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6:00 P.M. Open Session

**SPECIAL MEETING
CITY COUNCIL, AIRPORT COMMISSION,
MARINA ABRAMS B NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, PRESTON PARK SUSTAINABLE
COMMUNITY NON-PROFIT CORPORATION, SUCCESSOR AGENCY OF THE FORMER
MARINA REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY AND MARINA GROUNDWATER
SUSTAINABILITY AGENCY**

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1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL & ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM: (City Council, Airport Commissioners, Marina Abrams B Non-Profit Corporation, Preston Park Sustainable Communities Nonprofit Corporation, Successor Agency of the Former Redevelopment Agency Members and Marina Groundwater Sustainability Agency)

MEMBER PRESENT: Cristina Medina Dirksen, David Burnett, Lisa Berkley, Mayor Pro-Tem/Vice Chair Kathy Biala, Mayor/Chair Bruce C. Delgado
3. MOMENT OF SILENCE & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE (Please stand)

The City Council mutually agreed to rearrange the agenda to hear agenda item 5b prior to the two actions items.

- Terry Siegrist announced the Easter Activities for the upcoming weekend.
- Council Member Berkley – Announced the Mini Festival for Health and Wellness at the VTC on April 1st, 8th, 15th 22nd, 29th from 10:00am-4:00pm. The VTC will be offering Covid testing as well

as health wellness checkups regardless of insurance or not. Announced on Thursday, April 1st there will be a conversation about building trust in communities of color sponsored by the Marina Democratic Club and the Democratic Women of Monterey County and will be discussing the initiative of the role of public banking.

- Council Member Burnett – Spoke about the struggles of the community on the availability of internet access and paying for those kinds of services. Wanted people to know that the FCC is doing an open solicitation on broadband availability in your community. For more information please go to www.broadbandbenefits@fcc.gov . There is currently a provision to help offset costs related to internet access in certain communities. The survey will be ending this Friday, so if you have some things, you'd like to share with your federal government about your local internet access please take advantage of that opportunity. Also, I've been in communication and I'm a member with the MST Board and I know we are doing things for our businesses and renters and I was wondering if there was any money out there to help offset the cost of bus passes so I've been in discussions with the director of the MST and he thinks he was able to find some funding and so I'm in communication with that and I want to follow up with staff to see if perhaps we can get some information out to the public on how they may be able to pay for bus passes with Covid funds.
- Mayor Pro-Tem Biala – Attended a March 12th Forum by the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership and it was their kickoff to the housing element and I have been through two iterations of updates to the housing element and we've all been talking about affordable housing and it has been in the past as an administrative thing for our city but now it looks like the ordinance is changing and there is a lot more teeth in it and a lot more focus on it and so that educational piece that I attended was fabulous. It utterly changed my way of thinking of what could be done for affordable housing through the housing element. As of today, they have posted that educational part and I would like for our Planning Commission, for our city council to be able to review that at some point because short and very impactful.
- Mayor Delgado – I would like report that I've had some discussions with Doug Yount and Don Hofer of Marina Community Partners regarding various issues related to the Dunes development but the primary one I want to report is getting their take on what's going on with hotels and hotel developers and hotel bids. I've had conversation with Joby in regard to affordable housing and what the status of their project is over at the Marina Airport. Ted Crocker, Owner of student housing units being built on Cypress Avenue and he would like to invite the Council on a tour of the development for this Friday.
- Council Member Medina Dirksen – Disclosed that she too had been speaking with Joby about water matters and operation matters as we move forward. Spoke with Harvey Dadwal and Mr. McCormick on hotel matters; and have had an on-going conversation with Terry Tallen over at Marina Landing at his property Wal Mart and possibility for future development ideas. Held an interview with KION News with Nathaniel Sawyer on the reaction to the George Floyd murder trial and general conversations about Mr. Sawyer as an activist and he spoke well about our community's reaction, not that he was speaking for our community but just overall as an African American and I just shared that it is an opportunity to be an ally and understand his struggles of African Americans and how we can open our eyes and move forward.

