

CONA Minutes from Annual Meeting

Date: 6/22/16

Location: Casanova/Oak Knoll Community Center, 735 Ramona Ave, Monterey, CA 93940

Presiding Officer: Richard Rucello, President

of Attendees: 46

Start Time: 7:00 pm

End Time: 8:35 pm

Invited Speakers:

- 1) Councilman Ed Smith
- 2) Councilwoman Libby Downey
- 3) Monterey Police Officers Ethan Andrews and Jake Pinkas
- 4) David Wright, Monterey Code Compliance Coordinator (attended but not speaking)

On the Agenda:

- 1) CONA Board members plan to discuss recent neighborhood victories, challenges, developments, and upcoming potential projects that might affect residents of the local neighborhood. Time offered to hear ongoing concerns from residents.
- 2) Approval of existing CONA board members and any new volunteers.
- 3) Review of the Treasurer's Report.
- 4) Speakers will be introduced and address group.
- 5) Raffle drawing for prizes.

Topics Discussed:

A San Francisco developer is looking into purchasing Eddy's.

Vet Clinic property rehab fell apart.

Village Motors building is to become a 2 story structure with commercial business downstairs and 2 apartments upstairs.

New Cal Am pump station moved to better location through CONA's efforts and cooperation by Fairgrounds and Cal Am.

CA Roots Festival's impact on neighborhood; trash, noise levels, parking, attendance growth.

Neighbors are complaining about dead trees and weeds in yards not being removed.

Residents aired concerns about:

Noise levels from CA Roots Festival and people jumping fences to enter event. CONA President confirmed that while noise levels are still high they were reduced significantly from last year. Parking problems and congestion caused by event growing. It was asked if event coordinators and considering how to handle growing attendance. Mixed feelings on whether litter was worse or better.

Neighborhood impact from noise levels from new equipment at Car Wash behind Bruce Ln. Concern regarding RVs that are using alley behind Bruce Ln as “truck stop rest”.

Trash on Fairground Rd and request that businesses backed up to Fairgrounds Rd do better job policing that area. It was noted that the mattresses behind CVS were due to CA Roots Festival.

Lack of traffic control in neighborhood.

Treasurer’s report was read. CONA is “in the black” with funds available. It was noted that the report is available for anyone who wants it.

Prop P, and NIP funds and projects utilizing these funds discussed. Grant received to replace dying oaks and pines and improve N. Fremont neighborhood discussed.

Need for insurance for CONA discussed.

Election of Officers Existing board members all volunteered to continue in their existing positions and the motion was approved. Two new volunteers offered to help, positions TBD.

Speakers

Woman spoke on anti-fracking movement and tried to rally support and left brochures...

Monterey Police Officers Ethan Andrews & Jake Pinkas addressed the group and answered questions. They mentioned that Rusty Jenkins is our Community Policing Area Officer but it currently out so concerns can be addressed to them and they left their cards.

Councilman Ed Smith was introduced, addressed the group and answered questions. Traffic concerns seemed to be one of the bigger issues for some residents. There is currently no Monterey Traffic division due to not having enough officers.

Councilwoman Libby Downing addressed the group & answered questions. She discussed the water issue and their ongoing efforts with groundwater replenishment.

Prize drawing. Fire extinguisher, 2 boxes Sees candy and 2 smoke alarms given out. Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm.