

**MENLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION**  
**Meeting via Zoom**  
**November 10, 2022**

ITEM	ACTIONS
<b>Board Members present at in-person MPNA meeting</b> <a href="mailto:menloparktucson@gmail.com">menloparktucson@gmail.com</a>	<b>Kylie Walzak-President, Raul Ramirez and Anthony Nelson-Vice Presidents, Liza M. Grant-Secretary, Liz Martinez-Treasurer, and Keren Torres--member at-large.</b>
<b>Introductions</b>	An Executive Board decision was made to hold this meeting virtually since several of the Board members were exposed to someone who tested positive with COVID at the Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee meeting last night in a very small room without ventilation.  Board members were introduced to the attendees via Zoom due to increased public health concerns. All attendees introduced themselves to the group. There were 26 neighbors (including the 6 Board Members) in attendance at this meeting. Guests (3) included Flor from Ward 1, Keith Bagwell from PCBOS District 5, and Tom Fisher, project manager for the Tucson Parks and Recreation.
<b>October's 2022 Minutes</b>	October's minutes will be presented for approval next month due to Secretary obtaining a new computer and the completed minutes being lost in the transfer of information.
<b>Treasurer's Report—Liz Martinez</b>	Bank balance is \$285.95. The only transaction was the \$10monthly fee.
<b>Menlo Park update—Tom Fisher</b>	Of primary concern is the "giant sink-hole in the soccer field". The 407 bond funds (\$133 Million dollars for all city parks) are for projects over a 10-year period: Phase 1 is scheduled for 4 years and Phases 2 and 3 are scheduled for 3 years a piece. The irrigation issue was scheduled to be addressed in Phase 3 but may be moved up because of the sinkhole. The sink-hole repair may require up to 1-2 million dollars to repair. That cost may prohibit moving up the project according to Nicole who sits on the advisory committee. The cost of the sinkhole repair project may necessitate searching for state and federal funds. The following projects will be completed in Phase 1. The pool slide stairs will be replaced starting with the replacement of the concrete with fiberglass and steel frame by M. Anderson construction. It will be ready for use Summer 2023. Also ready for opening next summer will be the pool deck with repairs, resurfacing, and the slide will be polished. It was suggested that a letter from MPNA to the Parks director specify a priority if there is a difference in the Phase schedule of projects.
<b>Barrio Kroeger Lane update</b>	Last month BKL asked to expand their boundaries which would reduce MPNA boundaries; allowing BKL to stand aside MP instead of inside MP. It was brought to our attention by Rebecca Roupp with the City of Tucson, that MPNA skipped a step and post cards should have gone out to every MP resident, 15 days in advance of the meeting decision. The postcard protocol will be followed, and the vote will take place in December.
<b>Planning Center presentation</b>	The Planning Center's presentation of an interactive re-zoning case will be postponed until next month since it was not suitable for a Zoom meeting. They will utilize the prior Furr's Cafeteria lot on St. Mary's for the case study.
<b>IID issues to be discussed with MPNA</b>	The Neighborhood Plan Steering Committee met last night and was asked by representatives from Barrio Sin Nombre (BSN) to provide a formal statement on the inclusion of the parcels of the Nearmont landfill in the IID. It was agreed that the better place for such a discussion was with the full MPNA. The timing of the IID does not align with the timeline of the Neighborhood plan as well.  Anthony explained that there was \$300K left over from the recent infrastructure project which the BSN chose to spend on a family park. It was a surprise that the park area would be included in the City of Tucson's IID expansion plan. Raul indicated that It was BSN's understanding that the area of the Nearmont landfill was included in the Neighborhood Plan with the 2 priorities of maintaining open space and constructing a family park. There are 2 parcels of the landfill that will be part of the IID. The city explained that the expansion would address issues of remnant parcels. The current zoning is R-2 that would allow for affordable housing and a park. The addition of an IID would make it more desirable for development. There is a fear that the IID