4. OTHER ACTION ITEMS: *Action listed for each Agenda item is that which is requested by staff. The City Council may, at its discretion, take action on any items. The public is invited to approach the podium to provide up to four (4) minutes of public comment.*

Note: No additional major projects or programs should be undertaken without review of the impacts on existing priorities (Resolution No. 2006-79 – April 4, 2006).

- a. City Council consider adopting **Resolution No. 2021-23**, receiving a report defining personnel needs for internal staffing, consulting and support staff and estimates for funding the Cypress Knolls project.

Council Questions: Is it appropriate to have a conversation about the role furthering this issue? Is it correct in understanding that the development of Cypress Knolls would ultimately be creating a specific plan for this parcel of land as opposed to having it incorporated within the guidelines of the General Plan? Would it be for the longer-term planning for the city and for prioritizing long-term planning for the city, would it be better to be focusing on General Plan and the Downtown Specific Plan before we start focusing the development of Cypress Knolls? Is there any reason that the General Plan should be a priority over Cypress Knolls? If the General plan has not been updated in 21-years does that mean it does not reflect the current State environmental laws or anything on ADU and affordable housing? is it correct that focusing on the General Plan ahead of Cypress Knolls would actually have a better impact for growing our city in a more cohesive way? So ultimately, by not doing the General Plan we're potentially costing developers and residents more time and more money because we're outdated? Can we get an explanation of the environmental concerns around environmental management like sand Gila for example? If the Council wanted to avoid staff burnout on the General plan, the Downtown Plan, Marina Station, Sea Haven, the Dunes Development and begin a master planning process for Cypress Knolls, to avoid burnout and not drop any of those do you have an estimate of how many staff/people including supervisors would be needed to have a proper supervisory structure to get all of those done? Why is staff considering a 20-hour position when we have many projects; can there be more hours? Given that Cypress Knolls was identified as a "move forward" item at our December Strategic Planning meeting, are costs increasing the more we wait? How will building Cypress Knolls improve our RHNA numbers and how what are the penalties if we don't meet the numbers required? What is our target RHNA number? Who owns Cypress Knolls and the entitlements? If the parcel or the project was reduced but the use stayed the same, you could you possibly use the same environmental studies and move forward on a smaller project? If we don't move forward with Cypress Knolls at this time could you project what the harm might be to the city? if you were to step back and think about other than Cypress Knolls, what other projects could proceed without rushing to concentrate on this particular project area? If we do not have a Cypress Knolls master plan does this mean that we're under no obligation to entertain any development projects on that property? How long will the General Plan take, realistically? The Downtown Vitalization Specific Plan could be accomplished by the end of this year if the EIR goes forward, correct? If we do a General Plan first then some of the issues that we might have gained from doing a Cypress Knolls master plan for that property would be encompassed and it would actually help in terms of the next Cypress Knolls development, correct? Do we have the ability, because we own the property to meet the RHNA numbers, in real number with Cypress Knolls? Will we see a staffing plan? If so, is it for not just pre-Covid but for our growth needs? Do you think it's going to be possible to tell us what staffing resources we need to do with everything on our plate that is already going on such as Marina Station, Sea Haven, etc...? do you think it become impossible to ask you to do that same task if we add Cypress Knolls to the list? So, you think it becomes impossible to add Cypress Knolls when we ask you to tell us how many staff it will take to do everything we're doing plus Cypress Knolls, do you think it's an impossible task? Are there any homes planned for ownership that are affordable at the Dunes out of the 1200+ homes? Do you expect within the next eight years we're going to be as busy at the Dunes as we are right now? Do we have an eight-year schedule of performance that's very ambitious at the Dunes? If we move ahead with Cypress Knolls master plan can that help inform the General Plan as both are being developed concurrently? From a financial perspective, were we to get past Covid and enter an economic prosperous time is it true that you want to time developments for

those up cycles expecting the down cycles to come at some point in the future? Do you think state laws and cost of doing business are going to get more complicated and expensive over time the way the state is going with their affordable housing requirements that we're seeing on some of our other projects or do you think state laws are going to ease up and costs will go down?

