



Montclair Neighborhood Council Community Meeting

DATE 3/4/21

Meeting Attendees

Start Time: 17:30 End Time: 19:47

Steering Committee Attendance: 7

Estimated total attendance: 14

<b>STEERING COMMITTEE (SC) MEMBERS</b>	Present
Chairperson - Macy Cornell	x
Vice Chairperson - Nicholas Vigilante	x
Treasurer - Jim Clardy	
Secretary - Lenny Lesser	x
Community Rep. - David Liebman	x
Community Rep. - Neil Planchon	x
Community Rep. - Mary Henderson	x
Community Rep. - Tyrone Eugene	
Community Rep. - Matthew Rowe	x
Community Rep. - Josh Shaw	
Community Rep. - Denise Bostrom	

<b>Advisory/Special Guests/Volunteers:</b>	Present
OPD Neighborhood Services Coordinator - Angela Moore	x
Councilmember Thao's Office - Brandon Harami	x

Community Resource Ofcr. (CRO) Aaron Johnson - OPD	X
North Hills Community Association - Elizabeth Stage	X

## Community Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome/Agenda Review- **Macy (2 min)**
2. Crime Stat Update-CRO Johnson (5 min)
  - 2.1. CRO Aaron Johnson mentioned that they had leads on the suspect that robbed the Bank of the West on March 2. CRO Johnson reported that the suspect kept hands in their pockets simulating a firearm, but no firearms were seen. There were no injuries to anyone.
  - 2.2. Beat 13z crime stats for the period 1/2-3/2 this year vs same period last year:
 

Battery - 1 vs 1

Domestic Violence - 1 vs 2

Auto Burglaries - 45 vs 17

Residential and Commercial Burglaries - 5 vs 6

Assault (w/weapon) - 0 vs 0

Robberies - 3 vs 4

Grand Theft - 3 vs 2

Petty Theft - 19 vs 10
  - 2.3. Nicholas Vigilante mentioned that the 45 Auto Burglaries were unprecedented in Montclair's history and that every effort needed to be made to advise the community about the increase and about prevention steps.
3. "Staying Safe" Presentation- **CRO Johnson (10 min)**
4. Open Forum **(15 min)**
5. Cell Phone Reliability Project-**Macy (3 min)**

Many Montclair residents in Oakland lost cell service during October PSPS. Residents would not have experienced a disruption of these services if the providers had installed battery and/or generator backup power for those services.

  - **November:** MNC launched survey of Montclair residents to determine the nature and extent of the cell service disruption.
    - 447 took survey, 358 residents reported losing service immediately after the power went out
  - **December:** MNC Board voted to collaborate with Councilmember Sheng Thao and City of Oakland to help address these problems.

- **January:** MNC provided survey results along with Montclair community feedback to Oakland Assistant City Administrator Joe DeVries and the City of Oakland Interdepartmental Wildfire Safety Working Group.
  - Mr. DeVries is now working with City of Oakland's lobbyist to bring attention to the impact of this problem in Oakland with lawmakers in Sacramento.
- **February:** MNC sent letters to State Senator, Nancy Skinner and State Assembly Member, Buffy Wicks informing them about the issue and asking them to take action
  - Draft letters were sent out on Montclair Neighbors io, Nextdoor & Facebook
  - ***We encourage you to get involved and send letters!***

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6. Roadside Clearance Along FWY13-**Nick (5 min)**
  - 6.1. Nick filed a Public Records information request to CalTrans and with the City of Oakland, Fire Department. No records stating that they had cleared steep embankments or fenced-in areas. He also visually inspected these areas. The MNC sent a letter to Caltrans, Oakland FD, Joe DeVries, Sue Piper, and the Oakland Fire Chief. Nick reports that Oakland FD met with Caltrans to discuss the letter. Nick and others will monitor the progress.
7. Vista Point- Macy
  - 7.1. OFD is working on barriers along Skyline. Some have been placed, but not chained yet.


**Steering Committee Meeting- Open to Community**

8. Treasurer Report-**Jim (1 min) Macy reports no changes.**
9. Meeting Minutes Approval -**Lenny (2 min). Passes unanimously.**
10. Fundraising Review- **Denise (10 min) Not addressed.**
11. New Business- **Macy (5 min)** Discussed letter about SB9. Nick/Macy will draft a letter and circulate for approval before the next meeting.

**Closed Session- Steering Committee Members Only + Angela Moore**

12. Discussion regarding RR Mural Project- **Macy (30 min)**. After detailed discussion of the progress to date the following motions were discussed:
  - 12.1. Motion 030421-1:
 

“Now that MNC has obtained confirmation that a Small Claims Court claim has been filed by the RR Mural Committee with Alameda County Courts via Case Number: RS21087563 on February 3, 2021, MNC will monitor the outcome of the case hearing on March 23rd. If the \$10,600 is recovered, MNC will request a letter from Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation confirming that the money was recovered and is safely in their account for the RR Mural.



If the \$5100 from the MNC account is not recovered by June 30th, 2021 (the date by which the mural is due to be completed), MNC shall pursue recovery of the money in Alameda County Court (Civil or Small Claims) within 30 calendar days thereafter. Returned money will be properly accounted for by the MNC and distributed to the Oakland Park and Recreation Foundation or returned to the donors if the money is not needed for the Mural.”

**8 in favor. 0 against. (Includes proxy vote by Macy for Denise.) Adopted.**

12.2. Motion 0204210-2:

MNC will send the remaining **\$7028.93** in Mural donations to the Oakland Park and Recreation Foundation within ten (10) calendar days after the current Artist#2- John Pugh installs the accepted Mural on the larger concrete wall located on Mountain Boulevard, Montclair Village, Oakland, CA. If the Mural is not installed thereon by the end of 2021, MNC will return the **remaining \$7028.93** to the respective Mural donors with a letter of explanation.

**7 in favor. 0 against. (Includes proxy vote by Macy for Denise.) Adopted.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Lenny Lesser

Secretary