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Board Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
4:00 pm ~ 1469 East Valley Road

APPROVED MINUTES

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

Gail Marshall, Camp 4 Coalition for Good Governance, provided background on the coalition formed to educate county residents about issues presented by the Chumash proposal to annex 1,400 acres of non-contiguous land to the reservation. Concerns are described in the Coalition paper that was provided to Board members and include the loss of local land use control, tax revenues and development fees. Marshall requested that the Association join the coalition.

The new executive director of Casa Dorinda, Ron Shaefer, was introduced to the audience and board. Shaefer stated he looks forward to future participation with the community and Association.

Dana Newquist presented a donation for Beautification Day on behalf of The Coeta and Donald Barker Foundation. Announced the tree in memory of Donald and Helen Hathaway will be planted on Thursday, December 21st in Upper Manning Park.

Dick Thielscher provided an update on the Santa Barbara Land Trust's acquisition of the Hot Springs Canyon property, the organization is near reaching their fundraising goal.

III. Approval of Minutes ~ November 8, 2011

MSC Sinsler/von Wittenburg, unanimous.

IV. Community Reports

Tammy Murphy, MUS, informed the school will be hosting a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new San Ysidro Road pathway on January 11 between 8:00 and 8:30 AM. Meetings are now in process with contractors and designers for the school's facility planning. A safety concern pertaining to a portion of the new path was discussed.

Kelly Moore, Sheriff, informed car break-ins are continuing at trailheads and beaches. Addressed concerns of parking safety on San Ysidro Road just above East Valley Road.

Gregg Hart, SBCAG, Caltrans' public meetings for the 101 HOV project were well attended with over one hundred people at the Montecito meeting. Construction of the current project is on schedule with the exception of a slight delay in the Salinas off-ramp work. The second phase of the 101 widening starting in Ventura was bid at \$50 million less than budgeted. These savings could help to fund the Linden Street bridge and the commuter rail program.

Terry McElwee, Operations Chief, MFPD, Movember was a great success, thanked the community for its support. State Responsibility Area (for fire protection) fee legislation is moving forward despite a lobby against it. This would result in a fee or tax on property located above Highway 192. Reported on a November 30th call to extinguish a trailer fire near Westmont. Fire Stations 1 and 2 are holding a Toys for Tot donation program this holiday season.

V. President's Docket

Nordlund introduced managing director Susan Rogers and wealth management consultant Linda Cheresh of The Private Client Reserve of U.S. Bank. US Bank generously funded work to update the Association's website site. Cheresh described the bank, the client reserve and the of the work the bank does within the community. Rogers provided information on the resources the bank provides its clients and sponsorship of the Association's updated website.

Dana Newquist reported on his meeting with David Myrick's trustee. Mr. Myrick's will includes a bequest of documents to the Montecito Association History Committee via the Montecito Community Foundation. He also read a document describing a bequest to be used to establish a non-profit entity apart from the Association's History Committee to house David Myrick's archives. It is unclear how these two documents will be reconciled. Newquist has been researching potential locations that could house the materials. Gregston, History Committee curator, commented this new organization would not be competing with the History Committee but has the potential to be a repository of other collections in addition to the Myrick collection.

VI. Conference Agenda

Consider Comments to the YMCA Regarding the Proposed Expansion Project - Kent provided background on the Land Use Committee's review of the project. The Land Use Committee recommends that the Association send a letter to the YMCA station our concerns regarding the plans presented, with copies to Supervisor Carbajal and Planning and Development. Revisions to the letter proposed by van Duinwyk were reviewed. Short suggested the letter should focus on the gymnasium, parking, and traffic issues. van Duinwyk surmised that experienced architects on the Association board could provide valuable guidance to the project's designers to maintain a semi-rural character. Atwill inquired on the conditional use permit status, Greene clarified that the YMCA must obtain approval of a revised conditional use permit from the Montecito Planning Commission and that the project is subject to environmental review. MSC to send the letter as revised Kent/van Duinwyk, (16-1, Short opposed).

Consider Comments to the MPC Regarding the Appeal of the Land Use Permit Approval for 1496 E. Mountain Drive – Greene provided background on the proposed project. Appeals of the land use permit and design review approvals have been filed by neighbors to the project. The Land Use Committee has recommended that the Board send a letter to the MPC requesting that the appeals be granted for the reasons set forth in the letter. MSC von Wittenburg/Short, unanimous.

Appoint Election Judges and Set 2012 Ballot Counting for 11 AM December 15, 2011, Montecito Hall – Judges Dick Thielscher, Robert Meghreblian, and Elisa Atwill were appointed by acclamation. Sinsler asked about officer nominations so van Duinwyk provided the names of officers to be proposed to the 2012 board: Nordlund President; Short First Vice President; Kent Second Vice President; Petersen Secretary; and Kern Treasurer.

VII. Committee Reports

Land Use – Kent reported on the committee's discussion of MBAR membership and term limits, and a community desire to seek new members. He noted a project at 942 Hot Springs where a 9,000 sq. ft, two-story, eight bedroom home and large basement is proposed. The house is 14% over floor to area ratio recommendations, and the existing residence would be demolished. Kent feels it is important to uphold the recommended FARs.

Community Services – Cook provided information on a couple of issues which are being addressed. One in which storage containers are being kept on a property on East Valley Road, not in compliance with county codes. A letter has been sent to owner on record with no response, alternative avenues are being looked into to address the matter. The issue of stadium lights on a home on above East Mountain Drive was addressed and has been corrected.

History – Atwill reported 121 guests visited the history office this past year and 390 volunteer hours were logged. Marion Gregston advised files have been indexed and clean-up of the office and digitizing of audio cassettes is anticipated in the coming year.

Publicity and Communications – Schleck informed the revised site is now active. The Association will be sending notification out to the membership, community, and organizations of the launch of the new site, including availability of a community calendar.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Sinsler reported on current finances. Provided a proposed budget for 2012 will be considered by the Board at the first meeting of 2012.

IX. Executive Director's Report – Greene advised the year-end letter and annual meeting agenda mailing is upcoming. The Association office will be closed from December 26-January 2 and we will be retrieving messages and emails.

X. New Business – Kent suggested further discussion of the Camp 4 Coalition's request. Following discussion there appeared to be consensus to join the coalition. MSC Short/Sinsler, to join and support the coalition, unanimous.

XI. Adjournment - The meeting adjourned at 5:40pm.