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**Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 12, 2017
4:00 pm ~ 1469 East Valley Road**

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

I. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum ~ Called to order at 4:00 p.m.

II. Approval of Minutes ~ August 8, 2017

MSC Ghersen/Mathews, unanimous
(King, Babich, Abatemarco, Hayman abstained)

III. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda

Mara Tucker reported on a public safety issue. Jet Skis are inside of the swim buoys and moored off Montecito beaches illegally. Ms. Tucker provided enforcement codes. She would like more awareness of the issue.

Jay Higgins, Santa Barbara City Planning Commissioner and Candidate for Santa Barbara City Council, Fourth District, which includes Coast Village Road was introduced by Hayman.

IV. Community Reports

Nick Turner, General Manager of the Montecito Water District reported that voluntary conservation is essential. Monthly allocations and penalties have been repealed and a water loss rate adjustment is under analysis. Most water use restrictions remain in effect, including a prohibition on the issuance of new water meters, except under emergency circumstances. Surcharges remain effective indefinitely.

Anthony Ranii, Superintendent of Montecito Union School reported that the school continues to be in the top 1% in the State of California academically and is focused on the whole child while applying “Habits of Mind” lessons. There is a facilities meeting on October 12th, 4pm at the school. He will recommend surplus budget funds be applied to facilities and deferred maintenance.

Chief Hickman, Montecito Fire Protection District, reported that there was an active shooter drill, hosted by County Sheriff at Montecito Union School. Nagel strongly suggested the community (Montecito Association and surrounding neighborhoods) be notified of such drills in the future to curtail alarm of residents.

V. Comments from Supervisor Williams

Nagel introduced First District Supervisor Williams and his Chief of Staff, Darcel Elliott. Supervisor Williams reported that he is working on transportation issues with two local schools who he will be meeting with in October. He is working with the Board of Supervisors, defending the right for local communities to have local design standards. He will attend the Santa Barbara County Area Governments meeting in October, regarding the Hwy 101 expansion. Believes auxiliary projects and traffic issues need to be addressed as parallel issues before Hwy 101 expansion project begins. He supports more enforcement for “homestays” of Short Term Rentals (when the owner is present) instead of a complete ban. Board members expressed concerns including, owner occupied “homestays”, requesting that the “homestay” owner/occupant on the property be the individual listed on the tax record (not a long term tenant), enforcement, and commercial vs. residential permitting.

VI. President's Report

Nagel announced that Bridley and Hayman will Co-Chair the Land Use Committee effective immediately. Nagel reminded everyone of the September 21, 2017 Channel Drive Pathway community meeting, 5 p.m. at the Montecito Community Hall. The Montecito Association is actively searching for candidates to fill the Executive Director position. The position has been posted on websites: Ziprecruiter, Indeed and the Non-profit Board Resource Network for Santa Barbara. She encouraged sponsorship support for Beautification Day on November 4, 2017. The deadline for t-shirt sponsorship is October 17, 2017. Nagel announced that there will be a Transportation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, September 26, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. at the Montecito Community Hall to further discuss details regarding the proposed Highway 101 High Occupancy Vehicle Project. She encouraged everyone to attend the Land Use and Transportation Committee meetings and to remain better informed of all issues and discussions thereof. Both are very important components of the Montecito Association's purpose.

VII. Conference Agenda

A. Consider Comments to the Board of Supervisors regarding Proposed Short Term Rental Ordinance set for hearing on October 3, 2017

Hayman recommended that, since Supervisor Williams expressed his refusal to ban "homestays", thus failing to likely have three (3) votes needed for a complete ban, that a draft letter be re-written and re-circulated containing strict standards and enforcement provisions. After a Board discussion, a motion was formed for a straw vote. Babich motioned for a straw vote in support of the concept of Owner Occupied Homestays. MSC Babich/van Duinwyk, 7 approved, 6 opposed, Ghersen abstained

VIII. Committee Reports

Events- King reported Beautification Day is in the planning stages. The awards categories are "Charming Cottage", "Entryway or Gate" and "Drought Tolerant". The deadline for award submission October 14, 2017 and for t-shirt sponsorship is October 17, 2017.

*History-*Kolb reported that the archive office is getting new computers. Trish Davis reported that after three years, the historic Moody Cottage has been approved for its new location in Montecito.

*Land Use-*Hayman reported that the Board of Supervisors continued the Accessory Dwelling Unit issue on grounds that State Law will have some clarifications that may change the direction of the ordinance. This issue should go before the Board of Supervisors early next year. The Committee received presentations, at their September 5th meeting, from Santa Barbara County Long Range Planners regarding the proposed Cannabis Land Use Ordinance and Short Term Rental Ordinance.

*Outreach-*Babich reported that a membership informational brochure is in the final design stages.

*Transportation-*Kolb reported on the Montecito Planning Commission hearing of August 16th addressing the Hwy 101 HOV Lane Project and related interchange improvements. The Committee's September 26th, meeting at 3 p.m. at the Montecito Community Hall will address community concerns about different aspects of this project and the proposed round-about at San Ysidro and North Jameson. The Committee is recommending a draft letter and to provide recommendations. The Valley Club is unable to move the fence back at the corner Sheffield and East Valley Road because it would alter the golf course cart path. There may be consideration of a three-way stop sign to mitigate traffic visibility issues in this area.

IX. Treasurer's Report

Saltoun reported that membership revenues is higher than last year, however membership levels are slightly lower.

X. New Business ~ Nothing to report.

XI. Old Business ~ Nothing to report.

XII. Adjournment ~ The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 10, 2017, 4 p.m.

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