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Board Meeting
September 10, 2024 – 4:00 PM
MINUTES

I. Call to Order 4:01 PM by Chair Black- Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Present: Babbitt, Bollay, Denson, Gerlach, A. Miller, M. Miller, Newquist, Pennino, Serrani, Trosky, Wittman
Absent: Black, Duran, Kemp, Lundgren, Macfadyen

II. Approval of August 13, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Pennino/Trosky
Motion Approved

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda-None

IV. Community Reports

- 1.) Sheriff Lt. Arnoldi was presented a proclamation and acknowledged for his service to the Montecito community. He was reassigned from Montecito. He gave a report since July that included, burglary, Butterfly beach camper with mental health issues taken into custody, restraining order on San Leandro Lane, narcotics arrest at a traffic stop, DUI on Mesa Road, auto burglary on Santa Clause Lane, grand theft items of \$100k, Eucalyptus Lane-a \$1,300 check forged, residential burglary on East Valley Road, assisted CHP on Sheffield Road due to road-rage and located hand gun in vehicle. They are patrolling Channel Drive to make sure cars are not parked overnight. There was a death on Boundary Drive.
- 2.) MFD Battalion Chief and Fire Marshall Aaron Briner-reported that there will be a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at both fire stations, and all are invited. He asked that everyone be aware of sundowner winds and to be ready to prevent wildfires. The MFD is working to use backcountry roads during emergencies in difficult to reach areas. Montecito residents can request a defensible space survey of their property and building. There is currently a burn ban in effect. Public Information Officer Christina Atchison gave presentation on the revised MFD website, with many resources for the community including updated evacuation maps, shelters and additional information. Postcards have been mailed for education.
- 3.) Amy Alzina-Cold Spring School-Reported that they have 188 students and added TK. She is a Lululemon ambassador for Santa Barbara and will be running the first Mondays of the month, she serves on the Axis Association, creating vision boards and are a Franklin Covey model school. They are doing more with AI and utilizing Kahnmigo.
- 4.) Supervisor Williams' Office-Darcel Elliott-Gave update on Miramar Beach erosion, meeting with all public departments involved set for September 24. Topics to include where to store storm sediment. Santa Barbara County Board of Supervisors (SBCBS), The SBCBS adopted resolutions for a "No Parking, No Stopping of Standing Zone on East Mountain Drive, the zone is the south side of East Mountain Drive from centerline of Ashley Road and the north side from 158 feet west of the centerline on Ashley Road. A "No Parking Sunset to 8am Zone" at the north side of East Mountain Drive and Hot Springs Road. Signage soon to be installed. Papers for a Civil Lawsuit have been served to the property owners of the demolished Moody Sisters Cottage, the court date is pending.
- 5.) Anthony Ranii-MUS, Update read by Houghton Hyatt-They have sent out a safety letter to families that they updated their safety protocols, all doors can lock automatically and simultaneously. All construction projects will be complete at the end of October.

V. President's Report-The Nominating Committee has been vetting candidates and will report on them at the next board meeting.

VI. Executive Director's Report: ED Houghton Hyatt reported on plans for the 75th anniversary celebration that will include traveling history, book, gala benefitting HAM and a kickoff with big donors and sponsors.

VII. Treasurer's Report-Financials are getting caught up and transitioning memberships through the website.

VIII. Committee Reports

a. Land Use / Transportation- The last LUC meeting reviewed three projects-101 construction; Hot Springs pools-new non-profit would like the MA's support for pools. Santa Barbara Wildfire Protection team started, they are hiring people and looking for grants. The Biltmore is coming to LUC in October.

b. Events-Chair Mindy Denson- Beautification Day is November 2 and will have Citizen of the Year, side dishes from San Ysidro Ranch, hosted Miramar breakfast, MFD BBQ, hotdogs donated and will do a monogrammed tee-shirt this year. Asked all to participate.

c. History-No update

d. Outreach-Database being updated and tested. Each member will have a membership number, and a directory is in process. Ghost Village Road is planned, fall pop-up, 75th year merchandise and the holiday parade.

e. Groundwater Sustainability-No update

f. Hands Across Montecito-Have many partners and meet once a month to discuss how best to help. Gave information about new day center in Santa Barbara to local businesses. More patrols will happen around the CVS. Discussed La Posada wraparound services, also Buena Tierra-the old Super 8, full time residence. Andrew with Earthcomb working with HAM.

IX. Conference Agenda

i. Welcome, Roy Lee!

Santa Barbara County Supervisor-Elect, 1st District (will take office January 2025) was introduced. He said that he was grateful for the opportunity and excited to serve. When he has access to Board Commissions, he will share the information. His campaign manager, Wade Cooper, will be his Chief of Staff and was also introduced.

ii. Montecito Fire District – Fire Preparedness Fire Marshal Aaron Briner & Christina Atchison

MFD Battalion Chief and Fire Marshall Aaron Briner-reported that there will be a 9/11 remembrance ceremony at both fire stations, and all are invited. He asked that everyone be aware of sundowner winds and to be ready to prevent wildfires. Sundowner season is September through November and resources have been out since May. The MFD is working to use backcountry roads during emergencies in difficult to reach areas. Montecito residents can request a defensible space survey of their property and building and assess property structure and hardening. Contact the Station to schedule. There is currently a burn ban in effect through February and will place individuals at the trails during red-flag days. Public Information Officer Christina Atchison gave presentation on the revised MFD website, with many resources for the community including updated evacuation maps, shelters and additional information. Postcards have been mailed for education.

X. Old Business-None

XI. New Business-None

Adjourned 5:17 p.m.