**April 11, 2023 MVHA Board of Directors Meeting, 6 pm**

**In attendance: Toni Van Buren, Lynn Boyd, Judy Warren, Ann Van Pelt, Peter Hugill, Lydia McAfee, Mary Martin, Robin Teague, Tom Seerdan, David Smith, Michelle Giddens, Melody Hull, Fred Suchy, Trudy Kinnison, Officer Armendariz, Ryan Reed, Anisa Schell, Tony Garcia, Tom Archer, Chris Scruggs, Kristin Kellum,**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order – Lynn Boyd, President **6:02pm** **Call to order**
2. Guests:

**SAFFE Officers - Jesse Armendariz**, Cadet with him.
Complaint for 400 block of E Mulberry, working on getting a radar truck to measure the speed.

Complaints on 149 E Woodlawn – zoom meeting set up for Thursday. Officer has been out there personally 10 times. He has had a discussion with the owner. Suggestions include boarding up under the home until the owner can repair the foundation. Anisa will be at the meeting that has been set as well as vacant buildings.

Detective Carlos Avencido (property crimes) – 9 detectives at the central substation. Issues with criminal trespassing – make sure you call the officer and have them come out to the property to file a report, keep the incident number. Any type of video security is helpful.

Problems with contractors in this neighborhood. DA office generally does not take the case. It then becomes a civil case. Be aware of what you are signing in a contract with a contractor.

**D1 Council staff – Anisa Schell**

On March 29 there was a fatal car accident on Howard & Hildebrand. Crosswalks are being put in with the work scheduled to start April 12. Sidewalks from Hildebrand to Lullwood on both sides of Howards. Asking them to consider new paints to paint crosswalk. Met yesterday to discuss possible ways to slow traffic on Hildebrand. Working with Public Works to create a larger plan. The City has already contracted with a consultant. By summer should have a preliminary plan.

Woodlawn Median has started the next phase of cleanup including cleanup of the palms. Cleaning up the crepe myrtles and the oleanders.

Budget Survey link – would like to have input so the Councilman can ask for the next two fiscal years.

Info from ACS – how to report aggressive dogs, free microchipping & rules on owning animals in San Antonio

Vote by the THC on the Breckenridge Park, voted to approve the permit on Phase 1 and approve the permit for Archeological investigation. Design Review Committee will be looking at the property soon. Will keep updated when HDRC hearing happen.

Work together on a neighborhood cleanup in May. Postponed until the fall.

Concern from board meeting: San Antonio College is opening a funeral home on Ashby.

1. Approve March 2023 Minutes (attached). **Chris Scruggs 1st, Ann Van Pelt 2nd**
2. President’s Report
- Office Makeover and Appeal
New shades were installed April 10.
Received many donations for the office refresh.
We believed the Library was going to cover the cost of WIFI. But now they would like for us to split it with them which is a $1200 cost.
Our AV costs have gone over expected budget. Working to raise $4000 still.

Amanda and her committee did a great job on Easter. Couple hundred of people came out for the event. Thank you to all the volunteers.

Board members agreed to sell 5 current Fiesta medals & 5 vintage ones.

**Treasurer’s Report - Amanda Holmes, Treasurer** (attached)
Income - $10,092
Payments - $3,366
Wrapping up the Q1 report and will present soon.
2022 Audit is going to Fred to review.

1. MVHA Office Report - Lydia McAfee, Office Manager (attached)
2. Committee Reports, **Approve All Committee Reports** **Toni Van Buren 1st, Peter Hugill 2nd**
**Zoning - Tony Garcia**
Association met with OHP & the Vacant Building Program to get update on properties we have been working on for 5-10 years. Requested meeting with Development Services & Code Compliance. Last resort is a lean against the property.
149 E Woodlawn – Graffiti was removed and painted over within 24 hours. Request to clean up the garbage and weeds
2520 McCullough Ave – request for reduced parking from 16 to 8 spaces. The case was not heard at board of adjustment, considered withdrawn. MV and Tobin Hill were opposed to the application. Proposed a cooperative parking plan.
410 E Rosewood – short term rental was pulled recently. Hearing on May 1st. A small percentage of her profits would be going to MVHA. Does not support an event center in Monte Vista.
117 W Woodlawn – zoning change. Zoning commissioner Greathouse made a motion to deny the application. It was a tie. The case will now go to a hearing on April 18th, need local MV support to leave voicemails or show up in person. Suggested bring in Tier 1 coalition to speak.

