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**Board Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 8, 2011**  
**4:00 pm ~ 1469 East Valley Road**

**APPROVED MINUTES**

Present: Aptaker, Atwill, Colin, Cook, Denson, Feinberg, Kent, Kern, Nordlund, Petersen, Schleck, Sinsler, van Duinwyk, von Wittenburg  
Absent: Bollay, Short, Weider

**I. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum**

President Nordlund called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

**II. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda**

Martha Siegel, Montecito resident, thanked the Association for hosting the informative meeting of home owner association representatives.

**III. Approval of Minutes ~ October 11, 2011**

MSC von Wittenburg/Denson, Abstained: Cook and Kent.

**IV. Community Reports**

*Kevin Wallace, MFPD*, Movember for men's cancer awareness has begun. The Santa Maria air tanker base has been returned to full service. MERRAG received a satellite phone system donation and will work with the department in its operation. In response to a question about a change to the number of directors on the MFPD board, Wallace explained that they are discussing increasing the board size from 3 to 5 and that after some further procedural steps, it will probably be on the ballot in November of 2012.

*Kelly Moore, Sheriff*, burglaries from vehicles are increasing, especially at trail heads. Valuable items and purses should not be left in vehicles. The department is seeking a location for no cost office space in Montecito. Greene noted the availability of a desk in the Association's office.

*Gregg Hart, SBCAG*, reported on progress of the ongoing Highway 101 project, estimated the project will be completed by April 2012. Caltrans will hold informational meetings next week to provide an overview of the 101 HOV project.

*Rob Stuva, CHP*, the department is deploying the speed radar trailer throughout the community. Parking issues along the highway right of way and county easement were commented on. Reported on traffic violation citations issued in the past month.

*Tammy Murphy, MUS*, noted an increased enrollment of 460 students.

*Tricia Price, Cold Spring School*, first annual Grandparents Day will be held November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Commended the Association for another successful Beautification Day.

**V. President's Docket**

*Homeowners Associations Meeting* - Nordlund reported on the summit attended by about twenty-five homeowner association and neighborhood organization representatives. They heard presentations from community leaders and Supervisor Carbajal.

*Beautification Day* – Nordlund informed of the event's success and commended Denson's hard work in making the event happen.

**VI. Conference Agenda**

*Approve Appointments to the Officer Nominating Committee* – Cook, Petersen, van Duinwyk, MSC Atwill/Colin, unanimous.

**VII. Committee Reports**

*Land Use* - Kent reported on SCE's presentation regarding tree trimming along their power lines. The work is focused on safety concerns without regard to aesthetics or tree health. We will include information regarding this work on our website. SCE also noted that hanging banner from power poles is not allowed. MFPD presented further changes to the design of Fire Station 3. The changes address many of the committee's comments. The Association commented to P&D staff requesting denial of the permit for the project at 1496 E. Mountain Drive. Nonetheless, the permit has been approved and adjacent neighbors are planning to appeal. We will develop comments to the Montecito Planning Commission regarding the appeals. Kellam de Forest commented on lot access for this project.

*Beautification* – Denson commended Fire District staff and all the volunteers for another successful Beautification Day. A smaller project is being worked on for the island in front of Casa Dorinda. The committee, Sup. Carbajal's office, and Montecito Community Foundation are working together on a proposed project to improve the Four Corners and plant a new holiday tree in Upper Manning Park.

*Community Services* - Cook reported on a flood light issue on a home off of East Mountain Drive. Live Oak Road homemade parking sign issue is being addressed with assistance from the Sheriff's department.

*History* – Atwill advised the committee will be meeting to review a potential site to relocate history office. The committee is soliciting for donations to purchase and install a plaque in memoriam of David Myrick. Dedicated History Committee office volunteer Patricia Gebhard passed away.

*Publicity and Communications* - Schleck and Greene gave a presentation of the upcoming revised website which is expected to go live later in November.

**VIII. Treasurer's Report** – Sinsler reported on current finances. The recommended budget for 2012 is under review by the Executive Committee.

**IX. Executive Director's Report** – Greene reported on office activities, including staff participation in Beautification Day, and election mailing preparation.

**X. New Business** - None

**XI. Adjournment** – The meeting adjourned at 5:11 PM.