



NEW MONTEREY

Neighborhood ASSOCIATION

New Monterey Neighborhood Association Board Meeting Minutes 21 September, 2006

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Bruce Crist, Barbara Evans, Bob Evans, Robert Wemheuer

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joanne Kelly, Nancy Runyon

GUESTS: none

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. The meeting was a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Association called primarily to discuss preparations for the 9 October Candidate forum.

Candidate Forum

The Board agreed upon the following items.

- Bruce Crist will moderate and Robert Wemheuer will be the timer.
- Robert will give candidates time limit warnings with 30 and 15 seconds remaining and will indicate when time has expired.
- Bob has created signs for “Begin”, “30 seconds”, “15 seconds” and “stop”.
- Each candidate will be seated at a card table.
- Audience chairs will be in lines that run parallel with the overhead fluorescent lights and will face the windows.
- The timing of the event will be as follows.
- It will start promptly at 7 p.m.
- Bob will introduce the event and state the timing rules.
- He will introduce the candidates by name and title/description only, i.e., no background information.
- The candidates will be asked to make an opening statement the length of which is not to exceed two minutes.
- Following the last candidate’s opening statement, Bruce will start the question/answer process.
- It is anticipated that Bruce will take no more than 30 seconds to ask a question.
- Each candidate will be given 1 _ minutes to answer each question.
- At the end of the question/answer session, each candidate will have the opportunity to make a closing statement the length of which is not to exceed three minutes.
- Following the closing statements, the candidates and audience will have time to mingle. The Board estimates that there will be approximately 20 minutes of mingling time.
- The order of candidates answer questions will be rotated by Bruce in accordance with a written list that ensures that each candidate has the opportunity to be the first to address at least one question.

- The forum will be video recorded by Hebard Olsen who, together with Bob Evans will edit the recording. The recording will be shown on local channel 24, Access Monterey Peninsula.
- No additional sound system will be rented as, based upon experience, Bob and Barbara Evans believe that Hebard's equipment is sufficient to do a good job of capturing the appropriate audio.
- Bob will prepare a one-page handout of candidate contact information so that attendees will be able to follow up with candidates on questions and concerns.
- The candidates will be provided with bottled water and cups.
- Bob and Robert will start setting up the room at 5:30 p.m.
- Hebard will start setting up his equipment no later than 6:30 p.m.

Letters to Mayor Albert

The Board considered two letters to Mayor Albert and the City Council regarding 1) NMNA's participation in planning for the City's possible acquisition of the Coast Guard property bordered by Foam Street, Reeside Street and Lighthouse Avenue and 2) the orange pylon median barrier at Lighthouse Avenue and Private Bolio Road. After discussion, the Board agreed upon the content of the letters and authorized Bob to send the letters. Copies of the letters are attached to these minutes.

Condominium conversion

The Board briefly discussed the proposed conversion of an apartment complex at 585 Laine Street to condominiums. Board members felt that the following issues need to be considered.

- Parking
- Impact on housing stock
- Impact on workforce housing stock
- Transportation
- Speculators
- Vacation rentals

Massage Studio

A massage studio is proposed to be operated on the second floor of 763 Lighthouse Avenue. Bruce advised the Board that the NMBA Board is quite interested in whether this business is appropriate for the business district. The sense of the NMNA Board is that further information is needed to evaluate the matter. The Board is clear that it believes that it would be quite helpful to a positive view of the business if all of the masseuses are properly licensed Certified Massage Therapists (CMTs).

Other information that is of interest to the board includes

- The number of employees (overall and per shift),
- The entrance to the business,
- Customer parking availability, and
- Hours of operation.

Proposed by-law change

The Board discussed the proposed by-law change that would elevate the NIP representative position to a Board member position. The Board members continue their unanimous support of the proposal. The Board members recognise the need to get more NMNA members actively aware of the matter.

Area Plan Study

The Board briefly discussed the Area Plan review project. Robert indicated that he wanted to push the Area Planning process forward after or in conjunction with the New Monterey traffic study that has been funded by the NIP program. The need to conduct a neighborhood wide survey to update the Area Plan was also discussed. Bob will provide Robert with a copy of the questionnaire that was used in conjunction with the existing Area Plan. This item will require further discussion after the City has contracted for the NM traffic study.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted
Bruce Crist
Secretary