DELGADO/BURNETT: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION NO. 2021-23, RECEIVING A REPORT DEFINING PERSONNEL NEEDS FOR INTERNAL STAFFING, CONSULTING AND SUPPORT STAFF AND ESTIMATES FOR FUNDING THE CYPRESS KNOLLS PROJECT.
5-0-0-0 Motion Passes

Public Comments:

- Grace Silva-Santella – Confused on the motion and understand that your accepting a report but as Mayor Pro-Tem Biala said what you're voting on right now hinges on the General Plan, which hinges on your next agenda item. I've served 10-years on the Marina Planning Commission, two of those years was as the Chair of which I chaired the 2000 General Plan update and I can say that it can be done in a two-year period. The General Plan set the mood for the community that you want to be, for the town that you want to be. The General Plan, which is critical and essential should be completed before you move forward with Cypress Knolls. We've already addressed some visual blight issues with Cypress Knolls. I don't think there's a rush here. From what staff has told you this evening were not going to meet our housing needs with Cypress Knolls. Priority should be placed on the General plan, Downtown Specific Plan and then Cypress Knolls. The housing targets will clearly be met with the Downtown plan, you don't need Cypress Knolls project. Finally, more critical than the development of Cypress Knolls is to link Central and North and South Marina together is the 2nd Avenue Extension. I thank Council Member Berkley and Mayor Pro-Tem Biala and Council Member Burnett for the questions that they asked on this agenda item.
- Nancy Amadeo – Currently attending the Planning Commission Academy and general plans had been an important part of the discussion. It is interesting to hear that somehow the project, Cypress Knolls should inform the General Plan. It is actually the General Plan that informs every project going forward for the next 20-years. Provided background on the major development projects which includes Cypress Knolls, Marina Station, the Dunes and Sea Haven as well as the Airport; and at the time those projects were coming forward we had an entire department called the Strategic Development Department that worked on all of those projects. Those were major projects that the planning staff could not do and do the routine planning of the city; and now we don't have that major Strategic Development Department and our Community Development Department is trying to do it all. Right now, we are down to the Community Development Director and one other person. The projects on the former Fort Ord have been complicated in the past by the fact there was prevailing wage for housing. Asked if that requirement for prevailing wage continued beyond the dissolution of FORA. There was comment about financing tools specifically tax increment and noted there is a company that does consulting works called Cosmont Companies that is helping other cities learn how to finance their major projects using tax increment. General Plan requirements must have a housing element and effective this year there is a climate section that is also required. So, we've added two requirements and if you want to go forward with Cypress Knolls you need to meet those requirements first. So, if you have to meet those requirements first why not do the General Plan first. Let it be your help to inform your project going forward, specifically the Cypress Knolls project, thank you.
- Karen Andersen – I'm going to respectfully disagree with the previous two speakers and support the motion to accept the recommendations and the reasons for that as stated earlier the blight that's there, let's get rid of that blight if nothing else that we've managed to do in the next couple of years lets take that out of there. C-DEC Hill looks so much better now with everything gone and

whatever is going to happen next is going through its own timeframe and I would like to see the same thing happen with Cypress Knolls, thank you.

