



The voice of our community

Land Use & Transportation Committee Meeting

October 3, 2023 – 4:00 PM

Via Zoom

Minutes

Attendees: Albertson, Babbitt, Black, Lundgren, Macfadyen, Overall, Pennino

Absent: Badat, Gray, Robertson, Slaff, Trosky

I. Call to Order –Bill Babbitt, Chair, 4:04 p.m.

II. Approval of July 5, 2023, Minutes

Minutes Approved Black/Pennino

III. Introduction to Houghton Hyatt- Chair Babbitt introduced the new Executive Director of the Montecito Association and she introduced herself.

IV. Conference Agenda Items

Rosewood Miramar Presentation- Representatives of the hotel explained that they held listening sessions including mood boards, with neighbors in a fifteen-foot radius of the Miramar. The feedback showed that the neighbors loved the scale and character of the Miramar and the use of materials and execution that keeps the look and feel the same, would be supported by the neighbors. An application is to the Coastal Commission for a swim platform, to be back in by next May. The proposed project would add sixteen new employee housing units for incomes of \$80k or less. Fifteen rental units from 1500-1700 square feet, would be long-term, and at market-rate. Proposed is also, twelve new resort shops plus a café. Guest parking for residential units would be all valet parking. The only available space to build is the current parking areas and utilities and transformers will be relocated. The Land Use Committee is in support of the new employee housing at Miramar.

V. Public Comment for Items not on Agenda-

Chris Albertson would like to have in-person meetings. The discussion resulted in a plan to hold meetings in person, roughly quarterly. There was discussion about the Biltmore opening and no date is known.

VI. Run Through a “Master Priority List”

The YMCA plan updates-make suggestions for architecture, and lighting. Propose suggestions at the next meeting.

Hot Springs issue-new lock gate installed. The county won the case against residents parking on East Mountain. Darcel Elliott with Supervisor Williams’s office is checking with flood control about parking and the lawsuit is still in settlement talks.

Picasso and Airbnb-there is no update

Undergrounding- Chair Babbitt presented the feasibility plan for undergrounding in his neighborhood when he was planning with his neighbors. This could be used as a tool for people interested in undergrounding.

Walking/Bike paths- lot lines and easements need first to be identified and provide easements to the county.

VII. Update on Upper Village

Nothing new to report. Survey results are coming soon.

VIII. Old Business-None

IX. New Business-None

X. Adjournment

Adjourned at 5:24 p.m.