

NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION NEWS

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New sculpture in Steinbeck Plaza

230 Lighthouse - In March your association asked the City Council in to review the Planning Commission's approval of the redevelopment project at 230 Lighthouse Avenue. The Council listened to our concerns and then voted (4-1) to support the Planning Commission approval with one additional directive. The third story is to be set back at least six feet so that pedestrians on Lighthouse Avenue will feel like the building is just two stories. The plans now go to the Architectural Review Committee for refinement.

We all want this project to go forward but we would like it to follow the Area Plan more closely. Your Association will continue monitor the project at the ARC when it takes up the project.

Preserving Architectural History - At its February 4 meeting, the City Council held a public hearing and adopted the New Monterey Historic Context Statement and Reconnaissance Survey. This action will help preserve a number of architecturally and historically significant buildings and, to an extent, the unique character of our neighborhood. Homes designated as historic are can be modified internally and added to as long as the front facade is not impacted. There are also tax incentives and other advantages that accompany

the designation. The Council also approved several exclusions from the list and sent others back for further review by the Historic Preservation Commission's (HPC).

Plans For Updating the Area Plan Advance - Over the past several months the board has been reviewing our twenty-three year old Area Plan (<http://www.newmontereyneighborhood.org/areaPlan/areaPlanTOC.html>) and identified a number of additions and corrections that should be made.

At the regular monthly meeting in March, a subcommittee was appointed to develop a survey to gather input from the neighborhood to be sure that the revision includes ideas from the community and that it has broad community support.

The survey will be sent out to every residence in New Monterey sometime this summer. The association will work to contact every residence to insure broad input from the neighborhood.

So its time to think about such things as parks, traffic, view sharing, trees, parking, housing density, public transportation, and other issues that confront the neighborhood.

Warning Received From Alert Neighbor -

Currently a team of younger adults is going through our neighborhood offering free carpet cleaning or free hardwood floor cleaning. But once in the door they pressure the occupant to buy an expensive vacuum system.

This is a pretty standard high pressure sales technique using a bunch of kids as spotters. In in a local case: “Hi, is the lady of the house home? We provide free carpet cleaning and then get points for a free trip to Hawaii”. - After the neighbor says ‘yes’, then comes: “We have one more appointment - we will be back in 20 minutes” - At that time the high pressure sales-person appears.

If anyone sees this kind of activity, please share that they can call the Monterey PD at 646-3914 if they feel pressured and cannot get rid of them.

2014 Neighborhood Improvement Projects -

The following is a list of NIP projects that will have an impact on our neighborhood. If you have a favorite project or think a specific project should be a priority, please call one of your board members and/or attend the NIP meeting on April 10.

	TITLE	COST
NM-1	Irving 800 Widening	425K
NM-3	Laine 300 Widening	405K
NM-5	Prescott/David Radar Speed Signs (3)	45K
NM-6	Drake Belden Open Space	345K
NM-7	Belden 300 Widening	420K
NM-8	David Open Space	305K
NM-10	Cannery Worker Shacks	27K
NM-11	Presidio Historic Park Stables, PH I	25K
NM-12	Presidio Pathway to Serra Monument	155K
NM-13	Presidio Child Care Ctr Paint & Playgrd Gates	60K - 260K
NM-14	Hilltop Park Security Lights	19K
NM-15	Hilltop Park Renovation (Benches/tables/BBQs)	15K - 30K
NM-16	Taylor Walkway ADA Upgrade (6 dws, roots)	40K

NM-17	Archer Park Retaining Wall & Fence Repair	20K - 25K
NM-18	Foam Lighthouse Landscaping	25K
NM-19	Rec Trail Beautification Project: Plaza	70K
CW-8	Rec Trail (Wharf to Prescott) walkway repair	30K
CW-9	San Carlos Beach Sidewalk/Step Repair	125K
CW-10	Shoreline Park Relandscaping	30K
CW-15	Fire Station 2 Window Replacement	45K
CW-28	Hilltop & Via Paraiso Tennis Ct Resurfacing	18K - 20K
CW-29	Sister City Park Signage & Beautification	10K - 15K
CW-34	Bicycle Lane Improvements (David thru POM, Wave St)	100K

IMPORTANT DATES:

MONDAY, April 14
NMNA meeting 7 PM at Hilltop Center

THURSDAY, April 17 - Support the Library!
From 4 - 9 PM enjoy great food at PIZZA MY HEART at 660 Del Monte Center and 30% of you purchase goes to the Library. Just be sure to say you are supporting the Monterey City Library.



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