

New Monterey Neighborhood Association

Monthly Meeting Annotated Agenda

Hilltop Park Center

June 13, 2016

7:00 pm

I. CALL TO ORDER Meeting was called to order by President Dwight. Board members present: Patricia Domingo, Sharon Dwight, Laurie Hambaro, Carole Hayter, Nancy Runyon. Absent: Bob Evans, Bob Kohn.

(Additions or changes to the agenda?)

Add under New Business D. 691 Jessie St Guesthouse

II. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Monterey Bay Aquarium Traffic Mitigations** (Barbara Meister) Barbara Meister discussed the Aquarium's Alternative Transportation program to encourage employees to "Become a Tunnel Jumper & a Carbon Buster" during the upcoming year of construction of Holman Hwy Roundabout. The Aquarium is paying for 2 additional rapid trolleys that run direct between the Downtown Parking Garage & the Aquarium. In coordination with MST and the City, bus fares are reduced to \$13/mo and parking in the Downtown East Garage to \$20/mo. The Aquarium has purchased bicycles for employees to use between Downtown & the Aquarium and they are helping employees purchase bicycles. Carpool and motorcycle parking at the Aquarium is now free. [Aquarium staff has shared how to set up similar alternative transportation programs with DLI and other area large employers.] The public will be able to use the free Direct Trolleys. Map will be posted on NMNA website and distributed to members.
- B. Bus & Large Vehicle Parking in Residential zone** Residents have noted that school buses have begun parking up in the neighborhood. The number of visitor vehicles parking up as high as Archer St is increasing. State law allows buses to park on any public roadway. Commercial vehicle parking on residential streets is prohibited by the city. Residents will begin noting date/time of bus parking for future discussion with the city. Meanwhile, NMNA will ask that more bus parking be provided by the city.
- C. Length of Parking Spaces on Lighthouse Avenue** (Nancy) NMBA is discussing the possibility of lengthening parking spaces on Lighthouse to make parallel parking unnecessary; vehicles would drive straight in, then adjust. It could result in 10% reduction of parking spaces. NMNA is only willing to go along with the idea if the city approves a Residential Permit Parking program that includes at least Laine and Belden Streets. (Hawthorne has already been approved.) Some attendees supported protection for Spencer and Archer Streets, too.
- D. 691 Jessie Street Guesthouse** A guesthouse was approved by Zoning Administrator for 691 Jessie St, despite concerns expressed by neighbors. Discussed along with actions taken by owners without permits. Sharon to follow-up with staff.

III. OLD BUSINESS

- A. Monterey Bay Aquarium Education Center** PC 6/14 Sharon had already sent a letter as directed by the Board in May. Failure to provide any parking for a 4 story building, paying in-lieu fee for parking that will never be created, leaves the neighborhood vulnerable to ever more overflow parking. Residents want protection as Old Town neighborhood is afforded.
- B. Lighthouse Specific Plan 6/28 PC**
- a. Issues unrelated to ARC** There is strong support to qualify a measure placing a two-story maximum height for development in the coastal zone. Attendees are encouraged to read the most recent draft and be prepared to address Planning Commission.
- C. Trinity High School at Bay View campus**(Timothy Wong)
This item was discussed after II.A. Aquarium Traffic Mitigations.

An open Q&A meeting for the community to learn about planned upgrades to Bay View's multi-purpose room (soon to be Gym) is Thursday, June 23 at 6:30pm 601 E Franklin. Move in begins July 2nd. Classes start August 16th.

- D. **200-204 Lighthouse** 5/10 PC Attendees were insulted and upset by the attitude of Planning Commissioners when this item was heard May 10. It was approved by unanimous vote; concerns were disregarded.
- E. **Short-term rentals in New Monterey** There are at least 31 documented Air B&B units in New Monterey. At least two other similar short-term rental websites offer units as well. The community's need of long-term housing and opposition to transient business activity in the neighborhood are the reasons that NMNA supports the city's continued ban of short-term rentals. Sharon to provide information about Air B&B units to staff who are notifying owners/renters and charging fines.

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IV. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES** May 9, 2016 Continued to July meeting

V. **APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORT** Report received and approved

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

- A. **City Council:**
- B. **PC:** 6/14 625 Cannery Row, 575 Foam
- C. **ARC:** Staff approval of 751 Archer St addition
- D. **HPC:**
- E. **ZA:**
- F. **Home Occupation Permits:**
- G. **Parks & Rec:** Parks Master Plan draft to be received in June; subcommittee to review Public Study Session Wed June 22 at 7pm in Council Chambers.

VII. **REPORTS**

- A. **NIP:**
- B. **CERT:**
- C. **NMBA, CRBID:**
- D. **Airport Liaison:**
- E. **POM:**

VIII. **COMMENTS**

- A. **Members & Public**
- B. **Board Members**

IX. **ADJOURN** Next Monthly Meeting: Monday, July 11, 2016