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Mayor Kerr Activity Report October 2022

It has been an extremely busy month as more meetings are beginning to be in-person, the water situation is heating up with an upcoming Coastal Commission meeting to consider Cal Am's desal project and Housing Elements are on the minds of all jurisdictions. You will see housing, and water sprinkled throughout the majority of the meetings.

Annual Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce Leadership Luncheon

Sept 26 - Celebrating their 20th Annual Leadership Luncheon at the Portola Plaza, the Monterey Peninsula Chamber held their first in-person meeting since the pandemic. I joined Congressman Panetta, State Congressman Laird, all 5 county Supervisors, Mayors or representatives from each of the peninsula cities, the Undersheriff and the Chair of the Airport Board to share thoughts with Chamber members.

The Chamber took a poll of the audience for the two topics for discussion. The two with the highest scores were workforce housing and available water. Each elected official got 3 minutes to make their comments. I shared that Del Rey Oaks is in a unique situation with land, water and the possibility of Ft. Ord development. In addition to addressing our affordable housing needs, I would also like DRO to include missing middle housing which is aimed at our teachers, police officers, health care workers and other essential workforce that is being priced out of our area. My comments also included that those in attendance, our business community, also have an important part to play in the housing crisis by ensuring our workforce is paid a living wage.

In regards to water, Del Rey Oaks overwhelmingly voted for publicly owned water to begin to address the management and affordability of this precious resource. The Pure Water Monterey expansion is the common-sense solution, which according to our Monterey Peninsula Water Mgmt District, would provide us enough water to address current demand, and all calculate growth for the next 30 years.

City Council Meeting

Sept 27 - We had very lively and timely discussions about Water Supply and Demand numbers, FORTAG and Park noise and Parking. Check out the new agenda/video system that can take you directly to the particular item on the video! Thank you Karen.

Supply and Demand Numbers. The water conversation is complicated and always contentious. The Supply and Demand numbers are being argued by many. Dave Stoldt, the General Manager of the Water District possesses the knack to able to convey complicated data easily. His conclusion is with the Pure Water Monterey expansion (which was recently suggested for CPUC approval), the peninsula will be able to get out from under the CDO and we have enough water for all development anticipated by AMBAG for the next 30 years.

FORTAG. There was lots of ground covered, but for me the important part of this conversation had to do with understanding their plans for communicating about upcoming activities that might affect different areas of our community. Every resident will receive 4 different postcards throughout next year. If you would like additional email blasts, sign up at <https://www.fortag-canyonderrey.com/contact.html>.

Park noise and parking. City hall has been receiving complaints about noise from party goers in the park and concerns about parking. Our police do not feel like they have the necessary tools to enforce noise issues, so the council asked Chief Hoyne to research other city's ordinances and practices involved with park rentals. I suggested a rental rate review in comparison with other local jurisdictions. Residents shared their concerns about parking along Angelus as the park usage increases.

Transportation Agency of Monterey County

Sept 28 - Please see attached overview.

Housing discussion with Landwatch

Sept 30 - Landwatch is a local, non-profit organization whose work is to "enhance Monterey County's future by addressing climate change, community health and social inequities in housing and infrastructure." Landwatch is a stakeholder for any development and zoning plans, so it is advantageous to have them involved to understand constraints and parameters. When we sought to approve our last Housing Element, they felt compelled to sue us because they felt it didn't adequately address the water issue. It was settled fairly quickly, but I wanted to begin conversations with them about our upcoming Housing Element, which should be coming before the council before the end of the calendar year.

Councilperson Shirley and I met with the Landwatch team to discuss the inventory of city properties and why they were taken out of consideration for housing. As you know, the city has property behind Safeway (Work Memorial Park), Rosita Triangle, the Corp Yard and 17 acres across from the Oaks. These 4 properties are within a 100-year flood plain and two (Work Mem and 17 Acres) have been officially designated wetlands. We all agree that our Fort Ord property is critical to meeting our RHNA numbers. Conversations will be ongoing as we pursue finalizing the 5th cycle Housing Element and associated policies that need to be put in place. I look forward to including our City Manager and Planners in the next conversation.

