



The voice of our community

Board Meeting
April 9, 2024 – 4:00 PM
MINUTES

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

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

Absent: Monteil, Roden

II. Approval of March 12, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes

Babbitt/Pennino

Motion Approved

Abstained: Gerlach, A. Miller

III. Public Comment for Items not on the Agenda

Comment by Peter Dealy regarding private road issues following rainstorms and requested MA assistance. His position is that it should be in the capital budget. Cliff Ghersen commented that the March 5th LUC minutes that have not been released yet, should include mention of the letters written and sent to the MA regarding the Rosewood Miramar and make clear how the MA can be contacted. Randall Badat addressed the issue of flood waters at his home and hedgerow neighbors. The creeks are insufficient, and he thinks that there should be a declaration form the state for flood assistance.

IV. Conference Agenda:

i. Neighborhood Paths – Bucket Brigade & Public Works - Abe Powell, Executive Director of Bucket Brigade (BB) gave slide presentation highlighting history of BB and purpose arising from the need for walking paths in the right of way and Gary Smart, Traffic Engineer with Santa Barbara County Public Works answered questions. A county survey showed that the priority of the community was a walkable community. The community plan in 2008 called for walking paths and not sidewalks and this is why the paths were built. Maintenance is the responsibility of the entity that installed it; therefore, the county is not responsible. Powell said that they have done more in two years than the last twenty-five years and asked for support of the MA. He said that if everyone in Montecito donated \$250., they would be complete. The county cannot put in any bid for which they are not going to pay the upkeep.

ii. Miramar Project Presentation- Many community members were in attendance to voice their concerns about the project. Presentation given by Katie Mangin, Senior Director, Development. The affordable housing for their employees will be done without public assistance or subsidies. The character of the Miramar will continue. Changes to the plan since it was presented to MBAR have been addressed after neighbor input. Director of Operations, Justin Caruso presented about the current plan with amendments such as the removal of the third floor of the building, elimination of Eucalyptus Lane driveway and added green space with reduced size of retail shops as well as adding landscaping and mature trees. Employee housing will be consolidated into one building. The new building height will be consistent with elevations along Jameson. They are always available and listen to input. Updates are on their website.

iii. Coast Village Road Improvements – Beth Sullivan, Executive Director of the Coast Village Road Improvement Association gave update on the latest plans to improve the street. They will pave the street and replace curbs and gutters, adding safety features, realign the intersections to make the crosswalks safe and upgrade the medians that have been destroyed by service trucks. They are working with a group that will decide what landscaping they can afford for this project.

V. Community Reports

- 1.) SBSO Sheriff Lt. Arnoldi reported on incidents and crime in the area that included an individual having a heart attack and deputies administered CPR, a missing wedding ring, an overdose where Narcan was administered to individual for recovery, a stolen vehicle, and a trailhead assist. There were four residential burglaries this year versus 13 in 2023, 26 in 2022, 17 in 2021 and 5 in 2020. Most home break-ins are through broken windows. Recommendation is to have double cylinder locks and activate alarm system even if only leaving for a few minutes.
- 2.) MFD-Chief David Neels reported watching the weather closely and working with partner agencies during storm. There was no loss of life and there were rescues.
- 3.) MSD-John Weigold-reported that there the Montecito Flood Control Master Plan is on the county website and the plan is being updated. Many pipes are 66 years old. The storm inundated the system and some sewage backed up into pools and tubs. Pipes will be relined with polyurethane sealer.
- 4.) Amy Alzina-Cold Spring School-Reported that their innovation lab is nearly done. They are holding a fundraiser on Friday, and they held a 25th Arbor Day celebration. Reported on staff changes.

VI. Executive Director's Report: ED Houghton Hyatt reported that the new website is coming soon, had meeting with neighbors on Olive Mill Road about the danger of the road and working with Public Works for safety. Also working on database cleanup. April 25th is the next outreach walk for HAM, meeting at the Chevron at 8:30 am. for two hours to locate anyone in need of services. There is a need for \$300,000 for 4 hotel rooms for a year to house individuals.

VII. Committee Reports

- a. **Land Use / Transportation**-Reaching out to Music Academy
- b. **Events**-July 4th planning underway and have four new committee members this year. Will have food trucks and beer/wine garden, sack races and pie eating contest.
- c. **History** Chair Trish Davis -Partnering with Montecito Library
- d. **Outreach**-None
- e. **Groundwater Sustainability** None
- f. **Hands Across Montecito** None

VIII. Old Business- None

IX. New Business- Comment about survey in support of paths was broader than just Montecito.

Adjourned 6:15 p.m.