

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES

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September 12 2011

7pm

I Called to order by President Fosler at 7pm. Board members present were R. Evans, B. Evans, B. Greenshields and S. Dwight. Excused absent were A. Albin and B. Crist. Approximately twenty were in the audience.

II Special Guest Speakers Jon Hill and Richard Glenn, candidates for trustee, MPUSD, were seated together opposite moderator S. Dwight. Fosler introduced them and turned over the proceedings to Dwight who explained the process to all. Seven questions were asked and two minutes were allowed for reply:

Gentlemen, thank you for giving of your time to meet with our members to share your views and discuss issues. We have assembled a few questions to allow you opportunity to get specific on some issues of concern. Afterward, we will open up for questions from the audience and finish with your final comments.

- Why are you running? What do you feel you bring to the job of trustee?
- Monterey representatives are a minority on the Board. How do you see yourself uniquely qualified to interact with the majority of non-Monterey board members?
- Looking back, can you name three specific decisions or directions the District has taken recently with which you disagree?
- Where do you agree and disagree with the Superintendent?
- Looking forward, what do you see as the most troublesome issues before the District and what do you intend to do about them?
- What is your view of charter schools? And what do you want to happen to the Bay View site?
- Share with us three things you will do to improve the District.

We hope this gives you the scope to express yourself and expose to the people you will represent what is in your head and heart. It should be an interesting discussion. Thanks again for your concern for our children.

III Public Response Opportunity: Q&A open session followed and at fifty minutes the meeting was suspended for ten minutes for the public to discuss matters personally with the candidates.

The meeting was reconvened at 8pm.

IV New Business was brought up by Fosler who allowed Dwight to proceed with her NIP report out of agenda order as a result of a family matter that required her prompt departure.

A. NIP Report- Dwight reported that City Council approved the NIP program for all but one project at its August 16 meeting. At their Sep 6 meeting, City Council approved

that project and released 35 NIP projects that have been ‘on hold’ for more than 2 years.

In the Sep 6 evening session City Council voted to select for further study by Traffic Consultants their “Preferred Alternative”, Lighthouse 2-way, 4 lanes narrowed to 10’ (from the already substandard width of 10’6”), wider parking lanes, and possibly permitting left turns at two new left turn pockets, eliminating one outbound lane to accommodate that turning movement. Noting that Traffic Engineer Rich Deal and others confirmed that this would not improve traffic flow on Lighthouse, Dwight suggested NMNA request of NIP committee to deappropriate funding of the Lighthouse Av EIR and Preliminary Engineering NIP project. Dwight moved/B Evans seconded, that NMNA request of NIP that the Lighthouse Av EIR & Preliminary Engineering project funding be deappropriated inasmuch as it provided no benefit to the residents of New Monterey or the other motorists using the street by improving traffic flow. The funds were to be again made available for a project that benefited the residents of a neighborhood. Motion passed unanimously.

[NOTE: Subsequent to this meeting, a second motion was made by Dwight/second R. Evans and on 9/23/11, and passed unanimously by NMNA Board:” that NMNA support a request to reallocate the funds to rescope the current Lighthouse Ave project to include study of the 3-lane, one-way Lighthouse inbound alternative as was approved three years ago by the City Council. “ This would use the funds for their original intention, to find a way to improve the traffic flow of the thoroughfare.]

B. Dwight presented a slate of representatives for NIP 2012. On motion and unanimous vote Dwight was nominated New Monterey’s representative. R. Evans and Joanne Garden were nominated alternate representatives.

C. Crime

1. As a result of an apparent uptick in crime, an event update was provided by Fosler. Over approximately the last six months there have been the following property crimes:

- 4 home burglaries
- 5 home thefts – includes carports, sheds, patios
- 4 vehicle burglaries
- 5 vehicle thefts from vehicles or attempts
- 2 vehicle thefts
- 2 room thefts (tenant roommate issues)

Fosler stated the items taken included camera equipment, jewelry, tv’s backpacks, purses bicycles, skateboards and four GPS units. The difference between burglary and theft is signs of forced entry. It appears several of the crimes resulted from unlocked vehicles or homes. He said review indicated without the thefts the volume seemed within the normal range. He said the police department is willing to help, but that the place to start is emphasizing the need to lock doors and not leave anything of value in sight.

a. Options for action were reviewed. He mentioned the police want all crimes or attempts reported. Three attempted vehicle thefts and one house burglary apparently went unreported. When that happens the police don’t become aware of one of the pieces of the crime puzzle. He said we should call 911 if there is a current

problem or 646-3914 otherwise. Our contact Officer is Ron Blair. Fosler said additional options included mailers, phone tree and perhaps posters. There is a program called Neighborhood Watch that could be started. It requires someone to head it and several volunteers and involves polling each neighborhood by street to explain the program. After some discussion it was decided to try to just heighten everyone's awareness and to ask the Police Department for a data trend analysis of the crime history over the last five years. It was suggested that there is a lot to learn by riding with a police officer for a few hours. They are happy to have us along and show us what the streets are like when the sun goes down. Fosler mentioned our last resort is political activism, but we are far from that now.

IV OLD BUSINESS

- A. Due to lack of time Fosler suggested we postpone discussion of the Traffic Study Results –until the next meeting or later, since there is little we can do, now that the City Council has directed Staff to continue its study of the Modified Reconfiguration. Some questioned how we got to this after prior years of study that yielded consensus in 2008 for the one way inbound solution that was adopted into our Area Plan. Others wondered how the 60,000 people from other areas, like PG and Del Monte Forest will respond to finding that nothing will, by design, improve. Some mentioned they would avoid using Lighthouse Avenue as much as possible since it will become even more dangerous and crowded in the future.
- B. DLI Development Plans are still under review and Fosler asked for suggestions how to respond since we have had no answer to our second letter in May asking for general information. It was suggested that he contact Leon Panetta directly, registered mail, asking for assistance. Greenshields thought it best to approach the Post Commander with copies to Sam Farr and Panetta. He will work on it and advise Fosler further. Fosler said he would try to contact Dan Carpenter, addressee of the letter to determine its status.
- C. As a member of the MPUSD 7/11 Committee, Fosler reported the work is done and the committee will report to the trustees in October. He said the report will emphasize that the surplus schools, Bay View and Cabrillo be reserved for educational purposes if at all possible with other uses considered far below in favor. It was mentioned in discussion that there was a possible interest in the property by the Army on a temporary basis of perhaps a few years. That issue will be investigated.

- V Reports from the treasurer were accepted and approved as were the minutes of the last meeting in July. Fosler will be sure any other minutes not yet approved are found and presented at the next meeting. The only other report was from R. Evans who said Bay View Academy is up and running smoother than hoped and the lunches were delicious. Enrollment is now 175 and promotional efforts are soon to start.

The only other issue mentioned was a letter written by a board member as a private citizen to the airport management concerning the abnormal amount of noise after the Antique Auto weekend. It was a blip of regression in an otherwise satisfactory trend of responsible aviation.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 8:58pm

Respectfully submitted by Acting Secretary Howard Fosler