**Architectural Review – Ryan**Number of people present in person for April meeting.
Fueling station at the corner of Main & Ashby – a group interested in opening a BBQ restaurant. Presented some initial drawings. Long term lease. They haven’t made any steps yet. It is within the existing zoning of the property. The group owns several restaurants around town.

327 E Kings Hwy new construction proposed. Planned to build a new home. OHP recommended denial for Architectural plans, Monte Vista agreed. The homeowner will present again with changes. The design is not relevant to the neighborhood.

House on corner of Howard & Lynwood would like to enclose their garage and make it into bedrooms.

Duplex at Mulberry and 281 – proposed changes to the house. They were denied and did it anyway. Working with OHP on a new plan.

**Easter – Amanda**
Huge Success, 2500 eggs were found successfully. Huge thank you to Becky Kirbo as a co-chair. Wonderful turnout from fellow board members. Volunteers for Laurel Heighs Youth Ministry, St. Anthonys & MV Youth Commission.

**Third Thursday – Kathy & Judy**
April 20 on top of the Bushnell. Will have a mariachi band. Silent Auction that Jill Torbert is in charge of – one of the hard copies of MV book, Gloria Kemper is making a cork wreath with history of Fiesta Medals, Gail Weisnhorn donating piece of art.
TT helpers will help in full force. Looked into a margarita machine but too expensive. Peter & Wendell will make margaritas on the rocks.

Botanical Garden group from Wisconsin is coming to MV. Leith offered to host in her garden. They are donating $500 to MV. Going to sell the MV books.

May Month working with Marianne Rhea and Landa Conservancy going to open at 6pm instead of 6:30pm. MV is suppling the wine that is leftover from the I Love MV party. We are supplying bartenders and supplies. They are providing music & food truck.

**50th Golden Jubilee – Ann**
Committee is moving along quickly. Interviewing caterers. Mailed out Save the Dates. Sponsorship letters are going to targeted people. Ticket prices are $250. Table prices start at $2000 and up to $25000. Meeting with members of Agarita so they can ask any questions about their block closing. If anyone knows of someone that might be a sponsor, please let Ann know. Invitations will go out in a few months.

**Block Captain – Robin**
Bill Dennis made the initial complaint about speeding on Mulberry. He has 36 approvals, needs 38 approvals to be turned over to public works.

Alley Cleanup proposed date is May 20th from 10am to 1pm. Divide the district up into 3 parts to clean. Anisa is working to get a trash receptible from the city. Look at the fall and come up with a date then.

**MVHA 50th Anniversary 2023 – Melody & Trudy**
Need 5 volunteers from 11am to 1pm on April 20th. Michelle, Lynn, Tony & Tom have volunteered to help. 325 W Lynwood.
May walking tour on the 27th at 9am. Selling 20 tickets for that event. $25 apiece. Jane Martin is leading it on E Kings Hwy.
Working on a summer lecture series at Trinity University in June at Dicke Hall that will be education & free. Working with Kathryn O’Rourke on an O’Neill presentation. In August will have the skyline room for an event.
Toni & Tom are co-chairing the 4th of July event. Working on some expanded ideas.

**4th of July – Toni & Tom**
Melody & Trudy agreed to help and talk logistics. Invite anyone to be on the committee, need a lot of volunteers.
Conversation on what the route for the parade will be. Looking at what the original.

**Safety & Traffic – Peter**
Words from Pat : Live at 210 W Lullwood, lived there for 17 years. I used to be the assistant city manager. Called out to the councilman to discuss plans. Major issue is Hildebrand is San Pedro all the way to Shook. It goes from several different turn lanes. Site line issues at several corners. Need help with vegetation that is overgrown, dangerous for neighbors. Utilities interference. Walkability issue. Short term & long term approvements. The long term is likely to be a bond project. Monte Vista needs to be a part of the long-term discussion. Widening the sidewalks along the road. Reducing the speed. Timing of the lights.

Need to hold the city accountable.

1. Other Business
2. **Adjourn 7:20pm**