Parks & Rec "Ghostbusters"

Sept 30 - This evening was so much fun! The Parks & Rec Committee, at the suggestion of member Kiel Edson, wanted to start a Movie Night in the Park. Technology was gathered, and a large blow-up screen was purchased to show "Ghostbusters" the original on Friday night. The corp yard parking lot was open to help with parking and attendees walking in the dark. It was a chilly evening, but almost 50 people came out, with ebikes and blankets.

Big thanks to Stone Creek Kristina for her kind donation of her fabulous chocolate chip cookies!

Citizen Action Group's Fall Festival

Oct 1 - It was so nice to have CAG's picnic return after taking several years off due to the pandemic. They kicked the festivities off with a new kiddie parade. Family and pets came decked out as ghouls and princesses. Our police and I lead the way driving down Angelus. Neighbors came out to cheer on the marchers. Our firefighters were there overseeing games. Our community groups were also there with information and giveaways. Another yummy addition this year was a potato bar with all of the fixings.

Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District Meeting

Oct 4 - During the Fall Festival, MPRPD General Manager Rafael Payan indicated to City Manager Guertin and I that they would like to continue conversations about their interest in the 17-acre parcel across from the Oaks condominiums. This meeting included myself, City Manager Guertin, Mr. Payan, our Park District Representative Kevin Raskoff and the Park District Finance Manager Kelly McCullough. In addition to the Frog Pond area, the Park District also owns a parcel on the corner of Gen Jim and South Boundary. The city-owned 17 acres could add additional acreage for a larger extension of the Frog Pond. More conversations will be upcoming.

Contact me - If you are reading this and it is between Oct 21 and Nov 13, 2022, send me an email at akerr@delreyoaks.org for a cup of coffee or tea on me.

Parks & Rec Committee

Wed Oct 5 - We recapped the success of our first Movie Night and discussed how to implement more Movie Nights moving forward. It was decided that we would focus on perhaps once a month beginning in spring until fall to take advantage of the better weather. We also took a moment to reflect on all of the work that has been accomplished since the Committee's inception just over 1 year ago before we launched into how we want to move forward. It is impressive work for such a small committee with limited funding. Discussion revolved around planning for more movies, classes offered by our residents and perhaps 1 large project a year. In addition to the Community Garden, the top options identified via the community survey included a Community Gathering spot and access to more trails. Looking at options for a community garden was the large project we would like to focus on. Interested in volunteering for a Community Garden subcommittee? Let me know.

"How Can California and Its Cities House More People AND Achieve Zero Carbon Emissions"

Thur Oct 6 - Former President Pro Tem of the Ca Senate and now Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg, shared lessons learned of his work on housing. He shared history of legislation, some effective and some not, surrounding land use, transportation and the housing crisis. He also discussed how the unsheltered population in the state has been exacerbated by the lack of affordable housing. He suggested that housing should be a legal right, as well as mental health care, similar to every child having access to free public education. We must build walkable/bike-able communities where people live closer to where they work and play. But there are obstacles and obligations that make building housing difficult, such as NIMBY and "narcotic of nostalgia" mindsets, as well as over regulation.

Missing Middle Housing: A Proven Strategy for Affordability and Walkable Neighborhoods.

Oct 6 - It was a busy day revolving around housing. The presenters for this meeting described the shifting demographics of California and how they translate into needing different housing choices for different needs. We know that travel emissions are no longer sustainable and there is need to preserve as much land as possible for open space. Additionally, it's been 75 years since the country's last major infrastructure push (with funding), so much is needing to be replaced. Del Rey Oaks will be celebrating 70 years as a city next year, so this is aligned with where we are.

The term Missing Middle Housing includes low rise, middle form and scale buildings with multiple units for middle income households. Think duplexes, cottages around a shared courtyard, fourplex, multiplex 6-12 units), courtyard apartments. They are compatible with single family homes, and often look like a house. This livable community contains smaller units as people are trading space for place, where they see their neighbors, walk to school and work,

etc. Efforts are also made so residents can age in place. These communities also include and support local businesses, which is better for infrastructure, and social resilience.

Monterey County Mayors Association

Friday Oct 7 - I was excited to have Maria Herrera, who had previously been on the Newsom team as our Central Coast representative, but had recently been appointed by President Biden to be the State Director for the Department of Agriculture Rural Development. She came and spoke about programs and funding that our small jurisdictions can take advantage of. We actually qualify as a rural jurisdiction, but our income levels make it difficult to qualify.

