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Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2011
4:00 pm ~ 1469 East Valley Road
APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Aptaker, Atwill, Bollay, Cook, Denson, Kent, Kern, Petersen,
Schleck, Short, Sinsler, van Duinwyk, von Wittenburg

Absent: Colin, Nordlund, Weider

I. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

II. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda – Kellam de Forest reported that a recent MBAR project for the Summit Road property where the Bartlett water tower is located will include refurbishing of the tower and garage/stable structure. Another MBAR item involving a portion of the former McCormick estate will retain an important cloverleaf landscape feature. 880 Picacho project continues to propose teardown of 1931 Spanish Revival home.

III. Approval of Minutes ~ June 14, 2011 – von Wittenburg/Kent, unanimous.

IV. Community Reports

Kevin Wallace, MFPD – Wallace reports that both stations will be sites for safe abandonment of newborns under a State program. MFPD responded on a fire downtown on De la Vina. About 1,200 pancake breakfasts were served on the 4th of July. Carbon monoxide detectors are now required to be installed in all residences.

Rob Stuva, CHP – The Uhaul storage container/art piece was moved off Middle Road and will be removed from the property in a couple of weeks. The CHP has issued many speeding and cell phone citations during the last month and recorded 24 collisions in the area.

Tammy Murphy, Montecito Union School – MUS continues to welcome more families to the school. She thanked the Association for hosting the Village 4th celebration and looks forward to having a MUS float in the future. MUS facilities planning group will meet on September 28, 8:30-3. Cindy Feinberg offered to attend on behalf of the Association.

V. President's Docket

Meeting with Supervisor Carbajal – Supervisor Carbajal introduced 5th District Supervisor Larry Lavagnino to Montecito last Tuesday. The intended tour was cut short because of a lengthy Board meeting but a dinner meeting was a success.

Meeting with Caltrans – The Associations request to evaluate alternatives to the 101 HOV project that retain left hand ramps was

not well received by Caltrans. We are continuing to work on other solutions.

VI. Conference Agenda

Appoint Cindy Feinberg to the Board of Directors to Serve the Remainder of the term of Darlene Bierig - Dave Kent, Chair of 2010 nominating committee announced that the committee recommends that Cindy Feinberg be appointed to fill the remaining term (to January 2013). MSC, Kent/van Duinwyk, unanimous (Sinsler abstained).

Ratify Proposed Policies and Procedures for Volunteers and Staff of the Montecito Association History Office – Atwill introduced item. Von Wittenburg had typographical changes. Sinsler recommends a fixed cost for copies. Thoroughness of document was acknowledged. MSC. Sinsler/von Wittenburg, unanimous.

VII. Committee Reports

Land Use – Kent reported that the committee received a presentation on the proposal for the Turk Hessellund property on Coast Village Road. Project is mixed use, with a restaurant, office space, two townhouses. Project is within the City of Santa Barbara but will be subject to coordinated review process established by the city and county. The committee provided generally positive comments. Other project of interest is a Fernald Point project that includes a lot merger and development of a new residence that would be 69% in excess of the maximum floor area described in the Architectural Guidelines. We have proposed a date of August 8 for a community forum regarding the YMCA. The Y has agreed to the date, are unable to erect story poles prior to the forum and they would like the meeting at the Y. Kent will further discuss the location with them.

Community Services – Cook is continuing to work on issue of vegetation in the road right-of-way on Sinaloa. He is also dealing with a neighbor issue regarding mowing and mulching that is creating a nuisance.

History – Atwill and Gregston reported on volunteer efforts. David Myrick and Pat Gebhard send greetings. Office has a wish list of items they could use that Elisa will email to board members. Gregston acknowledged volunteer Susan Robles efforts on the policies and procedures document.

Publicity and Communications – Schleck reports that gallery.montecitoassociation.org is now available for people to upload their photos onto our website. Committee prepared a press release about smart meters earlier in the month that was picked up. The committee will also help get word out on the YMCA forum.

Beautification Day will be on Saturday, November 5. The committee's first meeting will be held on Aug. 17 at 4pm at Lotusland. Everyone is invited to attend.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Sinsler reported on membership numbers and revenue. Cook suggests that membership committee get together to plan further efforts and select a new chair. Directors want to know what the response was their notes on the previous mailing. Greene noted that we are continuing to receive memberships from that mailing and will provide results to board members.

IX. Executive Director's Report – We have been invited to have a table a Montecito Union's back to school day on August 17. Several volunteers are needed to participate. Greene attended a planning for Coastal Cleanup Day/Creek Week and has suggested that the Association participate by sponsoring cleanup of Butterfly Beach as part of Coastal Cleanup Day on September 17. Would also like to host a Creek Week event such as a walk on a Montecito creek with a naturalist/biologist. Other ideas are also invited.

X. New Business – Short stated that Nordlund would like the Board to provide a blanket authorization that would allow him and the Transportation Subcommittee to make the contacts necessary to lobby for alternatives to the proposed 101 HOV project. After discussion, Petersen

moved to allow the Transportation Subcommittee to pursue the best plan for the 101 HOV project with the guideline that it is pursuing alternatives with the least impact on Montecito and that will minimize costs, with the proviso that Subcommittee brings a report back to the Board next month. Kent second, unanimous.

XI. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 4 PM

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