



The voice of our community

Board Meeting
December 12, 2023 – 4:00 PM
MINUTES

I. Call to Order 4:08 PM Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum

Present: Babbitt, Bianchi, Gerlach, Gray, Lundgren, Macfadyen, Miller, Newquist, Orloff, Serrani, Trosky

Absent: Black, Denson, Kemp, Murphy, Roden, Stahl

II. Approval of November 2023, Board Meeting Minutes Not approved, no quorum

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

None

IV. Community Reports

- 1.) MWD-Nick Turner reported award for \$1M grant for a recycling program from US Bureau of Reclamation. Funds will be received in early 2024. Smart meter rebates are still available for high efficiency appliances.
- 2.) MSD-John Weigold-reported the continuation of well-registry to list the status, owner-operator of wells. The survey is voluntary, and the strategic planning committee wants to confirm what wells are in operation. They are also working on a rebate program. There are nearly 300 residences in Montecito that are not connected to the public sewer that would like to be. There are six projects underway to extend sewer access and all sewer extensions are paid for by the residents who benefit from the sewer service. The District is continuing work on lining the interior pipes with \$4M paid by the State.
- 3.) CSS-Amy Alzina reported about the Holiday market that was held where 50% of proceeds went to student council with over \$2,000. Holiday performances were held. The STEAM and art building are going well and will be done by spring.
- 4.) MUS-Anthony Ranii sent in an update to be read. Their construction is continuing, on time and budget. They held a book lab with four local writers.
- 5.) SBSO Sheriff Lt. Arnoldi reported that there was no significant crime since the last meeting. They are auditing of camping every twenty-one days with no significant issues. They participated in the parade and holiday lightings.
- 6.) MFD-Chief David Neels reported on trail rescues with helicopter and thanked for the holiday events. They are making videos, capturing aerial footage for fuel reduction. Raising our Light event will be on January 9th at MUS, in recognition of the 1/9/2018 debris flow. The station is starting construction of their office space.
- 7.) Supervisor Williams Office Representative Darcell Elliott reported that they are working on the 1/9 remembrance event. They held the second public meeting for the Montecito Master Flood Plan and a draft will come out, followed by a meeting after the draft in March. This will guide the design and planning to mitigate flooding. The Humphrey road sign is not up but will be soon as Public Works has had to remark them due to clearance.

V. Chair Report: Megan Orloff –reported a relatively slow month going into the end of the year. Financially, are covering more costs and need to see more memberships. She is terming out after seven years on the board. Candidates of the Board election will be notified of election results. Penny Bianchi is also termed out.

VI. Executive Director’s Report: Holiday Parade was great with \$5,800 in donations as well as in-kind donations and twenty-three vehicles. Met with Zack with the Montecito Journal to discuss more articles in the MJ. Met with the county and library about the Community Hall. Created a poster for MA awareness to be displayed at events and the website. Outreach walk on December 15th for HANDS and Eileen Reed is writing an article for the MJ about HANDS. The landing page to give to HANDS through CityNet is updated and on the MA website. Working on more Instagram posts and reels.

VII. Treasurer’s Report-Chair not in attendance

IX. Committee Reports

- a. **Land Use / Transportation** The Miramar met with MBAR, and they will revise plans. Walking paths and walkable shoulders discussed and Bucket Brigade to meet with County and MA for clarity of liability, control and care.
- b. **Events**-Upcoming event of 1/9 commemoration and talking with MCF about a closer partnership.
- c. **History**-Trish Davis gave update on the committee and history. Has partnered with the Santa Barbara Historical Museum-creating an online oral history collection so as not deteriorate. Discussion about Moody Cottage and stringent rules around historical designation.
- d. **Outreach**- Patrice Serrani is putting together a calendar for sign-ups for Farmers market and will approach realtors to buy packages. Planning an appreciation for big donors and the Miramar offered to host. Hat selling update discussion to offer them in January 2024.

IX. Old Business- None

X. New Business-Discussion about past building updates, Miramar reworking their plan and Upper Village to keep as-is.

XI. Adjourned 5:10 p.m.