Values Ad hoc Committee Meeting

Oct 12 - The council created this committee to come up with definitions for the city values the council had identified several years ago. Council members Shirley, Gaglioti and myself are on this ad hoc committee. Identified city core values include, in no particular order, Diversity and Inclusiveness, Fiscal Responsibility, Honesty and Integrity, Open Communication and Transparency, Ethical Behavior, and Responsiveness to Community Needs and Concerns. These values are the basis for both Council and City actions. Ms. Shirley brought initial definitions for each of the city values for the committee to consider. We were able to wordsmith them in our first meeting. Chief Hoyne will be taking these to staff for consideration before they either come back to the committee or are presented to the full council, hopefully in November.

Tech Test

Oct 13 - In our attempt to go hybrid, I joined the staff to test the technology for upcoming meetings. The technology is pretty good, but concerns remain about the sound for those people not in the room, and therefore the recording of our meetings. In years past (pre Zoom) there were sometimes meetings that didn't make it into recording, or the sound was so bad that one couldn't hear the dialogue or the councilpersons comments. I would like to see us back in person, with additional flexibility for council, staff and the public, but everyone must be confident in the technology. We are not there yet.

MBEP Annual State of the Region

Oct 14 - Another first in-person meeting since the pandemic, Monterey Bay Economic Partnership held it's 8th Annual meeting at CSUMB. The day was loaded with regional updates via panel discussions surrounding housing, homelessness and RHNA numbers, regional economic security for all, and lessons learned from the pandemic (people of color disproportionately suffered greater).

Finance Committee

Oct 14 - We had a quick meeting where we received the most current financials, a revised salary schedule to reflect CM Guertin's recent increase in salary and an update on cannabis within the city. We are on track this year, although our largest funding comes in at different times of the year, i.e. property taxes come twice a year, not on a regular monthly basis.

Like many small cannabis companies, those within the city are experiencing issues with either getting up and running or serious slumps in sales. One of our companies owes the city approximately \$400k in overdue taxes. The committee asked our CM to do a more extensive reporting on the situation to bring back to council.

I reminded everyone that a year ago, the council identified the need for a Business Development Outreach Plan, which is to include the status of businesses, business inventory and outlook, explanation of vacancies and potential areas of opportunity. We do not have a huge inventory of businesses, so this broader look at our business community also needs to be prioritized.

Compatible Use Study

Oct 17 - I have been attending the Working Group meetings for this study since prior to the pandemic. This meeting was one to share the draft study with the public. As a reminder, the City of Monterey is funding this study to look at the intersections between jurisdictions within the county and military installations. Areas of potential concern include housing, traffic, noise, etc. The report is long at 350+ pages, but provides a comprehensive overview of many topics of regional importance. Public comment on the document is open until Nov. 10. You can find more information and the draft study at <https://montereyregionalcus.com>

Governor Newsom Infrastructure Meeting with Local leaders

Oct 18 - Governor Newsom's Infrastructure Advisor and former Speaker of the Assembly Antonio Villaraigosa is touring the state hosting listening sessions with decision-makers. I joined mayors from St. Cruz, Scotts Valley, King City, San Juan Bautista, Soledad, San City, King City and District 5 Supervisor for this conversation. The state has \$47 Billion in infrastructure funds and are anticipating an additional \$60 Billion from the Federal government. The vast majority of this funding is for transportation, but also for broadband, energy and water. The team had met with TAMC earlier in the day. Mr. Villaraigosa indicated that collaborations will be a priority and was looking for creative solutions to build faster, put more people to work, address traffic safe and ensure clean air. The conversation centered on the need for funds to be flexible, and to be available to smaller jurisdictions, not only LA and the bay area. Housing, water, unfunded mandates and streamlining CEQA were also discussed.



Monterey One Water

Providing Cooperative Water Solutions

Councilmember Donaldson Notes:

Pure Water Monterey

- Total PWM water recharged to date about 7,900 AF (~ 2.6 billion gallons delivered).

Source Waters (includes Blanco Drain, Reclamation Ditch & Salinas Stormwater elements)

- Reclamation Ditch PS and Blanco Drain PS are operational.
- Salinas Stormwater Phase 1A & 1B facilities are available for withdrawing Pond 3 water for PWM recycling.