- Mike Owen – I was going to talk about the tree list that was just recently done, tagged all the trees in Cypress Knolls but I go so frustrated and so I really have to comment that the Mayor doesn't really seem to be hearing what the City Manager and Fred is telling everybody. They cannot do both projects at the same time. they explained it. They restated it. I don't know why that doesn't sink in. So, you can come up with all sorts of imaginations to try and keep doing the mantra "I don't want to stress staff, I don't want to have burnouts" but then what you're actually talking about doing is exactly that. it's just so frustrating, thank you.
- Terry Tallen – You have tremendous momentum going on in the city of Marina now and we would like to see you be able to seize that and to be more friendly to the planning process and to staffing up. This is a terrific city and you really have a great staff you just don't have enough people. This is our fifteenth year at being a stakeholder in the City of Marina. Marina is a very, very different city than it was. A lot of progress has been made but I think that the opportunities in front of you are significant and I think we should seize those opportunities. If you look at the opportunity with Joby Aviation that has a very, very unique situation and it is something that I hope we are able to staff up for and be able to keep them and make something special. For those of you who don't know, we are the owners of the 7 acres adjacent to Wal Mart and we originally developed the Wal Mart out of the old dark K-Mart back in 2006. Thank you all for all the great work over the years, for the relationship and I encourage you to please try to hire more staffing.
- Liesbeth Visscher – if or when the City decides to move forward with a master plan for Cypress Knolls, I hope the following will be considered. Start with trees and get an arborist survey to determine which trees can be saved and design as much as possible around those trees. Sidelights especially keep views of the bay in mind. Design a new City Hall at Cypress Knolls with a new town center/town square not for parking like we have at the Dunes here but for people together. If and when this goes ahead hire the right people including the right designers for the beautifully centrally located area in Marina.
- Brian McCarthy – Supports the motion. Spoke about affordable housing and a crisis that needs to be addressed in a broad way is building more supply and addressing non-construction items like affordability through concepts of wage-equality; and second, a thing we know is Cypress Knolls is not going to solve the affordable housing crisis. Hopes that whatever becomes of Patton Park (Cypress Knolls) it furthers the American dream of homeownership for a wide range of people and does not put people in a perpetual renter-ship that has become a reality for so many. Asked if developers are chomping at the bit for this area what can we get for free before we spend a dime? Why are we not having seminars from these developers that have proposals? Why are we not hearing these ideas that could be put into play on this space? You heard your Community Development director say in a perfect world, General Plan first and I agree with that. Agrees with Mike Owen when he said your staff basically told you no. Council needs to listen carefully to what staff is saying. Echoed Nancy Amadeo's comments about the 7-9 elements of a General Plan. There's a new element that I don't think was discussed and it's an Environmental Justice element that is required in cities now that have environmental disadvantaged community. I don't know how we can move forward on a housing project that is targeted to address some of these environmental issues when we don't even have EJ Element in our General Plan. We haven't updated the land use, housing circulation, conservation, open space and noise elements in so long, so I hope that's the direction that this city will make, thank you.
- Audra Walton – This is a lot of information and I really want to piggyback on what Brian McCarthy and Karen Andersen said and echo that this community, Cypress Knolls would benefit from having affordable, purchasable, sustainable homes. With respect to redlining and

gentrification in and around this area and California as a whole I think this would really be a really good place for Marina to sit and set the standard for the rest of California. I could be naïve in that thinking but I think that if we did show that caring for our community or for those who say would rather not pay upwards of \$200,000 over 20-years for rental property they'll never own simply because they're stable and I don't know if this makes a lot of sense for a lot of our community who are stuck in rentals year over year with rising rental costs and not being able to save to get into even that starter home that Mayor Pro-Tem Biala had suggested. Rental costs are also increased when you factor in utility bills. Again, I just really like to encourage the city to move forward with this project with respect to affordable housing purchasable ownership, affordable. Thank you

- b. Continue the discussion regarding the Strategic Plan and Work Plan Priority List and provide direction to city staff in preparation for the Budget Retreat in April.

Council Questions: How old is this list? How many other carry overs items are we talking about? What was done staff wise, did you have a staff management system in the past and how does it integrate with what we're trying to accomplish now? How can we get things done more efficiently?

