

MVNA Meeting Minutes

Monday, 02-04-2019

Community Room, Monterey Public Library

In attendance: Board Members - Hans Jannasch, Pat Venza, Charles Martin, Lois Hansen, Susan Nine, Ray Meyers, Michele Altman, Mike Pekin, Bruce Zanetta, Jean Rasch, Arthur Simon. Members and Visitors: Nicki Bach

Pat Venza called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Item #1: Review/approval of the Dec. 2018 & Jan. 2019 MVNA Meeting Minutes. Minutes were unanimously approved pending correct spelling of Bruce Zanetta's last name. Correction made with apologies to Bruce for prior spelling errors.

Item #2: There were no public comments.

Item#3: There was a lengthy discussion about getting items on the CC agenda and the matter of transparency within city government. The over-all sense and experience of the individuals present is that getting items agendized remains a deadly slow process and the transparency issue remains status quo.

Item#4: Regarding the discussion about the proposed hiring of the Telecom Law Firm and CTC to process telecommunication applications for Monterey, Pat reported that this will be pulled from the Feb 5th CC Consent Agenda. The comment was made that processing of these applications needs to be made by a City staffer, not resourced out to a telecom industry insider company. Residents need to, and will, show up at the CC meeting to express their opposition to using these outside, pro-industry entities.

Item#5: The status of the CC study session on undergrounding is that has not happened and does not appear to be on the City radar to put on the calendar even after months of delay since the study session was first discussed. Additionally, although the Mayor, the PC and CC were given words to update and clarify the General Plan regarding the City's undergrounding policy and the CC approved getting such an update into the General Plan, this has not happened either.

Item#6: Lengthy discussion on specific neighborhood locations where drugs, vicious dogs and squatters are or have been a problem. MVNA will organize neighbors to see what we can do to deal with these problems.

Item#7: The Board took an informal voice vote to change the MVNA by-laws so that the Board can vote on issues via email. No one objected to this change. Pat will write it up.

Item#8: Bruce's presentation of an affordable housing idea to be located possibly at Ryan Ranch was the high point of the meeting. He brought a sketch of his building idea and spoke about a brilliant mixed use/flexible use/medium density/medium high rise complex for a variety of living spaces that would help address our unaffordable housing and homeless

situation. Water will limit the size of the complex but it appears there is 64 acre feet available for such a project.

Item#9: Pat shared some home permits she received from the City. These are sent to neighborhood association presidents as a matter of course. The permits are issued for people who work in their homes and whose work may bring changes in the neighborhood that require permission from the City - such as exterior building changes or home businesses that may require more frequent deliveries or clientele that increase traffic on the street.

Item#10: Can the neighborhood help with planting at the intersection of Via Pinar and Via Gayuba? Pat to check with resident to see if help and plants are wanted.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by

Lois Hansen, MVNA Secretary