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Board Meeting

November 8, 2016, 4:00 pm
1469 East Valley Road

APPROVED MINUTES

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Present: Abatemarco, Babich, Blue, Budgor, Davis, Eidelson, Ghersen, Hayman, King, Kolb, Mathews, Nagel, Saltoun, Schleck, van Duinwyk
Absent: Blalock, Eagleton

I. Roll Call / Establishment of Quorum

The meeting was called to order at 4:03 p.m.

II. Public Comment for Items Not on Agenda

Laura Bridley, Interim Executive Director of Casa de Herrero introduced Jessica Tade as their new Executive Director.

III. Approval of Minutes ~ October 11, 2016

MSC Blue/Hayman, unanimous, four abstentions: Blue, Budgor, Ghersen, Kolb.

IV. Community Reports

Detective Jeff DeOrnellas, Santa Barbara Sheriff reported that theft related calls are mostly from unlocked and/or visible valuables in vehicles. Residential thefts are often vacant or vacation rental homes. Warned the Board to be cautious of phone “kidnapping” scams.

Dr. Price, Superintendent, Cold Spring School, thanked the Board for hosting their board candidates’ forum on October 25 and for selecting one of their first graders as a winner for the Beautification Day poster contest.

Tammy Murphy, Superintendent, Montecito Union School, reported that their board is focused on facilities, safety and traffic. Information from the County on traffic issues will be shared with the Association.

V. President’s Report

Water District and Cold Spring School Candidates Forums-The Water District forum on October 20 was well attended and very informative for the community. The Cold Spring School forum on October 25 also hosted by the Association and was well attended.

Beautification Day-The theme this year was “Save Our Monarchs”. Mindy Denson and Nina Terzian were honored as “Citizens of the Year”. Mindy Denson was thanked for all of her hard work planning this and many previous successful Beautification Days.

VI. Conference Agenda

A. *Appoint Peter van Duinwyk to Fill the Current Board Vacancy, Term Ending January 2018* - Eidelson reported on the

- Nominating Committee's recommendation. MSC, Eidelson/Babich, unanimous. Van Duinwyk was seated on the Board.
- B. *Consider Comments to the Board of Supervisors Regarding the Proposed Short-Term Rental Ordinance* - The Board heard public comment both for and against the Association's support for the proposed ordinance banning short-term rentals. The Board proceeded with a general discussion addressing both positive and negative issues regarding short-term rentals. The Land Use Committee recommends a draft letter in support of the ban and in support of working on enforcement of the ban for the December 6th Board of Supervisor's meeting. A motion was formed to approve the draft letter. MSC Hayman/Nagel, unanimous (Ghersen and van Duinwyk abstained).
- C. *Consider Comments to the County Park Commission Regarding the Montecito Family YMCA Request for a Long-Term Lease for Use of the Lower Manning Park Parking Lot*- The YMCA is requesting a 30-year lease with a 5-year termination notice for 41 unmarked parking spaces in Lower Manning Park. This request will be heard by the County Parks Commission on November 10. The Board heard public comment both for and against the YMCA's request. The Land Use Committee recommends a letter stating the need to demonstrate that there is adequate parking for park users prior to moving forward with a long-term lease. The Board agreed that an independent parking study would need to be completed. A motion was formed to approve the letter as drafted and to include the language of the Montecito Community Plan, page 85, Action PRT-M-1.1.3. MSC Hayman/Budgor, unanimous. The letter will be mailed to YMCA who was urged to communicate with neighbors.

VII. Committee Reports

Beautification-Ghersen thanked everyone for a successful Beautification Day on November 5. The event was successful with the help of many local in-kind donors.

History-Nothing to report.

Land Use-Nothing to report.

Membership-Saltoun reported that membership is catching up. Focus is on business membership and incentives. Recognized Jean von Wittenburg's dedication to membership.

Transportation-Schleck reported that work continues on Sheffield/Romero Canyon intersection traffic safety issues. Is communicating with Birnam Wood to address the issues.

VIII. Treasurer's Report – Schleck reported on increased revenues and a good cash position.

IX. Executive Director's Report- Report curtailed due to time constraints.

X. New Business – Nothing to report.

XI. Old Business – Nothing to report.

The meeting adjourned 6:21pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 4 p.m.