Public Comments:

- Karen Andersen – Sent an email to Council that listed the 104 items into eight categories (items already underway and approved, items of improvement and maintenance of existing infrastructure, items regarding the correct assessment/payment/collection of fees, items regarding public safety, items regarding quality of life as infrastructure, items regarding quality of life amenities, items regarding City of Marina improvements, items regarding development of projects). Noted that she did not place item 60 because I'm worried that it might not be that vital of a project because of the environmental impacts happening with that. did not prioritize anything within the categories, I just listed them because some of those items are so high in priority that we can't even disregard them and then some of the other I just hope we can get to in our next retreat, thank you.
- Nancy Amadeo – Your map going forward is your policy statements which include your General Plan and your Housing Element, they are how you get where you want to be. If you don't have consistent policies on how and where you grow you end up without a cohesive plan that gets you to the end result. That's why General Plans are so important, they include the housing element, zoning and they include the environment. I look at the list of priorities we still need on the list those things we've already committed to because that tells us where some of our money and our time is going. New priorities should be limited in number. Read in a League of California Cities magazine that you should not have more than 10 priorities but better 5 or 6 because you're more likely to achieve what you want to do. Something for the Council to consider when they look at their priorities, what is their map to get to where they want to be in 20-years and how do they want to get there? Is amendable or is it written in stone? You what something that's amendable, as things change. Limit those priorities, those things that you really need to accomplish over the next 20-years to 10. We cannot do 100 items. Even if we had 100 people working in Planning, Administration, Finance, Public Works we wouldn't be able to get there. So, think about who your asking to do these projects and what is it going to take to get there. It takes good planning, which is your General Plan, your Housing Element, your Zoning all of those things together give you the roadmap to the future, thank you.
- Liesbeth Visscher – The city needs a long-term maintenance plan for all of its current assets. Before deciding to start new projects please make inventory of current maintenance obligations. Find out the costs to make repairs and to set up regular maintenance for landscaping including trees, faded traffic signs, missing striping, potholes, missing streetlights and neglected landscaping with the weeds make the city look bad. Please set standards, fix what is broken, reserve money for unexpected expenses, hire enough staff, remember to budget for pension obligations or consultants

and when all these numbers are known including those for mandatory ongoing projects check how much money is left for other projects. Then choose some of those projects that you'll be able to handle and manage and complete doing those well. Having said all this, I really appreciate all the work you have done to get this is one spreadsheet because it just shows how overwhelming the number of projects is and I don't see another way to choose the priorities, thank you.

- Brian McCarthy – Many of you know where I stand on taking care of the day to day issues before starting new projects. I appreciate Council Member Biala mentioning the CIP because I think that really illustrates that the reality is this list could be 800 items long. I also think about what our mandatory projects are and personally for me on my street I think about the 5 streetlights that have been out for about 6-years and I really ask myself why are we discussing prioritizing those things, why is that not just a given? Why, as soon as this money was in your hands did it not leave to go towards fixing those things? The biggest concern based off the discussion I heard is the Mayor saying that the priority was parks and in the group was really 5-6 different items, all the parks, and the pool and the sports center and I don't know if that's sustainable but I really encourage the council to take a close look on that and break those back apart. Choose one really solid goal to accomplish. I'm looking forward to council actually choosing one and really going for it but really, please try not to do too much at once. You have a lot on your plate and you're going to do great things but none of them are going to come to fruition and be positive if you try to take on too much at once. It's just not sustainable.
- Phil Sakakihara – Very impressed with the City Manager, Mayor and Council Members, I had no idea what you really did and how the city really ran, so this is enlightening. I had some general comments about the prioritization. Agrees with previous speaker that you need to look at maintenance projects and the funding you have and then figure out how you're going to fund the rest of it. You only have so much money and staff. Spoke about East Garrison and Marina Annexation. We sent out a paper yesterday and hopefully council and staff got that, but I moved back here to East Garrison and since I arrived I was elected to the East Garrison HOA Board and shortly after that Jane Parker's office appointed me to be on the advisory board for East Garrison Community Service District. My role is to try and get a balance sheet so that we all understood how the Mello-Roos is being spent. After two years of struggling through this process we finally came up with a balance sheet and we got a pretty good feel for what it's like to be under the County. That's probably not a good thing if you look at the challenges they have and the deficit their running against. Then we looked at becoming independent and you can't really become independent if you don't have a commerce structure to build off of. So, then we looked at annexing with Marina and if you look at the advantage there, we have a list but won't go through them all. We look at this opportunity as a low-hanging fruit. In other words, we already have low-income housing in process. We have a big tax base that I think we can optimize, and we have a commissary that we have plans for but hasn't been developed yet. So, I think there a big opportunity there. I don't know where it fits into your priority list only you can determine that, but if you look at what you get and I don't know what kind of effort it's going to take but I think it could be significant for you.
- Mike Owen – I wanted to say thank you to the Mayor and Council Member Berkley for sharing their top priorities and I would hope that the other council members would maybe let the public know what their top priorities are now because it's very informative to everybody out here. One of the benefits of sitting through the December 10th Strategic Planning meeting is that I get to remind you guys that public comment was limited to the first 30-minutes of that meeting. Since then it's almost four months and I think literally you've almost 1000% more public comment than any other city, corporation, entity that went through that strategic planning process conducted in one-day. So, I don't think you should feel in any way **bereffed** of public comments as you go into your budget meeting, thank you.