	<p>would make it easier for a park not to be built. Historically, there is mistrust toward the city because of past actions taken by the city. However, the point was made that since the entire area has seen an uptick in development of residential space there will be an even larger advantage to have a park there, serving a growing community.</p> <p>Another concern is that there has been talks regarding the land going to the Tohono O’odham (TO) tribe. Flor from the Ward 1 reported that she is working with the Tohono O’odham tribe and that the tribe has rejected the land twice. The TO has no plans for housing or anything yet. There are talks with attorneys about this area. The remediated landfill is 7 acres and the proposed park areas is 1 1/2 acres of the 7.</p> <p>The size and location of the area is of concern and maps will be brought to the next meeting to look at what may become TO property. Keith Bagwell from PCBOS District 5 indicated that if the IID passes before the TO decide regarding the land they may or may not have to follow the IID. If a government entity uses the land for government purposes, they are not bound by the city to follow the IID. However, if the land is used for commercial purposes, they would be subject to code.</p> <p>It was agreed that more discussion is needed on the subject.</p>
<b>Call to Audience/Announcements</b>	<p>The Planning Commission will meet next Wednesday at 5:30 PM via Zoom. If someone wants to comment the comment must be submitted by Tuesday at 5 PM.</p> <p>Remember that the Tour De Tucson is coming up and that there will be lots of traffic and street restrictions.</p> <p>Raul asked Laura to report on the committee for the Westmoreland property. Laure reported that the committee met once and that there were so many processes to follow that more information would need to be gathered. There is concern about the wild cat dumping on that property. A suggestion was made to see if the Homeless Work Program could assist with clean up. Kylie agreed to check into it.</p> <p>It was suggested that MPNA discuss constructing a position statement on maintaining open space before the Neighborhood Plan is completed. Diana reported that Mission Garden will visit an 80 acre landfill in the Glendale that was turned into an archery field and recreation area .</p>
<b>Meeting Adjourned</b>	<p>Stanley moved and Isabel seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting which was unanimously approved.</p>
<b>Next Meeting</b>	<p><b>November 10, 2022, at the Menlo Park Elementary School at 6:00 PM</b></p>

## **Barrio Kroeger Lane boundary update continued:**

Steve Brown, the Parliamentarian, clarified the two motions made and passed at the October 13, 2022, Menlo Park Neighborhood Association Meeting concerning the boundaries of the Association. In accordance with the publicized agenda item, “Barrio Kroeger Lane Boundaries Update,” Neil Saunders, Barrio Kroeger Lane’s President, presented data supporting Barrio Kroeger Lane’s desire to officially change its boundaries, and requested approval from the membership of the Menlo Park Neighborhood Association for this change. Responding to this request necessitated two motions, in accordance with the MPNA’s Charter and Bylaws.

**The first motion** was to allow an amendment to the bylaws to redefine the boundaries of Menlo Park to match the new boundaries requested by Barrio Kroeger Lane. This motion was in accordance with Article VII (“Amendment of Bylaws”), Section 3 of the MPNA Association’s Bylaws.

### **Motion:**

“I move that we, the voting members of the MPNA assembled here, affirm that the requesters (property owners) in the area to be changed (Barrio Kroeger Lane) have met all the requirements stipulated in sections 3a through 3e of our (i.e. MPNA) Bylaws, thus enabling these Bylaws to be amended.” Motion made by Stanley and seconded by Wendy.

**Discussion:** Past and present members of the MPNA Executive Committee (EC) affirmed that this proposed change had been thoroughly discussed in prior MPNA meetings, that the change made sense, and that the EC supported the change.

**This motion passed unanimously.**

### **The second motion was to amend “Article I, Name and Boundaries” of the MPNA’s Bylaws.**

“I move that Article I of the Menlo Park Neighborhood Association Bylaws be amended to change ‘The area served by the Menlo Park Neighborhood Association is bounded as follows’ to align with the proposal and map presented by Neil Saunders on behalf of Barrio Kroeger Lane.” Motion made by Stanley, seconded by Anthony.

**Discussion:** Guided by long-time members, the history of the boundaries, including changes made to the Bylaws in 2005, was reviewed, going back to 2005, detailed by a map projected on the screen. It was explained that his motion would change the current wording of the MPNA Bylaws to the following wording:

“North: South side of St. Mary's Road from the Interstate 10 Freeway to Silverbell Road. **(no change)**  
East: Interstate 10 Freeway from the south side of St. Mary's Road to the north side of Simpson St.  
**(change from “north side of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street”)**  
South: North side of 22nd St (Starr Pass) from the Santa Cruz river to the foot of Sentinel Peak/A Mountain. .

West: Sentinel Peak/A Mountain, Tumamoc Hill to the south side of Anklam Road. East side of Silverbell Road from the junction of Anklam Road to the south side of St. Mary's Road. **(no change)**  
But not to include Panorama Estates found within our boundaries unless by mutual consent.

As of the Association Meeting held on October 13, 2022, the area known as Barrio Kroeger Lane is no longer within the boundaries of MPNA as approved by our association.

Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously (more than 2/3 of the quorum present, as required by the Bylaws).