

MVNA Board minutes for 8/12/2019 Mtg.

Prepared by Susan Nine, VP

Community Room, Monterey Public Library

Present Board Members: Rasch, Jannasch, Nine, Zanetta, Martin and Meyers

Absent: Venza, Altman, Pekin

Acting chair, Nine called the meeting to order at 6:15PM.

Board and MVN residents discussed the proposed project for the Monterey High athletic field. Board and public expressed displeasure with the prospect of having permanent 80 foot lights that will enable and encourage night games and activities that will adversely impact the adjacent neighborhoods creating light and noise pollution, traffic, safety and parking problems. It was noted that MPC for years have provided a much better venue for MHS night games, and games can also be played on the high school before dark and after school as is done in Carmel and elsewhere. Land use atty. Erickson explain to those present, the legal process for getting approval for large scale projects with potential environmental impacts. Resident Kraftzack gave a history lesson explaining prior agreements between the neighborhood and school district restricting night games and use of the athletic field.

Member Nine moved and Member Rasch seconded a motion that directed acting Chair Nine to hand deliver a letter to MPUSD Board and Supt. at the MPUSD Board mtg. on 8/13/ 19, expressing MVNA's disapproval of permanent lighting, asking for an extension of public response period and a community outreach tour of the athletic field explaining the proposed changes followed by a q. and a. session. Also the motion authorized future correspondence as necessary from MVNA to represent MVNA opposition to the permanent lights and attendant nighttime activities. Motion passed unanimously.

Sergeant Roobash gave a presentation designed to explain the great number of responsibilities required of a handful of police officers that are attempting to provide the best possible enforcement in a city whose population doubles or more daily due to tourist traffic. It became clear that the grand jury report had correctly concluded a severe understaffing problems exist in the Monterey Police Dept. We invited the Sergeant back for a longer presentation with maybe combined neighborhood associations to provide his information again with more time provided for questions and answers. He received a round of stirring applause after his presentation.

NIP Board rep. Rasch reported on the successful outcome of neighborhood endorsed projects including the dig once laying of underground conduit along Mar Vista when the road is replaced with measure S funds. Ms. Rasch also gave a brief description of the new voting rules for project selection. Thanks we're shared all around for the efforts of those who promoted those projects and showed up at meetings.

Board discussed a possible slate of candidates and a motion made by Nine and seconded by Rasch to have Marta Kraftzack join the Board and help fill vacancies created by resignation of members Simons and Hanson. The motion was passed unanimously. Others present were encouraged to consider joining the Board and questions answered about Board responsibilities.

Member Jannasch reported that the annual picnic/meeting is well organized and jobs assigned.

Member Nine explained the distribution system for flyers advertising for new members, renewed memberships and for the annual BBQ picnic and annual meeting from 12-3 Sept. 21 at Via Paraiso Park.

Member Rasch gave report from Undergrounding Committee about idea of submitting petitions urging the CC to pursue a sales tax measure to help fund underground utilities as well as the Committee's intent to continue investigating additional funding options such as that used in San Diego and forming assessment districts.

Member Nine gave update on Wireless Subcommittee.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50.

Next mtg. 9/9/19 6:15 Library

