

MENLO PARK NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
Hybrid Meeting
December 08, 2022

ITEM	ACTIONS
Board Members present at MPNA monthly meeting menloparktucson@gmail.com	Kylie Walzak-President, Raul Ramirez and Anthony Nelson-Vice Presidents, Liza M. Grant-Secretary, Liz Martinez-Treasurer, Steve Brown-Parliamentarian, Matt Perri-Historian, and Keren Torres—member at-large.
Introductions	An Executive Board decision was made to hold this meeting as a combination in-person and virtually since the Pima County transmission rate of COVID as well as RSV and Flu are “high”. Board members and attendees introduced themselves to the group. There were 37 neighbors (including the 8 Board Members) in attendance at this meeting. Guests (4) included Flor from Ward 1, Keith Bagwell from PCBOS District 5, and LT Cyndy Metchel (new TPD liaison officer), and Koren Manning (COT).
Thank you—Kylie Walzak	Kylie thanked all who brought food and treats to the meeting as well as all the “cool things” for the “sharing table”.
October’s 2022 and November’s 2022 Minutes	October’s and November’s minutes were presented for approval. The minutes were approved unanimously when Isabel moved, and Wendy seconded the motion.
Treasurer’s Report—Liz Martinez	Bank balance is \$275.95. The only transaction was the \$10 monthly fee.
Introduction: Lieutenant Cyndy Mechtel, new MPNA TPD liaison	<p>LT. Mechtel reported on personnel in the department, Westside Division: LT Morales has been assigned exclusively to the Downtown District. There will be two new Community Service Officers (CSO). Corey Doggett is the new Captain.</p> <p>TPD continues to struggle with adequate staffing, especially with a decreased pool of applicants. Chief Kazman is changing the culture of the force and engaging with more community members. Currently there are 730 officers of which there are 31 women. There is a goal to increase female officers to 30% by 2030. Retention will be the focus and expanding recruiting. Raises in salary are strongly being considered. Retention will include the commitment to the wellness and mental health of officers (especially because the suicide rate for law enforcement is very high). Current generational outlooks on careers are more of temporary employment episodes which may mean the department may need to change to a model like the military. There is the TPD Explorer program which is for teenagers that is modeled after an academy where a uniform is worn; the chain-of-command is observed; and they are exposed to community events.</p> <p>Community Service Officers (CSO) participants can be hired at age 18 and handle Call-backs, traffic complaints, and other non-emergency calls. They learn the basics of policing and often go through the academy.</p> <p>A Gang Unit was started a couple of months ago. The Bike Officer program has expanded and performs pro-active exercises such as the “Bike Bus” at Manzo Elementary School as well as specific patrols.</p> <p>Calls from business on St. Mary’s are still high from Safeway, Food City, and, the dollar store. There has been an increase in reports of street racing and burning tires in the parking lots, as well as motorcycle racing down Grande/Mission. Call 911 whenever there is trouble with these issues. It was suggested that the location of the races be emailed and that then officers could be assigned specific areas with probable times of offenses.</p> <p>Traffic calming was also addressed. Flor reported that there are speed bumps on Cedar. There is a discount that W1 can apply to them which makes the cost \$300 a piece that has to be raised by the neighborhood.</p> <p>LT. Mechtel indicated that TPD does not require officers to live in the city. If it did recruitment would be much more difficult. TPD does have a screening process to assure the officers can relate to the community they serve.</p> <p>It was suggested that money raised from MPNA fundraising events could perhaps be utilized to fund traffic mitigation efforts throughout the neighborhood.</p>
Barrio Kroeger Lane Boundaries/Discussion and Action	Last month it was brought to our attention by Rebecca Roupp with the City of Tucson, that MPNA skipped a step in October when we voted for the boundary change, and post cards should have gone out to every MP resident, 15 days in advance of the meeting decision. The

