

CONA Annual Meeting

August 8th, 2019

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

The CONA Board of Directors, approximately 50 CONA members, and several city government leaders were present.

The Treasure's report was reviewed and a copy of it was made available to anyone who wanted one. There was a motion to accept the report and the motion was seconded. All responded "aye", there were none who said "nay" and the motion carried.

Richard Ruccello related that insurance for the association was purchased through State Farm for \$325 and spoke of the new CONA member cards. The new CONA flyers made available.

Topics Discussed:

Our neighborhood will no longer be considered as a new entrance to the Monterey Airport.

Raul from the Fire Department was introduced. They would like us to do lemonade again for the Movie in the Park Night on August 16th. Richard Ruccello suggested we do it, a motion was put forward, seconded and the motion carried. He asked for more volunteers to help prep the food that night and more were found. The volunteers should arrive by 5:30pm. The movie will be The Incredibles II.

Richard asked for approval for \$400 from CONA to buy new batteries for the neighborhood's CERT emergency radios which are 8- 10 years old now. A motion was put forward, seconded and the motion carried.

Richard Ruccello presented an idea about using funds from CONA to rent the local Trolley in December to generate support for women in need. Only about half in attendance raised their hands in support. Richard Ruccello said that was not enough to go forward and spend CONA money.

On 9/14/19 there will be a Grand Opening celebration for the new bike path on North Fremont from 1-2pm at CVS. There will be an electric bike drawing and other giveaways.

There is a plan to move the lines/cables on the street poles underground along No. Fremont within ~ 3 years.

A motion was put forward to re-elect all current positions on the CONA board. It was seconded and the motion carried. Only one board member is leaving and Richard asked for a volunteer to replace the member who is moving away. It was also mentioned that a NIP representative is needed. Steve Griffith volunteered.

All CONA plans from the last meeting passed. We are getting a new park fence, a new bench, and new umbrellas.

Oak trees in our neighborhood are dying and there will soon be a collaborative Oak Tree study done to determine the cause.

A small child park may be developed at the small, unused lot on the corner of Euclid and Airport Road. They are open to other ideas we submit as well. Someone suggested more containers for dog bags in the neighborhood.

CONA members were asked to attend city meetings that concern our neighborhood and need support. The fact that the 5G cell towers may be planning on infiltrating our neighborhood next was an example of something we should be concerned about and ready to fight if we don't want them here.

At 7:34pm Assistant City Manager Nat Rojanasathira introduced himself. He was just hired and began his new role earlier this year.

Following Mr. Rojanasathira, City Manager Hans Uslar was introduced and spoke about what Monterey means to him. His slogan to sum up what our city means to him is "Life is good in the city of Monterey" and discussed why he thought it was a good city and government's role in keeping it that way.

He covered 3 main subjects in some detail regarding Monterey: 1) Tourism, 2) Housing, 3) the City Budget, and some of the things in the city that need money for modernization (ex. Rec & Sports centers, library).

Questions/concerns opened to discussion with city manager. Main topics were overflow parking on Ralston Ave and the homeless situation.

At 8:39 pm raffle tickets were drawn. Items given away include a handmade sign, a fire extinguisher, smoke alarms and See's Candy gift cards.

At 8:41 pm the meeting was adjourned.