

CONA Annual Meeting

June 28th, 2017

Meeting called to order by President Richard Ruccello at 7:05pm.

Approximately 35 CONA members were present. The CONA Board of Directors, Mayor Clyde Robertson and Monterey Police Officer Shasta Vanetti introduced.

Topics Discussed:

New CERT class offered in September. Anyone not already a CERT member should take the class.

N. Fremont project discussed and need for getting N. Fremont Business District more involved in discussions of upcoming developments.

Richard Ruccello shared that sound from Fairground concerts has dropped 15-20 decibels during recent events but attempts to reduce sound levels not complete. A "sound blanket" is one of the options on the table.

Members were encouraged to attend city council meetings when topics affecting their neighborhood were on the agenda and to contribute their wishes to the Board about what they would like to be part of the N. Fremont project plan so Richard Ruccello & Michael Brassfield can convey that to city officials.

Treasurer's Report--\$10,524 remains in account. Expenditures and deposits reviewed. Report offered to anyone who wants a copy.

At 7:15pm a Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was approved, voted on, and the motion carried.

Election of CONA Board of Directors:

Present Board nominated for another year. Motion approved, voted on, motion carried.

At 7:25pm **Monterey Police Officer Shasta Vanetti was introduced** to ask members their opinion about the parking of oversized & recreational vehicles on city streets. There have been complaints about vehicles parked for too long, obstructing views of traffic, unlawful dumping, blight, etc. The city is considering an ordinance to prohibit these vehicles from parking on city streets between the hours of 2am to 6am and prohibit parking within 50 feet of an intersection. A permit would be required for brief overnight visits requiring street parking. Feedback was solicited and a general vote of who was for or against such an ordinance. Most of the members present showed support for the ordinance by a vote of hands.

The officer also made a point to remind everyone that there are codes and ordinances already in place to protect them from disturbances and that they can always call the police to report such a disturbance.

At 7:39pm Councilman Dan Albert Jr was introduced. Topics discussed:

Measure P road improvements underway. He explained they were starting with the lower cost projects.

The Hwy 1 round about is open but not completed yet.

The Conference Center should be done in October.

He asked for opinions regarding the debate about whether to let Monterey have short-term rentals. Board member Robert Yoha shared a report by Michael Baker that spelled out the disastrous effect a policy allowing short-term rentals had in Sonoma, CA which had a very negative effect on affordable housing and availability of long-term rentals.

The issue of N. Fremont badly needing repavement after the new sewer lines were installed.

A CONA member asked Dan Albert Jr how they could share their input on what they'd like to see happen regarding development on N. Fremont. Councilman Albert gave his number and email address (which is albert@monterey.org).

Traffic problems were discussed and the inability to get a hold of the person in charge of code enforcement for the city. Once resident asked for more police patrolling of Bruce Lane at night.

Richard Rucello brought up that they'd like to be able to meet with the new airport management to discuss issues of concern to residents of this neighborhood.

A **Motion** was made to spend \$200 of the funds for lemonade to contribute to the next Movie In The Park night. The motion was approved and carried.

At 8:42 pm the raffle drawings began. Winners took home a fire extinguisher, a "California 1 Monterey" sign, two 10 year smoke detectors and two boxes of See's Candy.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm.