

**MENLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**November 18, 2021**

| ITEM  | ACTIONS  |
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| <b>Board Members present virtual MPNA meeting</b><br><a href="mailto:menloparktucson@gmail.com">menloparktucson@gmail.com</a> | <b>Zach Yentzer-President, Wendy Sterner-Vice President, Raul Ramirez-Vice President, Liza M. Grant-Secretary, Isabel Doe-Treasurer, Steve Brown-Parliamentarian, and Anthony Nelson.</b>  |
| <b>Introductions</b>  | Board members were introduced to the attendees in-person at Menlo Park Elementary School. There were 28 neighbors in attendance at this in-person meeting. Guests included Maria Masque from The Planning Center, Rebecca Ruopp from COT Planning, Keith Bagwell, representing District 5, and Lt. Morales from TPD. |
| <b>October 2021 Minutes</b>   | The October minutes were unanimously approved with a grammatical addition, as Stan moved and Isabel seconded.  |
| <b>Treasurer’s Report—Isabel Doe</b>  | \$771.00 is bank account balance.  |

Parliamentarian Steve Brown explained the 3-step process for holding Executive Board elections per MPNA By-laws and Robert's Rules of Order:

1. Current Executive Board Officers will give annual reports:

Zach: The President who supports and guides agenda for meetings while working with Ward1 and Pima County. Besides concern for housing issues, he has been involved in safety traffic assessments, The Garden of Gethsemane renovation, and the engagement and outreach for The Neighborhood Plan, as well as fundraising through grants.

Raul: One of 2 Vice-Presidents who focused on housing and displacement in the neighborhood, as well as By-law revision to make meeting schedule changes due to the pandemic and the addition of representation. He represents Barrio Sin Nombre as a property owner.

Wendy: One of 2 Vice-Presidents who is the Chairperson of The Neighborhood Plan Committee, directly responsible for overseeing community engagement for the plan's development and working with the plan's consultant, The Planning Center. Community engagement is an ongoing task.

Liza: The Secretary who takes Minutes of each meeting and provides them to Zach for neighborhood distribution after typing them up. Her involvement includes recent participation with the Borderlands' production of West Side Stories for presentation in March 2021 at Bonita Park. Caterpillar funded a grant for the annual Día De San Juan as a neighborhood engagement event directed by her and co-hosted by MPNA and Mission Garden.

Isabel: The Treasurer who manages MPNA financial accounts. She also is involved in many neighborhood projects supporting the neighbors and the MPNA.

Anthony: The Appointed representative of Barrio Sin Nombre who is involved in outreach and engagement as a resident.

Steve: The Parliamentarian assures the MPNA follows the By-laws and Robert's Rules of Order.

Matt: The Historian provides MPNA with historical resources.

2. Steve presented the meeting history of regular monthly meetings until April 2020 when Article 4 of the by-laws were amended to allow for a change in meeting format during the pandemic, specifically to hold Zoom and "hybrid" meetings and to postpone them for safety concerns. He explained the eligibility of who may vote in the election of the Executive Board: A voting member must reside or own property in the neighborhood. One person has one vote and must be present to vote (no proxies).
3. Then "The Slate" of officers is presented to the organization as are nominations from the floor (no nominations via e-mail). Then the vote is held.

Discussion took place to postpone the election because of issues of allowing for those who do not have digital access or are new to MPNA to become familiar with issues, roles and responsibilities, and current Executive Board members. In summary:

## Annual Elections-Steve Brown

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| <p><b>TPD Report and Community Feedback-LT Belinda Morales</b></p>            | <p><b>LT Belinda Morales</b> encouraged MPNA to talk to neighbors and bring neighbors to the next neighborhood meeting ahead of the mailing.</p> <p>LT Belinda Morales reported that service calls are down 1.8%. Most of the crime is against property but is comprised mostly of larceny from cars and shoplifting. Aggravated assaults primarily occur within the homeless population. Hot spots continue to be Food City, Family Dollar, and Safeway, for aggressive panhandling. St. Mary’s Road is a target-rich corridor for crime that funds the purchase of drugs—Blues or M30’s go for \$3-\$5 a pill. She asked that those panhandling be given food or drink and not money.</p> <p>She described the 3 Phases of service to communities as Outreach, Education, and Enforcement. It was reported that an email response to a concern could be expected in 2-3 weeks to be able to contact involved teams. It was reported that there is not a gang unit per se because of the personnel shortage. However, there is a 2 officer Zebra Team. She encouraged our group to call, and not to assume someone else will call, especially with speeding. She also informed the group that one of the considerations was to perhaps move the entrance to A Mountain to Starr Pass where there are not residences or a daycare, since traffic mitigation in the neighborhood seems not to be effective.</p> <p>LT Belinda Morales Operations Division West, (520) 837-7203, (520) 589-8487, <a href="mailto:belinda.morales@tucsonaz.gov">belinda.morales@tucsonaz.gov</a>.</p> |
| <p><b>President’s Report—Zach Yentzer</b></p>                                 | <p>Caterpillar awarded \$9,000 for events in the neighborhood in the amounts of \$5,000 for Día De San Juan and \$4,000 for Mission Garden.</p> <p>Zach reported that he does not believe there is a 5G pole slated for our neighborhood, but he will investigate further.</p> <p>Kylie was asked to report on the safety study that took place in May at Congress and Grande. The study showed that besides speeding the primary issue is red-light running. A safety plan will be developed to begin a ¼ mile on either side of the intersection. (There reportedly is not enough traffic for a green-light arrow.) The closing of the Menlo Park Liquors may mitigate traffic issues. All neighbors should be vigilant at that intersection.</p>  |
| <p><b>Raffle-Wendy Sterner and Liza Grant</b></p>                             | <p>Everyone present was entered into the raffle except Executive Board members. There were 6 winners of gift cards/certificates for businesses and services in the neighborhood! The next raffle will be held at the election of the Executive Board.</p>  |
| <p><b>Neighborhood Plan Update-The Planning Center and City of Tucson</b></p> | <p>The Planning Center and the City of Tucson agreed to present at the next meeting.</p>   |
| <p><b>Call to Audience/Announcements</b></p>                                  | <p>Raul announced that the infrastructure work in Barrio Sin Nombre will begin at the end of the month and will start at Melwood. Melwood and Cushing will be closed for 6 months. There is some concern that as activities at Mission Garden increases there may be increased parking issues.</p>   |
| <p><b>Meeting Adjourned</b></p>   | <p>Stan moved and Wendy seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 PM which was unanimously approved.</p>  |
| <p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>  | <p><b>December 9, 2021 in-person at Menlo Park Elementary School Cafeteria. Masks required.</b></p>  |