	<p>postcard protocol was followed and mailed out to neighbors in November. Steve reviewed the history of the vote and motions approving the boundary change and the change to the by-laws, using the boundary map presented by BKL. Wendy made the motion with a second from Anthony to accept the motion to amend the MPNA by-laws to change the neighborhood’s boundaries and to subsequently name the changes in the by-laws. Stan made a friendly motion, with a 2nd by Raul, to change the descriptive language of the boundaries to Standard Survey Nomenclature such that the boundaries points connect appropriately. Please see the change in language to the original motion stated on October 13, to the amended verbiage in red, on pages 3 and 4 of these Minutes.</p> <p>The friendly amendment to change the language was passed without opposition. The motion to accept the boundary changes passed unanimously.</p>
<p>Infill Incentive District/Discussion and Action</p>	<p>After many presentations and discussions at different venues it was thought that a presentation to the MPNA, with the history of BSN’s struggle to have the infrastructure project completed and the neighborhood’s desire for a park funded by the remainder of the funds from the infrastructure project, would be best to ask for the support of the MPNA for the park. Raul made the presentation which included 8 maps (digitized and projected) to illustrate the areas in question and the development history.</p> <p>Koren verified that there will be a Public Hearing on 12-20-2022 at 5:30 PM to discuss the IID and pointed out that The Neighborhood Plan functions as “policy guidance” which is why the proposal is to remove parcels 13 and 14 (both R-2), where BSN would like to see as the location of the park, until the plan is complete. MPNA has committed to supporting open space. which will be specified in the plan. Wendy reminded the group that the IID does not change the zoning (R-2) but is an overlay and is not mandatory for developers to follow. The IID does require a transition from space-to-building, with a design component and review process built into it, as well as historic protection. Liza suggested that the previous Minutes be reviewed for explanations of the IID. The Neighborhood Plan does include the broad themes of open space and affordable housing. Koren did report that in order to bring parcels 13 and 14 back into the IID would require “re-zoning” which could be a 6-9 month process.</p> <p>After the presentation, Anthony motioned, with a second from Stanley, for support from the MPNA to support Barrio Sin Nombre’s request to the Mayor and Council to “remove parcels 13 and 14 from the IID expansion until the Menlo Park Neighborhood Plan is completed and endorse the need for a family park (1.5 acres).” The secret ballot vote yielded 24 in favor with 6 opposed.</p>
<p>Call to Audience/Announcements</p>	<p>David informed MPNA about a grant he would apply for to provide and plant trees in the neighborhood. There has not been good response with the prior announcement. The neighborhood foresting program would include water harvesting. This is a way to keep the neighborhood “cooler”. There are some great places in the neighborhood and many resources to assist for maintaining them. He asked for those interested to see him.</p> <p>Wendy announced that the MPNA Vecinos are organizing a Yard Sale/fundraiser for January or February. Vecinos who need assistance with the paperwork should see Wendy after the meeting.</p> <p>Isabel thanked COT for cleaning the roundabouts!</p> <p>There will be a Santa Cruz River clean upon Saturday from 8-10 AM, meeting south of 22nd.</p> <p>Steve announced his Rotary club will host a cleaning on Grande this Saturday at 9 AM. David announced there will be a BUCA Bike Burro ride leaving Ward 1 at 9 AM on Saturday.</p>
<p>Meeting Adjourned</p>	<p>Stanley moved and Steve seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting which was unanimously approved.</p>
<p>Next Meeting</p>	<p>January 12, 2023, 6:00 PM at the Menlo Park Elementary School.</p>

CHANGE IN VERBIAGE OF BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

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)~~

North boundary will start on St. Mary’s Road at Silverbell Road, going east to Interstate 10 and eastbound Frontage Road.

~~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 22nd Street”)~~

East boundary will start at Interstate 10 Freeway and St. Mary’s Road, going south to Simpson Street to the Santa Cruz River, to 22nd Street/Starr Pass.

South: North side of 22nd St (Starr Pass) from the Santa Cruz river to the foot of Sentinel Peak/A Mountain.

South boundary will start at 22nd Street/Starr Pass. west to the Santa Cruz River, then to Greasewood Avenue.

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)**

West boundary is Greasewood Avenue at 22nd Street/Starr Pass, north on Greasewood to Anklam Road.

North boundary is Anklam Road east to Silverbell, Silverbell to St. Mary's Road, which closes the boundary description.

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 Kroege 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).