

**New Monterey Neighborhood Association**  
**Minutes**  
**of the Meeting on**  
**Monday, February 11, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 7pm by acting president Sharon Dwight. Board members Bob Evans and Howard Fosler were present. New board members Ken Wanderman and Nancy Runyon arrived shortly thereafter.

Dwight introduced **guest speaker Steve Scheiblaue**r, Harbor master of Monterey. Mr Scheiblaue said he has been Harbor Master for nineteen years and has seen much change in that time. Perhaps the biggest change is the formation of two huge Marine Protected Areas along our coast. While restricting almost all fishing within them, their result has been a dramatic restoration of healthy fisheries, as much as 80 percent or more. It has become the most valuable fishery in California. However, he noted that when he got here there were 154 commercially licensed boats, perhaps 50 of them fully engaged in fishing along with 14 charter boats. Now, there are about 20 full time boats and five charter boats. Squid is by far the most lucrative catch. About 700 jobs rely on fishing, including many packers and processors in Watsonville, Pajaro and Salinas. The industry generates about \$50million revenue annually.

The industry adds a cachet to the area that draws tourists and helps Monterey retain a link to its past. Leases on Wharf #2 are renewing and the City must consider what role it wants the facility and the industry it supports to play in the future. Fresh fish are important to our restaurant trade and present a valued benefit to the citizens. To what extent should the City support and perhaps subsidize that industry?

To help answer that question a study is underway, provided for by a joint grant shared by Morro Bay and Monterey. Scheiblaue invited everyone with a view on this to share it with him and the consultant, Henry Pontarelli by contacting him promptly at 646-3950 or on line at [Scheibla@ci.monterey.ca.us](mailto:Scheibla@ci.monterey.ca.us) . Scheiblaue also mentioned that no fishing license is required to fish on the breakwater or Wharf #2.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

New Monterey Historic Context Statement: Dwight said she wrote the letter discussed last month concerning our alarm that certain styles of **homes unique to New Monterey were not identified** in the Historic Context Statement. Historic Preservation Commission meets in March to discuss additional requests of property owners for exclusion from the list of potentially historic properties. Our request is that Eclectic and Mid-Century Modern styles be added to the document at that time.

Regional Water Catchment and Reuse Study. There is a study underway this year, determining if the Cal-Am **reservoir** at David and Terry could be used as a catchment basin for rain runoff, and other elements...

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Election of Officers: Dwight introduced and **welcomed two newly elected board members**, Nancy Runyon and Ken Wanderman. The nominees were all approved unanimously at the annual meeting. She distributed a copy of the bylaws to everyone and briefly described the purpose of the Association and the responsibilities of a board member. Then she asked who would like to be **appointed to the executive offices**, announcing she is willing to be president. Evans said he would continue as Treasurer and Fosler offered to continue as Secretary. Dwight asked Wanderman to be Vice President, to which he agreed and Runyan said she would be At Large and available to attend meetings as requested.

Division of Duties: Fosler agreed to continue to create the newsletter and Wanderman agreed to print and distribute it. All offices and appointments were approved by unanimous vote.

## **UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Police Department meeting of neighborhoods on 3/6: Runyon and Fosler agreed to attend.

DLI Change of Responsibility Ceremony on 2/28: Nancy Runyon is available.

131 Hawthorne: Dwight reported concerns raised by the property owners of 131 Hawthorne resulting from the Pvt Bolio gate now being the only 24-hour gate for the Presidio. Noise & lights outside their bedroom window make sleeping there next to impossible. **A sound wall** adjacent to 131 Hawthorne and opposite the guard house on Pvt Bolio Road would help mitigate problems for residents. It was agreed that she would submit an NIP project prior to the February 15 deadline and continue to evaluate the feasibility of alternative funding sources of a wall and report back to the board so it could determine whether or not to make it an endorsed NIP project.

**GOALS AND OBJECTIVES** for the year were discussed. One was for the board to begin developing its suggestions for **updating the Neighborhood Area Plan** which will be reviewed later this year. Another was to work toward greater pilot compliance with prescribed federal directives and reduction of the **level of noise generated by those airplanes** taking off into the air space over New Monterey. A third was a question raised at the annual meeting about how to handle a neighboring **yard filled with garbage and debris**. The questioner was referred to the City's website for registering complaints and requests for action. An effort will be made to follow up with staff. A fourth action item will address unsafe fences, such as the one that encroaches at Hoffman and Filmore. We will also continue to Inform and encourage residents to bring wheeled carts in after weekly collection.

Dwight suggested each board member **read up on the first section of the Area Plan** as found on the website and be prepared to discuss it at the next meeting. In order to be prepared for the Planning Commission's review, **a new section will be discussed each month until we have reviewed the whole document,**

Past president Whipple had offered to meet with air traffic control personnel to discuss how best to proceed. **Fosler said he would contact Whipple**, get updated and see what can be done, reporting back at the next meeting.

## **REPORTS.**

The Treasurers Report was approved as submitted with one abstention.

The Minutes of the January meeting were unanimously approved as amended.

NIP: In addition to the one radar speed sign already proposed for Prescott Avenue, traffic engineering staff suggests two radar speed signs above Pine on David Avenue. There was some discussion about the need, but the money is available and the opinion was that we should proceed.

CERT: there are three newly trained members from New Monterey in the current class, according to Dwight. The next training begins April 4.

Bay View Preschool and Early Development Center is to open this fall. There was some concern about passenger loading and unloading. Dwight will look into it with the Traffic Department.

Airport Liaison: nothing additional.

NMBA: It was noted **Cris Staedler** has resigned as president of the NMBA. A new president has yet to be announced.

City Council. Dwight noted that the Council's retreat is tomorrow and it is frequently interesting to learn what each council member deems important and what they want to accomplish. No one was available to attend. She mentioned the **Urban Forest Master Plan** is under review and we will want to address that in our study of the New Monterey Area Plan.

Planning Commission: The Planning Commission will be discussing **Monterey on the Move 2/12**, a concept intended to encourage more people to get out of their cars and walk, ride bicycle or ride public transit. On the same agenda: 851 Cannery Row Mixed Use project with access off of the Rec Trail.

Evans said he would review the proposal.

Architectural Review Commission was asked some time ago to review its changes to regulations concerning outdoor lighting,. Fosler said he recently discussed the matter with the Chairman Dawson who said he would try to get it agenized. Fosler had also contacted Kim Cole and would follow-up again. Historic Preservation Committee meets in March at which time it is hoped they will consider Dwight's letter concerning styles of architecture present in New Monterey that were not included. In addition, it will **consider homeowner requests to be removed** from the Historic Building List. Fosler was asked to be sure the newsletter addresses the matter.

It was agreed that we would **ask Jon Hill to speak** at the March meeting concerning MPUSD handling of the resignation of the school superintendent, how a new one will be selected and plans for Bay View School campus.

Dwight asked for comments from the public and the board. Evans mentioned the Concert at Colton Hall Tuesday night. The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm

Next meeting: Monday, March 11, 2013

Respectfully Submitted,

Howard Fosler  
Secretary