

### **JULY 11 MONTHLY MEETING**

Officer Amy Groner or one of the Community Action Team members plans to attend our meeting this month. If you have an issue with which you need some help, plan to come or you may email Amy directly at [groner@monterey.org](mailto:groner@monterey.org). Neighbors who have reached out are seeing success already.

**Monday, July 11** (2<sup>nd</sup> Monday each month)

**Hilltop Park Center** (downstairs)

**7 pm**

We will be discussing Lighthouse Specific Plan to hear your thoughts about issues you want mentioned at the Planning Commission's July 26 meeting.

### **LIGHTHOUSE SPECIFIC PLAN**

The Planning Commission got their first look at the Lighthouse Specific Plan June 28. As many as ten people spoke on various topics. Commissioners and public supported continuing the hearing to **July 26** to give additional time to read the latest draft.

To read for yourself what the document contains, go to "City of Monterey Lighthouse Specific Plan" online, then click on the blue link: [Draft Lighthouse Area Specific Plan – June 2016](#)

NMNA will develop a list of policy questions and comments at our July 11 meeting.

### **BAY VIEW CAMPUS CHANGES**

As Trinity High School begins moving into the Bay View School buildings, there are plans afoot to modify the chain link fencing that MPUSD installed after Bay View School was closed. At Trinity High School's request, MPUSD will be opening up half of the lower asphalt area and creating a passage way from the foot of the ramp to allow easy access from lower to upper playground areas. Gates on Hoffman and Laine will be open for public access after school hours, on weekends and holidays.

Because some dog owners fail to clean up after their dogs, no dogs will be allowed on campus once school resumes August 16.

### **DOG PARK AT ARCHER PARK?**

There are fewer people (if any) playing baseball at Archer Park while the number of dog owners coming to the park to allow their dogs to play has greatly increased. Parks staff and neighborhood are exploring whether fencing off half of the grass area at Archer Park and allowing dogs to run and play off-leash is a good alternative use of the space.

In the next 6 weeks, neighbors a block in each direction from the park will be asked their opinions. If the response is favorable, the request to approve that use will be taken to Parks & Recreation Commission in September.

If you wish to express your opinion, you may email Sharon Dwight at [ddwight@redshift.com](mailto:ddwight@redshift.com).

### **WHAT IS ONE TO DO?**

A neighbor asked last week about something that had happened to her. She went outside and found a dead mother deer and her two fawns in her front yard. She called the police, then the SPCA. Because the animal was on private property, the property owner is technically responsible. SPCA charged her \$200+ to remove it.

As unlikely as it may seem, should this happen to you, call Police Dispatch at 646-3914 and ask for Community Service/Animal Control Officer Scott Collier. He will help you - and you'll likely avoid the cost of removal.

### **PARKS MASTER PLAN**

The Parks and Recreation Commission will hold one more meeting to discuss the draft Parks Master Plan **July 25** before sending it on to City Council for final approval. Unlike the current plan, it has broad policy statements and looks at needs citywide instead of neighborhood by neighborhood. The inventory of needed repairs and upgrades to parks and park centers is quite detailed.

Take a look: search for "City of Monterey Parks Master Plan", then select the Master Plan, Appendix A, or the Existing Conditions Report.



View from corner of Cannery Row/Hoffman St.  
 The Center for Ocean Education & Leadership  
 625 Cannery Row, Monterey CA



Monterey Bay Aquarium

**AQUARIUM BUILDING APPROVED**

Coming to Cannery Row district in the near future is the building you see above, The Monterey Bay Aquarium’s Center for Ocean Education & Leadership. It will replace one of the two commercial buildings at the foot of Hoffman. The connecting bridge will be removed.

NMNA asked about parking for this partially-four-story building which includes offices for 35 employees and will teach up to 8 bus-loads of students daily. It is expected that as many as 20 parent vehicles will deliver and pick up local students at any given time. The project provides no parking spaces. The neighborhood was told that the Cannery Row plan allows it.

**Parking impacts** Neighbors on Archer and Spencer Streets have begun to join those on Laine and Belden who are complaining about more employees and visitors parking on their streets. Pressure is building for the City to be more proactive protecting residents from business-related parking by creating a Resident-only Parking zone. [Vancouver, BC actually tows vehicles that have no permits.]

**TRAFFIC UPDATE**

- The City’s sidewalk repair contract that has required closing of one travel lane on Lighthouse Avenue this week will move to side streets, beginning July 11.
- Closure of one travel lane on the bay side of Lighthouse for utility and service connections to 230 Lighthouse will end about the same time.
- Hwy 68 Roundabout Prep work – such as tree removals and PG&E’s undergrounding of utilities – will continue through July and most of August.  
 Construction work with a single lane of traffic open is to start the last week of August.

Should you need to contact one of the board members to ask a question or raise an issue for discussion, here’s the **2016 NMNA BOARD**

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