

March 16, 2022

### NMNA Annual Meeting

Bob Evans as treasurer has also been acting president and set the meeting, agenda, and welcomed Tyller Williamson and our neighbors.

27 in attendance including the 3 remaining board members: Bob Evans, Bruce Orinstein and David Breedlove

(First in person meeting for over 2 years due to the pandemic)

### Guest Speaker:

Tyller Williamson

Monterey City Council

### Background

- Mom in Navy as yeoman (formed Tyller's values and work ethic)
- works at NPS since 2010 as HR specialist
- Obama inspired Tyller to enter politics (and he met Obama during his campaign!)
- participated in a fellowship program and created a team here in Monterey, likes doing outreach activities
- started local PRIDE program and other local events pre pandemic
- has been homeless himself so he understands that situation so housing is important to Tyller
- Tyller bikes to work daily so he also is keen on solving public transportation issues
- knows water problems on Peninsula and wants to help be part of the solution to this local crisis,

### District Based Elections and other issues discussed:

- Pandemic has stalled some of this process
- LULAC involved and submitted a letter
- Will we have viable candidates?
- Folks hesitant to run for office may feel more comfortable in smaller districts
- Hired a demographer to present options, map created and submitted for consideration
- Majority of people went with original Map, which is based on population
- DLI represents 2K people and part of the Council District 1
- Traffic is an issue, like on Lighthouse, even with the Smart technology
- Logjam on Lighthouse when cars enter intersection in stop/go rush hour and are stuck in the middle of the intersection when light turns red, so cross traffic unable to move forward creating gridlock
- Where do neighborhood Assn's fit into the city plan? Funding removed from the neighborhood Assn's to fund the city and keep staff working during pandemic. Plan is to bring those approved projects back to the table. Another consideration is to cancel all projects and get reapproval for most important projects. Some projects are years old, not clear how to get those projects done.
- City used to be flush with money, and had committed to fixing sidewalks, had \$10 million, can some money, like \$200K, be put back in to do this project? Tyller liked the idea, but the City is still struggling and all staff has not returned to work due to lack of funding; like the Sports Center, Library, Police, and Fire.

- Neighborhoods no longer play a part in the City's NCIP program as members are assigned by the City instead of the neighborhood Assn's. Tyller says this is worth additional discussion and he likes public participation. NIP reps were always recommended by the neighborhood to the Council.
- The most impactful thing we can do as neighbors is show up to public meetings with the mayor and make public comments.
- What can be done about improving voting situation? Tyller discussed DLI component with temporary residents and suggested more research be done to solve this.
- CA rent control not being enforced. Tyller said back in the 80's rent control dissolved, 2019 #1482 approved for rent control for multi housing units only increase 5% +CPI or 10% max annually. This took effect in 2020, problem is landlords increase to max every year as a hedge against future legislation. Rental community is 66% of Monterey residences! No one is enforcing the law, how do we get the info out to residents? Mediation? Rental Board? Tyller hears from renters regularly and feels something does need to be done. Services are available to renters and there are still lots of problems, some may be fear of retaliation, sample leases should be available to renters, enforce the rental registry, inadequate housing still exists in some areas, very complex issues but doing nothing adds fuel to the fire.
- Most vulnerable people are the least likely to step forward and use services available to them. The City must step up to protect the most vulnerable, like the eviction laws with lots of loopholes and landlords taking advantage.

Bob's Agenda plus audience comments:

- More participation in NMNA
- Please answer the questions in the survey distributed to attendees
- Please post the questionnaire on on-line. Bob has emailed a link to a Google Forms survey.
- ARC and NCIP important issues plus numerous others, so please participate and communicate or volunteer
- Get an email address if you currently don't have one. Best way to communicate with NMNA.
- Bob's vision is that NMNA becomes social as well as political.
- 45 paid members out of about 200 registered in the past.
- Will one person be elected to our district? Tyller hopes they think big picture so they represent both the neighborhood and the City.
- Undergrounding still a big topic and an undergrounding website has been created.
- NCIP person is a volunteer from the neighborhood after answering an ad by the City.
- Sharon Dwight volunteered to take materials door to door to help increase membership.
- Add what topics you may want info on to the questionnaire.
- No one in our audience today is a renter!!
- Perhaps renters don't come to our meetings because they believe that only owners allowed to attend NMNA.
- Renters may attend if there is "something in it for them" by being members of NMNA.
- What other kinds of events can we have that are social that is useful for our neighbors to get to know each other.
- Any looming issues we may not be aware of? Crime, street repairs, trash, etc.? Is parking for 2 hours eliminated for Monterey residents in the City lots? Tyller will research and get back to Bob.