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**Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 2017
4:00 pm ~ 1469 East Valley Road**

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: Abatamarco, Babich, Blue, Budgor, Eidelson, Ghersen, Hayman, Hyatt, Kay, King, Kolb, Mathews, Nagel, Saltoun, van Duinwyk ~ **Absent:** Bridley

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I. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes ~ April 11, 2016

MSC Budgor/Ghersen, unanimous, Abatamarco abstained.

III. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda

Rick Lemmo, Caruso Affiliates shared that the Rosewood Miramar project construction is on schedule with a planned opening summer 2018. Construction tours are planned for late July.

Judy Blankenship asked about the Accessory Dwelling Unit proposed ordinance. An update on process and a letter on the Montecito Association's position were provided to her.

IV. Community Reports

Nick Turner, General Manager of the Montecito Water District reported on the purchase of 1500 shares from the Semitropic Groundwater Banking Program. May 16, 2017 is a public forum on Sustainable Groundwater. Pipeline replacement begins on Ashley Road on May 28, 2017 and on Sycamore Canyon Road in June. Water rates and the drought surcharge are under review. Desalination negotiations are on hold for a couple of months while all options are considered.

Dr. Tricia Price, Superintendent of Cold Spring School reported that the school had two "Sings" and a teacher appreciation luncheon. Dr. Price thanked the Board for working together during her time as Superintendent.

Tammy Murphy, Superintendent of Montecito Union School thanked the Board for their many years of working together. A new Superintendent will be announced on Friday.

V. President's Report

Honoring Tammy Murphy and Dr. Tricia Price-Nagel thanked both Dr. Price and Tammy Murphy for their dedication to the community and support for the Montecito Association. Both were applauded and presented awards.

Nagel congratulated Kelly Herrick of the Montecito Journal on her recent nuptials.

Nagel announced that Jane Eagleton recently resigned from the Board.

Meeting with Supervisor Williams-Nagel reported that she, King and Bridley met with First District Supervisor Williams and discussed the Montecito Planning Commission seat vacancy. Supervisor Williams plans to attend the Village 4th of July event. A forum with Supervisor Williams will be planned for September. Discussed budget impacts on the Montecito Library. Supervisor Williams may suggest water well drilling moratorium in the near future and asked for Montecito community input. A survey on this issue will go out to membership. County Parks Commission is working on the formation of an Ad-Hoc Committee with the YMCA, Montecito Union School, Park Rangers, Association and neighbors to address parking concerns in lower Manning Park parking lot.

VI. Committee Reports

Events-King reported that Village Fourth of July planning meetings will be on May 15, 2017 and June 5, 2017. The event will feature new music and a pie baking contest. There will be a Montecito Journal advertisement to coincide with the fundraising event on June 22, 2017.

History-Kolb reported that the Committee is looking at options to place historic paintings and photos in and around the Montecito Community Hall building. The Moody Sister's Cottage relocation is progressing. The Committee is working on a possible Rosewood Miramar Beach display.

Land Use- Greene provided that the Committee heard a presentation from Tom Fayram on the history of the State Water Project. The Committee will continue review of the proposed Channel Drive pathway and Upper Village East Valley Road pedestrian improvements. The County Planning staff report on Phase II of Architectural Guidelines is consistent with Montecito Association's position. We expect ordinance revision language on Accessory Dwelling Units prior to the Montecito Planning Commission meeting on May 17, 2017. Hayman reported that the Board of Supervisors Ad-Hoc Committee on the Adult Marijuana Use Ordinance was held and focused on land use and licensing for cultivation. County staff will attend the Committee's July or September meeting on this issue.

Outreach-Babich reported that membership cards will be mailed out shortly and everyone was thanked for their continued efforts. A forum for Upper Village businesses is being planned. A general survey was sent out last week to membership and a link to the survey will be published in the Montecito Journal. The website will be updated to recognize business support and membership perks.

Transportation- Budgor reported that the Hwy 101 expansion project continues to be monitored by the Committee. They expect a June response to letters submitted on the Revised Draft Environmental Impact Report.

VII. Conference Agenda

Consider Comments to the Board of Supervisors Regarding the Proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance

The Land Use Committee recommends a draft letter re-iterating the Montecito Association's position in support of a ban. The letter is asking for action on a whole house ban. Hayman would like to include a membership support count in the letter. Abatemarco motioned to accept the letter as is. MSC Abatemarco/van Duinwyk, unanimous, Ghersen abstained.

VIII. Treasurer's Report

Saltoun reported on the increase in membership revenue. Provided that the delay in receiving the Montecito Community Foundation grant funds for the Village Fourth of July is reflected in the comparison reports.

IX. Executive Director's Report

Greene reported that the second membership appeal was mailed out. Membership is responding to the general survey sent out last week and a link to the survey will also be published in the Montecito Journal for the general public.

X. New Business

Kolb reported on a group text that was sent out by a local real estate agent expressing concern regarding proposed limits on accessory structure size.

XI. Old Business ~ Nothing to report.

XII. Adjournment ~ The meeting adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 13, 2017, 4 p.m.

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