- Melanie McNulty –East Garrison homeowner and my request is that you put the annexation of East Garrison on the priority list for your strategic planning. Believes there are benefits on both sides, both for Marina and also for the homeowners two of which have been discussed earlier one of course is the Mello-Roos the other is the property tax revenue that would come into Marina. We do have affordable housing that was built by Mid-Pen and we have more that's going to be built by CHISPA later this year. Also, we have property open for development that would also come into the Marina area. From the Mello-Roos standpoint one thing that I did want to point out is that there are two parts to the Mello-Roos tax. One is a CFD, which was secured by a bond. That is how they paid for the infrastructure for East Garrison. The other is a CSD, which is a Community Service District which is on-going tax. Both of those increase every year. The CFD by 2% and the CSD by 4%. This does affect the sustainability of the community, the affordability and the quality of life. Also, from the benefit of the East Garrison standpoint I believe we would get better law enforcement and better oversight from the City of Marina. So, please put us on that priority list and thank you.
- Tom Mann – I can initially to talk about the bike park, but I did want to say a few other things. I really appreciate the list that was put together. I find that helpful as a citizen to see all the things that you're thinking about and should be publicly accessible and some way that it's updated as you begin to prioritize. I would also say that the General Plan would be a very important structure to put everything into so I think having the General Plan would be a very high priority and then everything on the list can go into the structure of the General Plan. Money is money and it can determine what you can and can't do. Any item that you start you finish it. That you don't do it in pieces and that was my concern with the bike park proposal. Let's not just do the bike area, if you're going to remodel the park do the whole thing and if you can't fund the whole thing don't do it. I think that should be a part of the consultation that you have about prioritizing this. What can you afford to do to completion? Wanted to reinforce the Mayor's view on outdoor spaces being a priority.
- Grace Silva-Santella – Echoed previous speakers that the General Plan update should be the number one priority, zoning ordinance, housing element those are all critical but I would add that you need to be pursuing objective guidelines. You already saw what the Del Monte Blvd 4-story apartment complex that without objective guidelines we have nothing in the city to start protecting ourselves to some level for these bonus density projects. I trust that this is going to be a big thing here in Marina given our land is less expensive than other peninsula cities and we have some very, very old apartments stock. I would argue that we need to get back to pre-Covid staffing and maybe even look at bringing some more staff in above and beyond just pre-Covid. When we think of parks it is essential that before we start moving onto new parks, we need to make sure the parks we currently have are in the best condition that they can be in and are being maintained properly. Asked that when you talk about parks you make sure to recognize the Library as one of those parks, to recognize that the community room at the Library when it opens up post-Covid that that community room pre-Covid had 100 individuals meeting in that room every month. Suggested that if we enhance the Library Community Room with a built-in audio-visual system with a ceiling mount projector it could expand the offerings and the activities that we could provide our older adult population here in Marina given that we do not have a Senior Center. Finally, Del Monte Ave and Reservation Road intersection has for too long been ignored and we just had come before the Planning Commission a project that would have intensified the activity in that corner of vehicles to the detriment of people who try to cross at that intersection. So, please when you meet could you please move that intersection up on your priority list? Thank you
- Kayla Booker – Commented more for reference for the youth hockey program. We have played against them several times and it was one of the most incredible experiences we've ever had because you guys have such a community in your area and such a vast amount of youth hockey

