

MINUTES OF THE  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OF  
NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
JANUARY 25, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 7:05pm by Howard B. Fosler, President, who introduced Mayor Chuck Della Sala. Mr Della Sala talked about the great City of Monterey and went on to reveal that the budget is \$1.7 million out of balance and next year will be worse. He said he thinks it will recover in 2011, but that some people may lose their jobs. All delayable expenses will be. He mentioned he is unhappy with the mix of businesses on Lighthouse Avenue and wants to see what can be done to improve it. His comments were followed by questions from an audience of about 20 people.

Mr. Fosler then turned to the election of a new board of directors. He acknowledged the work of the current board, including two members, Nancy Runyon and Robert Wemheuer, who resigned during the last term. Bruce Crist introduced Christina Riddoch, in abstencia due to a recent accident. Mr Fosler introduced Brian Greenshields. Since there were eleven openings and eight candidates, all were elected by a show of hands.

A review of the past year followed, as Mr Fosler recapped the highlights citing the resurfacing and reconfiguration of Hilltop Center and its basketball court, an increase in traffic enforcement, the NMNA's presence and influence at various commission and council meetings, enhanced enforcement of trash can removal rules, volunteering to reduce the NIP revenue, prioritizing Lighthouse Avenue reconfiguration, standing up to keep Bay View School open, reviewing DLI's expansion plans with their authorities, installation of a second emergency equipment storage locker, the increase of 22% in membership together with a 122% increase in revenue. He concluded that he deemed it a successful year.

Addressing the new year, Mr Fosler mentioned that the free newsletters will stop, except for occasional distributions and special events. He thanked everyone who had contributed to the treasury and thereby allowing for challenges to commission decisions and for the ability to distribute the newsletter more broadly. He mentioned the Area Plan Update is being addressed and in fact the association has already asked the City for seed funding to start the process. The Lighthouse Specific Area Plan will begin when funding is at hand. And the continuing effort to make New Monterey a wonderful place to live will continue.

Committee reports followed. Mr Crist gave a very brief account of the treasury.

Sharon Dwight reviewed the NIP project status and showed which were poised to proceed upon available funds emerging along with approved, unfunded projects and the list of proposals received this year.

Ms. Dwight then followed with a review of the CERT program, mentioning a new class is about to start March 4. She went into the duties of CERT members who will assess damage in the event of launch into action with any emergency. She admonished everyone to start preparing for the next crisis by laying in supplies and planning with the reminder that the Red Cross suggests one gallon of water per day per person for at least three days.

The Historic Preservation committee had no report, however, Mr. Fosler mentioned that it is just beginning its work. The first draft of the New Monterey Historic Context Survey was recently brought to NMNA for viewing.

The floor was opened to the public. Questions about ostensive vacant houses were raised. Revenue generating ideas were offered. Interested parties asked how to participate in CERT.

After thanking all who attended, as well as all those who are supporting members, Mr Fosler admonished all that vigilance remains our constant duty.

The meeting closed with no further business at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Howard B. Fosler  
Acting Secretary