

Minutes MVNA February 5, 2024

6-8pm Via Zoom

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

Approval of minutes

- Minutes approved

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

- No public comments

Court proceedings against Flores- update from community

- Flores directed to a 3-month rehabilitation facility in Thousand Oaks, he has an ankle bracelet and a monitor and parole officer instead of bail in an effort to protect community
- Asked DA to let us know when there is another hearing
- Flores will go to trial
- Two sons, Les Joseph Jr., Antonio Phillip (arrested...)
- House appears occupied
- Neighbors appreciate MVNA

License Plate Surveillance program- Feb 8 6-7:00, second community forum, no CC; CC 3/5

- Chief Hober will be presenting but not in front of City Council
- Possible changes to draft policy
- Request annual public audit of the process
- ACLU needs more time to present, not just 3 minute public comment
- Council will be present for comments on March 5th
- Would this information be shared with Federal law enforcement?
- Concerns about changes to use policy

Social Media/Facebook Discussion- All

- Other neighborhoods?
- Not in receipt of rules/regulations from Sarah/John
- MVNA has website
- Concerned about NextDoor post
- No real need for interactive site for our volunteer neighborhood association
- Facebook could be limited, non-interactive, free source for the public with a different following
- Board member in charge of administration
- Legal liability??
- Motion made to table any intention for moving forward with a social media presence at this time, passed unanimously

Special Event Support Program

Monterey, Calif. – The City of Monterey will be accepting applications for the Special Event Support Program (SESP) from Thursday, February 1, 2024 through 5:00 p.m., Thursday, February 29, 2024, for events scheduled during Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025). There's a total of \$100,000 to distribute through this program to qualified applicants. Program guidelines, criteria and the application are available at monterey.org/events/grant-program.

The grant program focuses on not-for-profit events, events free to the public, and events that encourage educational opportunities for Monterey youth, cultural or arts experiences, provide recreational or social activities, promote economic vitality, and enhance community identity. The Special Event Support Program started in 2015 but was put on pause at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic due to its impact on the City's budget. The program has been reestablished and provides an opportunity to have special events considered for funding support by the City of Monterey.

- Possibly funds for our picnic
- Application process, deadline difficult to meet this year, but next year a possibility
- Events need to be "free" and for the "public", are we eligible?

Donation to library of \$250 done

- Small promotion for MVNA with our logo
- Library very pleased that the donation came from residents

Transition to US Bank is done

- Transition is complete
- Free checks now

NMNA Forum review and thanks to volunteers. The video of the candidate forum is now available at: https://youtu.be/fx8Ty_Be4tE. And will soon be available via LWVMRYCO.org on the Videos page.

- Thanks to volunteers
- Attended by 60-80 people
- Very successful
- Recording available to view
- League of Women's Voters presented

Return to in person meetings? Library still closes at 6pm

- Zoom is not the same as in person
- Room availability?
- Zoom is convenient, easy to take minutes
- Would it be possible to have Zoom available to public or as an option if we met in person
- Need a microphone for Zoom in a conference room/other possibility
- Pat will look for a room location, plan for May meeting
- Set up/break down the room
- Discussion of room availability, Casanova Oak Knoll Center?

- Entire 2/6/24 City Council will discuss using \$10 million of NCIP funds
 - Fire Stations and Hilltop Center
 - \$2 million for undergrounding, possibly annually
- Another incursion into NCIP funds
 - 1st attempt during Covid April 2020; CC took 9m in approved and funded NCIP projects and 3m of 2020-21 funds.
 - 2nd City staff wanted \$2 million 2022 but City Council rejected; NCIP oked \$1.3 for the air system for Sports Center pool as olive branch
 - 3rd City staff wanted to use NCIP for landslides Oct 2023 out of calendar; squelched
 - This is the 4th attempt outside of the NCIP process
- Charter language does not include staff members for input to project list
- Use by the City of NCIP funds for deferred maintenance
- Opportunity for undergrounding
- Ideal time to bring this undergrounding forward due to recent storms
- NCIP is broken, need bigger projects
- Projects need to come from the bottom up, without the city telling NCIP what to do
- Projects need to be submitted to NCIP
- Discussion of permanent undergrounding projects vs maintenance
- Need a staff person/committee/plan to manage undergrounding
- City needs reliable funding source, undergrounding needs to be prioritized
- Statement to City Council that MVNA agrees to:
 - We support the independent autonomy of NCIP as required in the City of Monterey Charter
 - We support the commitment by the city to undergrounding

- We support the city establishing a firm funding source for a long-term city-wide commitment to undergrounding
- Need the city to create a multi neighborhood undergrounding commission

Board Comments

- Need volunteer to chair June 3, Hans will host;
- should we meet Labor Day Sept 2 or move to Sept 9, delay, closer to the picnic?
- MPUSD opened pre-school at old Monte Vista
- Feb 6 Undergrounding is on the CC agenda. We need a solid showing of support.
- Fence at Motel 8? went up and is nice
- Friends with Friends will help undergrounding, need to put on the agenda
- Hoffa's seat on the city council
 - If no one gets greater than 50% then it's a run off, Hoffa cannot enter run off and run for City Council at the same time
- MPUSD board vacancy resigned, will be replaced by appointment