

## **NEW MONTEREY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**

**MEETING DECEMBER 12, 2011**

### **MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order by President Fosler at 7:02pm.

Board Members present: R Evans, S Dwight, B Crist, H Fosler

Board Members absent: B Evans (unexcused) A Albin (excused)

Fosler introduced the two audience members who both have offered to run for the board at the next election. Bill Whipple introduced himself and indicated he had been on the board years ago before resigning to take a more active role at Bay View School while his daughter attended there. He is now able to become involved in community affairs by running for the board. He mentioned he has a bit of a conflict because the band he belongs to practices every Monday night and there may be times when he could not attend a board meeting.

Jeffrey Park indicated he was interested in participating in the association namely to provide his extensive expertise in producing the newsletter. He serves on the board of the Lighthouse Business District Association.

NEW BUSINESS was opened with a brief review of the agenda for the forthcoming Annual Meeting.

Dwight objected to the scheduled guest speaker, but was unable to suggest an alternative. Crist suggested a line of questioning and Fosler mentioned he had asked the speaker, Mr Fred Meuer, to address the future of the City as it emerges from the recession, but will add Crist's suggestion.

A list of accomplishments, such as they are, will be presented and a NIP presentation will be given by Dwight.

The slate of candidates for the 2012 board will be B Crist, R Evans, H Fosler, J Park and B Whipple.

Dwight noted that she was already appointed to the 2012 board in September when she was made the NIP Representative for next year. B Evans chose not to run again. No response was received from A Albin concerning her intentions. Fosler said he did not care to be president again after having served three terms.

Fosler noted that new police chief Phil Penko will be our guest speaker in February. Dwight asked if we could get Cole and Ruhnke back to discuss development of Lighthouse and Del Monte Avenues.

No other items were mentioned.

OLD BUSINESS opened with Fosler saying traffic was inadvertently left on the agenda from last month. In light of Dwight's interest he will pursue having further discussions with City representatives at board meetings early next year.

Fosler noted that the 7-11 Committee Report concerning disposition of three MPUSD properties was to be presented to the MPUSD board tonight. Of interest to our community is the future of the Bay View campus which has been declared surplus. He said the report would strongly suggest that the property not be sold, but kept in anticipation of future demographic requirements. Meanwhile, the report requests that the property be used for educational purposes with conditions that favor the mission of the District, namely educating children, he said. Dwight and Crist requested that a letter be sent immediately saying the Association strongly supports that view. Crist went further to say a presence at the Planning Commission and City Council should back up that belief. Dwight strongly concurred. Fosler mentioned that the Report already has that position clearly stated and suggested that we wait for the next development. Evans said there were several charter schools considering the site. Dwight said we need to lock in the zoning now so there is no question about future uses.

It was decided that we would send a letter to the City affirming our desire to have the site zoned exclusively for a school as we believe it is now. Fosler will confirm with Meuer before writing letter. As far as a letter stating our position on the future of Bay View is concerned, we will wait briefly until we learn the outcome of tonight's meeting and the results that develop. There is little to keep the District from selling the property. We must make it clear we do not want this outcome.

REPORTS from various departments followed, first by approving the November minutes. Evans and Fosler said they believe all past minutes are now approved and posted on our website.

The Treasurer's report was presented. Dwight questioned and objected to the \$40 expenditure for production of the October newsletter. Fosler explained it paid for expertise that was volunteered in the past, that he did not have, and was therefore compelled to hire it. Dwight said she would have done it free if asked. Fosler said he had asked for months for assistance with no response. Further debate was eventually obviated when Park suggested he could take care of production hereafter, thus eliminating the expense. The report was accepted and approved.

The NIP report from Dwight indicated traffic calming efforts were moving along for David and Prescott Avenues. David will get a revised design for the crosswalk at Terry and a median strip, now under way. And Prescott may get bumped curbs at Parcel. Additionally, landscaping treatment is under development at the curve at Dividero.

CERT now has 100 newly trained members. New Monterey has 15 active members with perhaps 10 more available in a crisis. An interesting speaker will be here in March to address medical issues endemic to crisis.

Bay View campus is covered above.

Fosler asked if we want a representative from the airport to address the association. Some discussion followed concerning developments there, such as the new taxi plan, new runway lighting and the availability now of a new landing guidance system that allows for a greater degree of descent. The board found this to be insufficiently interesting to warrant a speaker at this time.

Nothing newsworthy was reported from the business community.

Mention was made that the City Council will hear reports from various departments concerning their activities this year and their outlook for next year at a meeting December 15.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:35pm.

Respectfully submitted by Howard Fosler, acting secretary