

New Monterey Neighborhood Association Meeting 6.10.10

The meeting was called to order by president, Howard Fosler at 7:03pm. Directors in attendance were Bob Evans and Barbara Evans, Sharon Dwight, Bruce Crist and Alexandra Albin. Brian Greenshields was absent with authorization.

Old Business:

I. Planning on waterfront.

The Evans gave a brief report on the meeting held last week. President, Howard Fosler asked whether the association should take a position on the matter inasmuch as it is not in New Monterey. A discussion occurred among the board members. In summary, it was suggested that the association should encourage resident participation. However, the New Monterey Neighborhood association's formal purview is for New Monterey, which includes Shoreline Park but not Fisherman's Wharf where most of the conversation for the Waterfront Master Plan is (Wharves I & II, Wharf parking lots, and Window on the Bay). Sharon Dwight raised concern that existing Master Plans have not been specifically cited in the discussions of Window on the Bay Master Plan during the public Workshops. Chip Rerig, a City of Monterey representative explains that all planning documents are available online. Policy makers (Planning Commission and City Council) will have input. New Monterey Board members who have been attending the Waterfront Workshops agreed that more inclusion of existing policy and documents that apply to Monterey's coastline is needed in the Workshops for the public's input to be of adequate value.

Barbara Evans motioned that, NMNA not take a position on the Waterfront Master Plan. (second). Amended by Bob Evans (at this time). Motion passed unanimously.

II. Historic Context Survey

Bob Evans said: Committee worked thru the data collected at the recent public input session there is lots of video (4 hours), some interesting. Notes ready Wednesday of this week. Sharon Dwight indicated that a lot of history research is done She will complete her research, type up her results and have them ready by the 6/30/10 deadline.

Because many in the audience were interested in Bay View School, Barbara Evans suggested we rearrange the agenda to address that issue first. President, Howard Fosler concurred.

III. Bay View:

Will close after 102 years. A group of parents and residences support a charter school and file a Conversion Charter petition. A petition is in circulation now among the teachers and is due in a week. If there enough signatures it will then be submitted to MPUSD. Two meetings are scheduled with parents to get them up to date. The board asked Fosler if he was comfortable writing and signing a letter of support to MPUSD in support of the proposal. He voiced his concerns, such as how many students are in the neighborhood and how many would attend? He was concerned about the ongoing support by the second tier of parents after the original parents' children are gone. He wondered if parents understood the investment required of them.

There is a vigorous discussion among board members. There is confirmation from Joanne Greenshields, a member of the audience that International Charter School raised 270K. They

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pay rent to MPUSD. There are more than 180 kids in New Monterey. Many go to charter schools/private schools. Frank Solicito, A City Council member, stated that the problem is bigger than Bay View. Charter school is the only way for these parents to save their kids. We have businesses that won't move here because we are not taking care of businesses and schools.

Joanne Greenshields, addressed president Fosler's concern that Bayview will not have enough financial support. Charter Schools require self-imposed tax, 30% of parents write a check. Other parents by contributing volunteer hours. Foundations are setup. There is sponsorship. There is apathy, fear, and disappointment in elected officials of school board. Several of her friends are actively moving out of Monterey including her peers.

Mr Whipple, another member of the audience, said he is familiar with MPUSD politics and we should write a letter in support of Bay View as Charter school. If Bay View cannot continue in its present state then converting it to a charter school is what we should support. It is tragic, but, they are not going to let us out of the district etc... What is going to matter is if we can get Bay View converted to a Charter School. There will be a fight. We shouldn't have to pay MPUSD.

Chip Rerig, another member of the audience said, "As parents we have support from the neighborhood. On Jessie we have 6 kids go to Bay View. "

Sharon Dwight raised the point, "The Board of NMNA has voted at two previous meetings to send a letter to MPUSD, supporting a charter school at Bay View. We need to have a strong school and community. " Barbara Evans encouraged president Fosler to support the petition. "...It is our job to support them!" Sharon Dwight said, "The NMBA is waiting to see our letter before they send theirs." Howard Fosler, President of NMNA asked, "To whom does the letter of support need to be addressed and by when?" It was confirmed the date was June 21st. The NM Business Association was waiting for the BOD of NMNA to act. He agreed to author a letter by that date.

On a side note, An audience member raised a question regarding the school being locked on weekends? If this is our NIP money why is the school locked? It is supposed to be open. Frank Solicito said he would go over and check it out.

IV. Lighthouse destination Study:

NMBA is getting demonstration Block at Carl Outzen's new building to show folks what it would look like. Carl agreed to pay for half of the torn up sidewalk and the Business Association will pay other half. Lee Steinmetz is concerned about whether City Council will approve the design in time to meet Carl's construction schedule requirements. Chip Rerig, a member of the audience and representative of the City said that the design was submitted to Council on the 20th. There are some problems with contaminated soil. They are trying to ensure that will not hold up repaving. The review process will not be jeopardized. Need to ensure it continues on pace.

V. NMNA Discussion of MST and Light Rail:

With regard to MST Barbara Evans said we need larger view of MST. Can we get a report from MST to provide their vision? The grant money they received for North Fremont and

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Lighthouse. Has been deferred to TMC. Howard Fosler, president, said that a representative will be at next month's meeting and we can get clarification at that time. Nancy Selfridge, a member of the audience and City Council member advised to put light rail on Nov ballot. To put on ballot will cost \$5000. People are not opposed to light rail but opposed to crossing across Window on the Bay. Need to better clarify how we want it.

Barbara Bass Evans, said the recreation trail is a transportation corridor not really a Recreation trail. Doesn't matter what you chose it is the concept vs where you want it. Right of way is much larger issue. Will there be another lane on Del Monte? We are going to take some part of the parking lot. We are going to have to widen Del Monte no matter what. People from the East, including growth in Seaside/Marina, are impacting us, as a city. MST has plans. Officially they only have N Fremont and Lighthouse. We are going to do something. What we do will not impact Window on the Bay or Rec trail. Sharon Dwight said, "If we do widening we have to take something." We will lose something. She spoke to Hunter. Bus improvements are consistent with one-way traffic design. There will be no wasted \$\$.

I. Complaints regarding traffic:

Traffic Engineer, Rich Deal reviewed McClellan/Hawthorne intersection. In 2002 there were four accidents. Since the prohibition of left turns on Lighthouse ave. there have been three total collisions and two to three accidents Hawthorne and Irving. Rich from the city is looking at sight distance.

II. Graffiti: Gone....

New Business:

- City Side: Bike Ramp to be reviewed. Need to share with neighborhood.*
- Chip Rerig, as representative of the City said he is being pinged by neighborhood regarding events at Hilltop Park, people complain about speed increase. Request to amend form used by Hilltop Park, requesting people drive more slowly through the neighborhood. Bob Evans said that Monterey should consider speed humps as opposed to speed bump. E.g. Josselyn Canyon.*
- Sharon Dwight said there is a funded NIP project for crosswalks on Jessie at Irving and Withers. City could have consultant Patrick Dobbin do design for visible cross walks to cause drivers to slow down.*

Action Items:

- 1. Fosler to follow-up to find out number of children in New Monterey*
- 2. Frank Solicito to followup and find out about school being locked.*

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05pm