for the citizens.
- The attorney hired by the City on this cell tower issue is working with Hans Uslar or “staff”, not working with citizens
- Need for our Monterey City Council to take the strong position of protection of residents, like Seaside and Carmel did, and deny cell tower facilities
- We want the ordinance OUR Planning Commission recommended to the City Council not the staff version
- Issues with cell towers and aesthetics conflicts with utility undergrounding within the city
 - Fiber optics is an alternative
- 120% Fall zone is a safety issue for homes and residents, base of the pole to the property line
- The City has options to deal with Effective Prohibition claims by the telecom industry
- No Councilmember ever reached out to Susan as a member of the Cell Tower Subcommittee for any input on the ordinance
- The ordinance given to the Council was an “altered document” prepared by the staff
 - Draft has a sentence removed that contained 100’ setbacks and least intrusive ways to deal with effective prohibition. The Planning Commission stated they would not approve the ordinance without it

Storm damage in the neighborhood

- Trees down throughout the neighborhood, Cal Fire in Skyline as so many trees down, power lines down in Old Town and Pebble Beach
- Power outages

Undergrounding survey update

- Letter from Undergrounding Committee was sent to all the Presidents of Neighborhood Associations with the request to forward to members of their associations to participate in the undergrounding survey. Follow up?
- MVNA voted unanimously to send letter to all memberships
- Nextdoor post? See what sort of participation there is from the neighborhoods

Updates on NCIP. Jean

- Deadline March 10, 2023 for any projects
- Next meeting March 23, 2023, Jean and Hans will both be absent, Bruce will attend
- Quickly go through all the projects to see if they qualify as NCIP projects
- Forest management