

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN
MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING
January 10, 2011

I. CALL TO ORDER (7:04 PM) – WELCOME ATTENDEES

Board Members Present: Howard Fosler, Bruce Crist, Sharon Dwight, Barbara Evans, Brian Greenshields, and Alex Albin

Guest Speaker: None

Honored Guests: Kim Cole, Moses Stites, Joanne Kelly

II. ANNUAL MEETING PLANNING

The NMNA Annual Meeting will take place on January 24th. Members will bring snacks, coffee, and water. Howard will advertise in the local media. Suggested schedule is as follows:

- o Guest Speaker (John Elliot, Chief of Master Plans at the Presidio)
- o Elections
- o NIP
- o Bay View (charter update and quick outline of disposition process; longer discussion will be reserved for the 4 Feb meeting)

III. NIP

There was a long discussion on NIP as a subset of the annual meeting planning. Sharon intends to provide an overview of proposed projects and engage community members on their ideas and priorities at the Annual Meeting. She stated that there were 75 approved projects when the FY started, 18 have been completed, and hopefully another 25 will be done by the end of June. The other projects are fully funded but they will take time to complete. NIP expects another \$2M again next FY, but there is a charge right off the top...so that means that the \$1.7M left will have to be spread out over the different neighborhoods. This money will not be shared with the City this year. Because of the low level of funding, Sharon wants to look for public/private partnerships to complete select projects, like the Sloat Monument restoration. NIP representatives will be voting for projects in April with input from neighborhood association members. In response to a question from Howard, Sharon also explained that the City will sometimes pick up capital improvement projects, but usually NIP is for those that don't fall into the purview of a City department.

IV. Bay View/Monte Vista

Moses Stites suggested we consider putting a letter in the public record in regards to the negative declaration issued by MPUSD reference the opening of Monte Vista. He emphasized that NMNA address the traffic situation. Moses also stated that organizations like the Center for Poverty and Justice might be willing to take on MPUSD on our behalf. Kim Coles stated that the City Traffic Engineer has already forwarded the City's response to the negative dec; the Board needs to get a copy of this response. NMNA decided to ask the BVA President Bill Shaw to update the community on BVA's status. It was decided that the disposition of the Bay View Elementary site will be reserved for the Feb meeting.

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V. Waterfront Plan

Howard wanted to know to what extent we should be vociferous in regards to the waterfront initiatives. The Board decided that San Carlos Beach and traffic circulation were in its purview to address; after that we would speak as individuals.

VI. Downtown

Out of our sphere of influence except for determining what if any effects it will have on New Monterey (primarily traffic flows again and potential delay of Lighthouse Specific Plan implementation).

VII. Lighthouse Destination Study

Obviously, this does impact us; what was meant to relieve traffic has now grown into a land use, traffic and support of businesses plan! Issues discussed were effect of one way traffic on both Foam and Lighthouse, potential loss of parking on one side of Foam Street, and 2-story vs. 3-story buildings (General Plan vs. City code). Sharon stated this will come to a head in regards to priorities when the City begins to tear down the 200 Block of Lighthouse...will they build too high and block Hawthorne views?

A. Mr. Matt Baskin, Lighthouse property owner, stressed we need to treat Lighthouse as a business district first and foremost and help solve the parking issue.

B. The city wide transportation/parking study should be out by July 2011 leading to one transportation plan for the three specific plans...EIR follows (summer/early fall)!!!

C. NMNA can consider a peer review traffic consultant (suggested by Moses Stiles), but no matter what we must make sure any preferred alternative is included in the EIR document.

D. Barbara motioned/Sharon seconded that the NMNA write a letter showing our support for 2-story structures to keep in character with Lighthouse as outlined in the general plan. Letter should be addressed to the Planning Commission with copies to the City Council and the Herald.

VIII. Closing /Public Comment.

Howard closed the meeting with the question, "Are we satisfied waiting for two years before anything is done in regards to Lighthouse?"