teams at your rink, which I believe you said is part of your parks agenda. The rink is so important. It at least quadruples the amount of kids we have over in Tehachapi and we're like 4 ½ hours away from you and we travel that and would still travel there to play against you kids because it was such a fabulous experience. Thank you

- Larry Moonan – Lived in the area for 25 years, never been involved in city government and I've gotten involved because of Water City and concerns over what happens there. In the last few months, I've really gained a lot of information for the work that you people do and the commitment to your community and trying to do the right thing. I realize as someone who's built businesses how challenging it is to serve all the interests you have to and to have to pick a choose what to invest in. it's really challenging, and you never really get it right. But I can say that when you look at things there's always the obvious things you hear about, deal with every day that draw your attention. But if you're talking about really investing and building your community long-term and improving it long-term you have to focus heavily on the youth and upcoming generations and not only what they're going to have but also what they're experiencing right now. I can tell you in my 25-years here if I left tomorrow I think the number one takeaway would be my experience in the City of Marina and this dumpy old building that no one's invested in for years, that I've hauled my kids to and we found this great sport, this community a gem that's largely run by volunteers. That building has so much to offer and with a little bit of investment it could be much better. But also the Equestrian Center, the Pump Track these are things to invest in that will sustain your community for generations.
- Kenia Acevedo – I think these are important issues to discuss. I'm of the perspective that a lot of money and investment needs to go to servicing the basic needs of our community members. I think a lot about the hierarchy of need, and I lived in the most northern part of our city and there is a lot of infrastructure needs with streets and sidewalks. I appreciate the Mayor talk about his priority needs being fixing our streets and improvements in our parks and I think that's really important for the mental health and wellbeing of our community members but those are also essential needs. I really ask that you consider the basic needs and prioritize them above and before any of the things that might make out town a lot sexier and more attractive. I think those are essentials that all communities should have. I see Marina as growing exponentially and thriving and that should take place holistically without leaving sector behind. I don't know efforts are taking place to get community input from folks that might not be English speakers but making efforts or finding staff to be able to facilitate that outreach so that in the future we have an inclusive public comment on these issues but overall I very grateful to have our Council Member and to hear about discussions of equity and the thoughtfulness that goes into it. I look forward for a better tomorrow for all of Marina.
- Richard Stevens – Echoed some of the comments already made because I think they really bare some weight. My comments will be in two parts. First part has to do with the actual project list and my first impression was this is daunting when I saw the project list there's 105 projects on it. Listening to the comments provided Karen Andersen gave a real coagent argument about breaking them into major categories some of which by their nature will be mandatory. For example, repair of infrastructure. To me that's a business fundamental. You don't let infrastructure like roads for example because it becomes... it really affects the whole fabric of the community if you let those kinds of things go. Phil talked about business fundamentals and I use that term a lot and I think the reason why Phil and I both use it is because we're bot Alumni of IT-Kila-Packard and we both worked there for many years and that was a term we used for projects that don't require a lot of costs and are easy to do. What tends to happen when if you have things that sitting in a project list like this they tend to die and not get taken care of. There's a good opportunity to maybe do those when you're doing some of these other projects. Second part of my comments have to do with East Garrison, and I agree with Phil that we are a low-hanging fruit. We have our own ad-hoc

committee and we want to work with you guys to make something happen because we really think there is going to be synergy between what we want to do as a community and what we want to do as a community here at East Garrison, what you guys are already doing and the home temperament of our community very much is inline with the welcoming and friendly community that you have in Marina. I strongly suggest that you make this project number 106 on the list and we get to work together on this endeavor, thank you.

