Minutes MVNA 2023-04-03

6-8pm Via Zoom

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

Approval of minutes.

Minutes approved

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

- Public records request have shown that no fire inspections have taken place at all Monterey Schools within the last 5 years
- Charles reported to Jean our bank balance was \$3,941.86
- Jean spoke at planning commission and thanked them for the support of draft wireless ordinance
- Carmel planning commission had their review of wireless ordinance, comments made,
 Campanelli spoke, good questions were asked by commissioners
- May 22 on CC, review of Mar Vista traffic calming project on consent agenda
- Gas leaf blower issue, code compliance officer Rory Lakind
- Mayor Williamson willing to attend our MVNA meetings

Wireless Hearing Issues, if any remain

- Ray brought up Nina had concerns with exceptions, wi-fi repeaters
- Over the air receiving devices
- Satellite TV services, no red flags in FCC
- Council voted on wireless ordinance as a concept not on specific language
- Consent agenda for 4/4/23 City Council meeting, encourage members not to ask that the ordinance be pulled off consent agenda so no more comments
- Keep names of everyone that signed petition
- 100' to parcel line stipulation in ordinance, "least intrusive" location not currently in ordinance
- Aesthetics from undergrounding, Mayor stated he would rather fight aesthetics instead of cell towers
- Alternatives to wireless 5G available
- Jean will thank the City Council for their compromise on this ordinance
- Easier to prove aesthetics in R1 vs R2 zones

Community Wildfire Survey- opportunity to push for undergrounding; should we send to membership?

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MontereyCarmelPacificGroveCWPP

- Need to press for undergrounding
- Realtors in support of undergrounding
- Fuel reduction

2023 annual picnic/BBQ date

• September 16th at Veteran's Park

NCIP

- Meeting dates changed
- 1st review will be April 13th
- NCIP vote is in June, 16 members on committee
- Need survey for neighborhood to vote on projects
- San Bernabe curve
- No more "city wide" term now multi-neighborhood
- Large amount for a single project by NCIP for fuel reduction, forest management
- Lots of frustration within NCIP
- \$1.3 million for dehumidifier for Sports Center

Presidents Quarterly- top four topics were NCIP, Housing, Security, Homelessness

- Mayor is going to meet quarterly with neighborhood presidents
- Jean suggested ideas for meeting format
- Neighborhoods want to be heard and dialogue
- 5150, disturbing the peace, police cannot cite, need the person that calls in disturbance to press charges and much of the public does not want to be involved
- Other local cities do not have homeless encampments on the beach, beach needs to be cleared every night
- On ramp at Munras at Soledad encampment cleaned up

https://haveyoursaymonterey.org/monterey2031/news_feed/community-survey-on-housingelement

https://monterey2031.mysocialpinpoint.com/ Ends March 31

Monterey County Associated Realtors meeting brief report from Jeannie

- Jeannie wanted support on cell tower issues
- Jeannie, Susan, and Ray attended and surprised by support

Undergrounding Committee. Time for Formal request to CC from MVNA for agenda study session on undergrounding? - discussion (Ray, Bruce, Jean, All)

- Transmission lines into Monterey
- Near NPS, eucalyptus trees on Del Monte and knocked out main transmission line
- Roughly ¼ mile area could be undergrounded to prevent mass outages across the peninsula to over 40,000 residents
- Can funding be switched to this area?

- Concerns over fire, wind, floods and other weather events
- Residents should be controlling undergrounding study session, not city staff
- Need a mechanism for oversight of public monies targeted for undergrounding
- Who should be involved in the committee? Engineer, planning department, PG&E, residents etc
- Planning Committee with City Council members to follow thoughts of community all the way through the process, years of work
- Previous feasibility studies were all positive
- City staff prioritization of subjects, where is undergrounding on this list?
- Business community needs to be involved. Economic concerns
- Network with business community to make them aware of undergrounding