

Minutes MVNA November 6,2023

6-8pm Via Zoom

In attendance: Hans Jannasch, , Ray Myers, Charles Martin, Susan Nine, John Sovereign, Nickie Bach, Bruce Zanetta, Jean Rasch, Jennie Ferrara

Guests: Sarah Ofstedal, Kimberly Moir

Approval of minutes.

- Minutes approved

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

- Jean still looking for Heinkel knife from picnic
- Rental registry forum in Salinas, source of information
- Opening of Shuman Family Center on Franklin Street, homeless families and women shelter
- Return of the Western Flyer now at the wharf, will be moored at Moss Landing
- Still gas blowers in the neighborhood used by landscape companies, Kristen spoke to code enforcement officer and he asked neighbors for pictures of trucks and users
- Noted that Steinbeck's "Sea of Cortez" and the Western Flyer when viewed in the context before WW II gives interesting perspective

Illegally high fence at Pacific and Soledad: see Jean's letter; discussion and request for board support

- Jean sent a letter in support of city codes, city told owner to lower it but they want to appeal
- 6' fence, within 15' of the frontage the fence needs to be no higher than 4'
- Neighboring house has a similar height fence, more than 4'
- New fence, not a replacement fence
- Jean has brought up a complaint to the Planning Commission personally, does MVNA want to support the complaint?
- Was a permit issued?
- Owner should have a proper variance, we don't want a neighborhood of tall fences
- 4' in the front for R1 neighborhood, sides along public easement should be 4' as well
- Planning Department is working with the owner
- John requested to follow the project to see how the city is handling this issue
- Put on the agenda for next MVNA meeting
- Does the 6' apply to hedges as well?
- Visual safety vs code compliance
- No motion was made to send letter to the city on behalf of MVNA

Next year's picnic has been reserved. Saturday, September 21,2024 '

- No conflict with Fiesta Italia
- No conflict with the Jewish holiday Rosh Hashanah, which is October 4, 2024

Facebook update- Sarah

- Sarah spoke with Kristin regarding being a moderator of the MVNA Facebook Page
- Kristin wasn't getting a lot of interaction with the neighborhood, not MVNA
- Need to be an MVNA member

- Can any member post freely?
- Posts went automatically to the page
- Administrator vs moderator
- Worry about people venting, we don't want comments to automatically be posted on page
- Sarah wants to approve posts
- Sarah, as moderator, can delete any comments
- Kristin created current rules
- How is this page monitored?
- MVNA get info out to people? Or are issues lost in the threads
- Important issues can be pinned
- Facebook Page Trial, but not approved by MVNA
- Need rules for posting, sharing information
- Moderator selects what is viewed/shared
- Providing a forum, liability issues
- If intended to be representative of MVNA, need control over posting
- Check out other Neighborhood Facebook pages
- Only members would be able to see this
- Is there a way so it would be information out and MVNA has trust of the process
- Need Board Member with control over content
- Need trust and participation to become a MVNA Board Member
- Develop a document that states how it will be run before Facebook Page is advertised
- MVNA has encouraged people to come to our meetings to speak on issues, not the same as social media, what is the necessity of MVNA to provide a social media forum?
- John offered to be the liaison/mentor with Sarah for the Facebook page
- New group, just board members?
- No rush for roll out
- Motion to proceed with John and Sarah working up a written protocol for Facebook page
- Kimberly Moir wants to be involved in process with John and Sara
- Not unanimous

NCIP- CC Oct 17 approved NCIP work.

- City Council did approve of all the work of the NCIP committee
- 7 projects completed last year, 35 on the list for this year

Tyller has called a meeting of the Neighborhood Association Presidents

- Jean asked for our priorities. Discussion ensued
- MVNA priorities: fire safety, evacuation safety, safety of undergrounding
 - NCIP concerns: City clawing back funding from NCIP, need projects to get done once funded; disincentive to not get the projects done, frustration with the City
 - Undergrounding funding possibly done annually?
 - Wildfire fuel removal

Party at Pat's Dec 4? instead of meeting

- Honor Pat's efforts by showing up

Treasurer report and review of transition to US Bank-Hans and Charles

- Hans hopes all picnic reimbursements have been received
- Charles still has trouble logging into the account
- Still issues, perhaps online help with both Hans and Charles
- Balance \$5,026.44 as of 11/5/23 but still need some checks to clear so will be reduced and will be approximately \$3,800
- Food tickets from BBQ \$1641.00, \$161 in donations, \$1602.00 in expenses
- \$39 profit from BBQ!
- 141 tickets sold
- MVNA has 370 households, 574 members

Undergrounding Update?- Ray

- Working on a ballot initiative, what would it take
- First draft of initiative, time for City to move forward on a commitment
- Advisory vote from - will of the people to the City
- Monday, November 20th @6:15 Undergrounding Meeting