- Patricia Clark-Gray – 30-year resident of Marina and a neighbor to Cypress Cove which is across from Gloria Jean Tate Park. Expressed disappointment that she was not aware of this proposal until she saw a survey on the Pump Track. Feels that the residents of Cypress Cove should have been contacted because of the impacts of this development to the neighborhood (traffic, noise and removal of the current playground). Understands that the city has funding for the Pump Track but has not allocated funding for the full development including the new development and dog park. Requested that the City allocate funding from current available funds to fund the full development of the park. During Covid the park use has doubled for the dog walkers. Once the playground was reopened nearby families with children were so happy to have the swings and slides and other equipment available again. Understand that the current playground will be taken out and rebuilt when there is funding. Since this could take some time our local children will not have their nearby playground. I support the Pump Track and feel it's a good design. I would love to have seen something for Seniors like a Bocce Ball court. Requested that the city prioritize the full development of the park from the General Fund packet or other sources of funding.
- Danielle Burchett – Asked if there are any updates on efforts to survey the community about priorities?

DELGADO/BIALA: TO AUTHORIZE COUNCIL MEMBER MEDINA DIRKSEN AND COUNCIL MEMBER BERKLEY WORK ON A MAILER TO INVITE THE PUBLIC TO A THURSDAY MEETING USING CITY FUNDS NOT TO EXCEED \$10,000. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote.

9:58pm

Berkley/Delgado: to continue this item. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote

DELGADO/BIALA: THAT WE HAVE A THURSDAY, APRIL 15TH FROM 6:00 PM-9:00 PM EVENING KICK-OFF TO A 3-DAY RETREAT WHERE WE JUST LISTEN TO THE PUBLIC AFTER THE STAFF GIVES THEM AN OPENING INTRO-PRESENTATION. 5-0-0-0 Motion Passes by Roll Call Vote.

Public Comments:

- Nancy Amadeo – Noted that direct mail advertisement has a 2% response. Most people throw direct mail in the garbage. That's an awful amount of money for the city to spend for a 2% response. Doing a postcard at the last minute you're going to get the same people you always get at City Council meetings. What you need to hear and what you've really have heard over time are the concerns the public has about what's not been done and what they would like to see in the future. Thinking that you're going to get a response that tells you more than better parks, roads, and sidewalks, police and fire when called you're going to get the same response over and over and you can't even quantify it because 2% of the population is very small. Most people are uncomfortable talking to elected or appointed officials. They prefer in a townhall to have staff tell them what's going on and then they can sit in their little groups with maybe 4-5 other people or they can talk about those things on the list and then one person speak to staff and then staff then relates that to their elected or appointed official. I think if you really want to be successful you're

going to be able to do it in this budget cycle; and that you will need to start at the mid-year budget review and plan out how you're going to do community outreach at that point because it will give you enough time to reach out effectively and do that townhall where you're not involved, the staff is involved because their much more likely to talk to each other and to staff than they are to talk to you. Thank you.

- Liesbeth Visscher – I do believe in the theory that it takes several different methods to reach people even if it were just 2% that's quite a lot of people and I would suggest to include at least Spanish as a second language in the postcard and offer Council Member Medina Dirksen as a translator and maybe in the future more languages can be included. Thank you

5. COUNCIL & STAFF INFORMATIONAL REPORTS:

- a. Monterey County Mayor's Association [Mayor Bruce Delgado]
- b. Council and staff opportunity to ask a question for clarification or make a brief report on his or her own activities as permitted by Government Code Section 54954.2.

6. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 10:45 PM

Anita Sharp, Deputy City Clerk

ATTEST:

Bruce C. Delgado, Mayor