

New Monterey Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting Annotated Agenda

Hilltop Park Center

May 9, 2016

7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

(Additions or changes to the agenda?)

President Dwight called the meeting to order at 7pm. Board members attending: Sharon, Bob Kohn, Nancy, Carole, Patricia, Laurie. Excused Absence: Bob Evans. Eleven members/public attending.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Library Present & Future (Library Director Inga Waite)

The Library board has set strategic priorities: organizational, digital strategy, educational, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and balanced collections. They are preparing for building expansion and working to increase endowments (now \$140,000). There was discussion about the library's role in serving needs of teens, bookmobile outreach, volunteer opportunities, and request for restoration of inter-library loan.

B. Community Action Team (CAT) (Officer Lisa Marlow)

No one from CAT was in attendance. Item continued.

C. 200-204 Lighthouse 5/10 PC 4pm

Concerns were voiced:

- lack of parking – tandem is unlikely to work in this location and the project is short an additional 3 spaces.
- Third floor tower is not set back. Setback for the rest of the 3rd-floor is insufficient.
- We want to avoid the monolithic look that this presents at the most congested intersection of New Monterey.
- This exceeds the 50% lot coverage called for in the adopted Lighthouse policy.
- This building does not reflect Lighthouse character. 3-story is considered only if the architectural design is exceptional. This is not.

Nancy/Laurie to send a letter to Planning Commission opposing project as designed. Unanimous.

D. NIP Voting Results

E. Short-term rentals in New Monterey

It is illegal in the city. Residents want enforcement. There were thirty New Monterey listings on Air B&B one weekend in April. That does not consider how many listings are on VIRBO and Home Away sites. People are conducting a business in a residential zone; it belongs in commercial or VAF zones. Private homes are not constructed to meet ADA and fire sprinkler requirements that hotels and motels must meet. DLI, NPS and locals need long-term housing. It was noted that some residents do it so they can afford to stay in their homes. Those same residents can rent out rooms for long-term use legally. Carole/Laurie share the list of Air B&B properties with the city for enforcement. Passed 5-1.

F. Cal-Am Pipeline across New Monterey

A report was given concerning meeting with Cal-Am Water about location and installation timeline for new 36" water main from Sinex pumping station to Col. Jim Moore Rd above Seaside. Work to begin January 2017 and continue 1 year. New pipe will cross David Av along Filmore, turn left on Withers, right on Lily, left on Hoffman, right on Spencer to the Presidio. The trench will be 10' deep. The crew can lay 100' to 150' per day. Trench will be covered as soon as pipe is laid. Permanent paving of effected blocks will be done at the end of the contract.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Fracking Referendum 16,000+ signatures qualify it for the ballot

B. Monterey Bay Aquarium Education Center PC 5/24 or 6/14

Concerns expressed included:

- The setback on Hoffman should be increased to maximize the view cone from the Rec Trail and make the building more pedestrian-friendly.
- The use is inconsistent with the business district. Business use would serve a higher public purpose.
- The building provides no parking despite providing office space for 35 employees and drawing up to 20 private vehicles at a time for drop-off and pick-up.
- The 4-story element of this building blocks resident view of the bay.

Nancy/Carole: Send a letter to Planning Commission, expressing NMNA concerns. Unanimous.

C. Lighthouse Specific Plan 5/18 ARC - Public Review process for 3-story?

Results of the 5/18 ARC meeting were reported by those who attended. ARC voted to include public review of any 3-story application. The Plan goes now to Planning Commission.

D. 414 Belden results of ZA hearing.

E. City Housing Element results of CC hearing

Secondary Units, Conversion of motel rooms to apartments, Short-term Rentals

F. Lighthouse Av Traffic Meetings Wed 3/16 results

G. Local Coastal Plan 5/24 PC - Adaptation Strategies

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES March 14, 2016 & April 11, 2016

Both sets of minutes approved.

V. APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT April, May

Treasurer's reports for April and May approved.

VI. CITY MEETINGS (Topics of possible interest to New Monterey)

A. City Council: 5/3 MOU w CHOMP at Hilltop

B. PC: 5/10 Climate Action Plan 4pm

C. ARC: 5/18 Lighthouse Plan

D. HPC:

E. ZA:

F. Home Occupation Permits:

G. Parks & Rec: 5/19 Parks Master Plan - Prioritize community needs; NIP

VII. REPORTS

A. NIP: 4/27 vote, P&R 5/19, PC 5/24, CC 6/21

B. CERT: T 5/17 Mass Casualty event at airport – victims, communications needed

C. NMBA, CRBID:

D. Airport Liaison:

E. POM:

VIII. COMMENTS

A. Members & Public: School buses parking in the neighborhood. More employees and visitors are parking in the neighborhood as high as Archer and Spencer. A request that parking be restricted to residents. A street name sign at Hawthorne/Prescott is missing.

B. Board Members: 725 Grace St update

IX. ADJOURN **Next Monthly Meeting:** Monday, June 13, 2016 **Aquarium Traffic Mitigations**