

MENLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes

December 13, 2018

ITEM	ACTIONS
Board Members present	Zach Yentzer-President, Wendy Sterner-Vice President, Raul Ramirez-Vice President, 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.
November Minutes	Stanley motioned to accept the minutes. Wendy seconded the motion to accept the minutes. The motion passed by majority vote with the correction that Monier will have "148" parking spaces and not "12".
Treasurer's Report by Zach Yentzer	\$966.47 balance in MPNA account after monthly fees and proving \$150 to the Sentinel Plaza senior living center for Thanksgiving celebration.
Transportation and Traffic Calming Discussion with Steve Arnquist, Ward 1 office representative, and Adam Weinstein, CEO Gadsen and Park Tucson representative	<p>Steve reported that the next traffic count is scheduled for January 15,16, and 17, 2019. Results should be ready 01-25-19 at the latest. Areas of concern for the traffic count were identified to Steve as;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Grande/Mission to Cushing 2.Grande/Congress to Speedway 3.Grande/Congress to Cuesta <p>with additional areas identified as</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4.Congress in front of MSA 5.Cushing, east of traffic circle <p>Adam reported that traffic studies were done in development of MSA but did not account for the future development and quickly increasing density to the area. Egress and Ingress issues with Caterpillar traffic did not account for Cushing/Mission/Grande/Congress traffic when there was a projected 500 employees;now there will be 850 employees! Signage, striping, and signaling efforts are of utmost importance.</p> <p>Underground residential development parking has been planned for to alleviate street parking as well as 350 underground spaces for commercial development. There will be charges for garage parking and metered spaces in the public domain.</p> <p>Zach proposed a Call To Action: Sign up for the MPNA Traffic Committee. Adam will regularly be part of the committee.</p>
Santa Cruz River Dredging/Restoration and A Mountain Landfill Update by Zack Yentzer	<p>Zach reported MPNA submitted a letter in support of the dredging to Rio Nuevo at their meeting in October. MPNA electronically submitted a Google.docs letter to Rio Nuevo with neighbors' comments and signatures to the Rio Nuevo board meeting in November. At this meeting, Flood Control , which is a division of Pima County Public Works Department presented their dredging and restoration program. The Rio Nuevo Board voted 4 to 2 to continue discussions on the disposition of the landfill.</p> <p>There seems to be serious miscommunication between stakeholders. The County Administration who has been in contact with chairman of the Rio Nuevo Board did not share Flood Control's plan for the site with the dredging material. Ward 1 office was not aware of the situation.</p> <p>Zach proposed a Call To Action: Sign up for a group within MPNA that could be a committee to resolve the "disconnect" between all concerned parties.</p>
No More Deaths update by Jeff Rheinart	Jeff informed MPNA that legal proceedings against 9 members of the group who offered humanitarian aid to immigrants will begin January 17, 2019. He reported that half of all human

	remains are found on the Cabeza Wildlife Preserve where the volunteers rendered aid. Jeff made yard signs available for neighbors to support the volunteers.
Call to the audience	<p>Karen Green from the Pima County Library reminded MPNA that the Parade of Lights would happen this Saturday as well as the monthly Poetry Circle.</p> <p>Maurice Destuet from the Ramada (previously River Park Inn), manager of the Pueblo Gem and Mineral Show, informed MPNA that he was hiring for the event, providing jobs that pay between \$10.50 and \$15.00 an hour from mid January into February in Housekeeping, Food Service, and Parking positions.</p>
Celebration-Cake and Menlo Park Stories	<p>Matt Perri provided quite an array of Menlo Park Elementary school memorabilia for the school's centennial.</p> <p>Vera and Roger brought delicious chocolate cake in celebration!</p>