

# **MVA BOARD MEETING**

**MVA – Conference Rm**

**1980 Mountain Blvd. #205**

**Wednesday, January 29, 2020, 9:15 - 10:15AM**

**MVA Board meeting 9:15-10:15AM**

Board Members Present: Howard Neal, Robin Patin

Board Members Absent: Pat Benson, Ann Dyer Cervantes, Allison O'Brien, Tom Revelli

Guests: Michael Tigges (Montclair Neighborhood Council), Mark Sutro and Jen (Crufit); Laurel (Pilates 580), Selesh (Halmark), Bill Williams (Pelago)

Executive Director: Daniel Swafford; Assistant Director Toni Mikulka

## **Agenda**

9:15 Call to Order – President Howard Neal

- Welcome & Introductions
- Review of Agenda

9:20 Land Use Next Steps

- 2084 Mountain Blvd. [Kent Steinwert and Ryan Misasi – F&M Bank]

9:40 Village Plaza Campaign Update

9:50 2020 Calendar

10:05 Open Forum

10:15 Adjourn

Quorum was not reached, Meeting was adjourned discussion continued – Discussion Notes for 01/29/2020

Robin: Tell Board that I will be in Australia the last week in February 2020- Cristania will need to fill in the secretary role for me

- There is a board calendar on the MVA website for 2020 of events in Montclair
- Does not include the date of the restaurant walk-usually in late April. April 18<sup>th</sup> possible date for Oakland Earth day event.
- Some questions from the merchants presented at the November 2019 meeting about events creating street closures.
- The merchants only have issue with December Holiday but have no issue with other scheduled 2020 events.
- Events will resume in March/February for the village plaza campaign to close out the final fundraising goal
  - The contractor will reprice the project and we have a firm timeline for breaking ground on the Antioch court project
  - We have another \$130K to raise , deadline is March 31,2020.
- RMD info has been updated for 2020, need to review verbiage on MVA website
- Major donor deadline , March 31, may have another event for major donors before the deadline, possible for charitable giving? Will the April community dinner be repeated on Antioch court? Maybe?

- Howard and several merchants thinks the idea of Sunday dinner in April in Antioch court was well attended and everyone had a great time.
  - May 2020 would any business owners object to having a dinner event in Antioch court Sunday, May 2020?
- Daniel: would consider moving board meeting until the evening 6:15pm, same location on the last Wednesday of the month. Daniel will send out email to poll the board about moving the meeting.

Kent and Ryan from F&M Bank

1. F&M Bank is coming to Montclair. Agreed to put \$100K into the community for the Antioch Court Project if it does not produce sales tax.
2. F&M has been looking for a restaurant to occupy the available space but due to the difficult economic situation for restaurants, F&M could not find a tenant for the space. After a long search, medicinal marijuana, urgent car clinic, hamburger/fast food place, yoga shop and orange theory.
3. F&M will be validating parking in the garage for 2 hours and will support the community. F&M are here to seek endorsement to get a conditional use permit. Seeking help to get a solid tenant into the space. They are ready to start immediately and their goal is to have space filled by Sept 2020 and will have 8-9 people in the branch, 2-3 members will be senior.
4. Concerns expressed that it will impact Crufit and local pilates studio. Also concerns about parking, a lot of work out studios for one area. Strong desire for local flavor of new business in Montclair. F&M asked for ideas from Tenants.