MENLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes

June 13, 2019

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| **ITEM** | **ACTIONS** |
| **Board Members present** | **Zach Yentzer-President, Wendy Sterner-Vice President, Raul Ramirez-Vice President, Isabel Doe-Treasurer, Liza M. Grant-Secretary, Steve Brown-Parliamentarian, and Matt Perry-Historian** |
| **Introductions** | Board members were introduced to the attendees. Attendees and special guests introduced themselves to the group. |
| **May Minutes** | May minutes were accepted without objection. |
| **Treasurer’s report by Isabel Doe** | There is a balance of $422.69 in the MPNA account, after donations to San Ysidro Fiesta, Día De San Juan, and t-shirt costs. Zach informed the group that once 20 t-shirts are sold, the remainder of the t-shirt sales are “profit” to go back into the MPNA account. |
| **Conversation with Caterpillar (per the Agenda)** | Caterpillar was not able to send the “right person” to address the neighborhood’s concerns which included:  - Opening and Relocated Employees update  - Parking opportunities and Traffic mitigation  - Opportunities for collaboration with neighborhood  - Update on historical elements in building design  Zach reported that there was a promise by Caterpillar to have that person at our July meeting.  There was concern expressed regarding the amount of community inclusion that the company would engage in. Zach reported that there was a Corporate Social Responsibility committee. |
| **Bylaws Review and Amendment by Raul Ramirez** | Raul presented changes that include the following:  -Since there were 2 Vice-Presidents elected the By-Laws need to reflect that change. This also means that there is a change in the Quorum necessary for votes on issues to occur-from 5 voting members to 6, to include 4 officers.  -Special Meetings require 72-hour notification, via email  -Executive Committee will meet 2 weeks before the regular meeting and will set the agenda for the regular meeting.  -Fiscal responsibility-any withdrawal over $100 will require 2 signers which include the Treasurer and the President or a Vice-President.  Gene motioned to pass the Amendments as presented. Stan seconded the motion which passed with no objection. |
| **Menlo Park Planning and Preservation Investment Proposal by Zach Yentzer** | Zach reported that T-Mobile placed the cell tower in the northeast corner of Menlo Park on 11-09-17. We opted to receive the rent money in one sum which netted us $75K for potential improvements. However, Proposition 407 provides for Park improvements.  The following are options for the $75K from the cell tower:  1. Use a portion to pay for the Neighborhood Plan. Such a plan would be useful to protect the many interests of our neighborhood.  2. Use a portion to pay for the process of obtaining “non-profit” status so that we can apply for grants.  3. Use a portion to pay to map our historic areas for Historic Preservation costs.  Nathalia Untiveros from Ward 1 office reported on the process of accessing and prioritizing funding from Prop. 407. We have a Children, Youth, and Families committee that could work on the Park issues (see Wendy to become a member of the committee). The MPNA, along with Ward 1 needs to make a special request to meet with the Bond Oversight Committee (BOC) in order to change the improvements listed in each of 3 Phases. The 3 Phase plan is available on the Parks and Recs. website. The primary criteria for change would focus on safety. The BOC has not met yet but will be ready to take requests to meet with neighborhoods soon.  Stan moved to accept the 3 proposed uses of the $75K from the cell tower. Gilbert seconded the motion that passed without opposition. |
| **Día De San Juan report by Liza Grant** | Dia De San Juan committee will meet next Tuesday the 21st at the Pima County Housing Center. A call for volunteers was made. An email will follow up with the request for volunteers for this uniquely Menlo Park Fiesta. |
| **Call To The Audience** | Karen Green updated all the happenings at the Main Pima Public Library which included: Passing out calendars, informing the group that this Saturday there would be local poets, and that the library is an official “cooling center” for the summer.  Zach reported that the Barrio Coalition will host a Primary Forum at El Rio Neighborhood Center on June 22, 12:00 to 2:30PM for Ward 1 and Mayoral candidates which will focus on gentrification. On July 13 from 10AM-2PM there will be a “speed dating” forum at the YWCA which can be live streamed. |
| **Adjournment** | Stan motioned to adjourn meeting. Gigi seconded the motion that passed without objection. |
| **Next Meeting** | **July 11, 2019** |