Advanced Water Purification Facility

- AWPf is fully operational.

Water Conveyance Pipeline & Blackhorse Reservoir

- The pipeline & reservoir are conveying purified water full-time to the injection facilities.

Injection Wells Facilities

- The Injection Wells Phase 3 construction contract was formally closed-out August 31st.
- All injection wells are in service; ongoing basin recharge is 275 - 300 AF per month.
- PWM permitting activities with the State Division of Drinking Water (DDW) and the RWQCB continue based on the extrinsic tracer study results and follow-up groundwater modeling. DDW review comments were received August 30th on the Amended Title 22 Engineering Report to permit injection of an additional 600 AF per year. RWQCB approval will be secured after the PWM team addresses DDW's review comments; that final approval isn't expected until early 2023.
- M1W and MPWMD staff continue to work with City of Seaside and Monterey County staff on the final property easement acquisition process for all the PWM and PWM Expansion injection well field facilities.

Expanded Pure Water Monterey

- The California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) approval process remains the critical path for execution of the Amended Water Purchase Agreement (WPA); it is a three-party agreement, requiring approval by M1W, MPWMD, and CalAm. Next milestone is the CPUC Judge's draft (aka "proposed") decision no later than September 20th.
- Both PWM Expansion construction bid packages (AWPF expansion and IW Phase 4) are "shovel-ready"; engineering was completed several months ago.
- PWM Expansion funding through the EPA Water Infrastructure and Innovation Act (WIFIA) loan program is progressing. A project-specific loan agreement has been reviewed by M1W with BBK legal support; there are no major loan agreement terms in question. With the WIFIA funding agreement negotiations near completion, the primary outstanding items are securing the Amended WPA and bidding both construction packages so actual construction costs with appropriate contingencies can be incorporated into the funding agreement.
- The PWM Expansion schedule Gantt chart (not attached to this month's Staff Report) will be updated pending firming up the timeline for execution of the Amended WPA.

Kim Shirley's Council Report for Tuesday, October 25, 2022

Friday, September 23rd, ReGen Monterey Board Mtg- Our monthly board meeting included many of the items that were on our finance committee meeting's agenda at the beginning of the month. As usual, we had several items on the consent agenda. I pulled one item to discuss construction bids for road improvements for Charles Benson rd. Given that there are many users of this road, I was curious if and how the costs would be split. Looks like they'll work with M1Water to split some of the costs, even though we own the road. Many of the other road issues, such as tree trimming and sign/fence updates are split as well. The discussion items were ones that we had recommended for approval at our finance committee meeting, which included increasing the purchasing limit for the General Manager to \$75,000, agreeing to a contract for leadership development with Frew and Associates, and agreeing to authorize the GM to execute a cooperation agreement with M1Water for the Monterey Microgrid and Renewable Energy Projects. Lastly, in the General Manager Communications we learned that ReGen, along with M1W will each be putting in \$75,000 for the odor study that will be done jointly with the City of Marina.

Monday, September 26th, M1Water Special Meeting regarding Source water for Recycled Water Project- I jumped on this meeting because learning about source waters for the recycled water project is such an important issue when we're talking about our supply of water on the peninsula. Unfortunately, only an hour was scheduled for this meeting, which did not allow enough time for them to get through their presentation as there were several M1W board members who asked questions throughout the presentation. It also didn't provide any time for public comments. I look forward to M1W finding another time when hopefully they can allow more time for this important topic. I did learn that on average there's about 6,800 acre feet of water per year that's discharged out to the ocean (I'd love a greater understanding as to why we can't use that water!). Also, when you look at it in a 30 year time span, sounds like about $\frac{2}{3}$ of the time there is plenty of water and then $\frac{1}{3}$ of the time during drought years, you'd need to rely on other banked water reserves. Overall there are still many questions left to be answered and I'm left with hoping that everyone can start agreeing on the facts regarding available source waters for recycling.

Tuesday, September 27th, ReGen Monterey Tour- This morning, my husband Kevin Raskoff and I received a personal tour of the facility from ReGen Monterey General Manager, Felipe Melchor. Driving around the site, Mr. Melchor was able to answer questions and provide additional information on ReGen projects. Our tour included the compost area, discussions about the future transmission lines between ReGen Monterey and M1Water, the update on the new module #7, the room where our landfill gas is converted to electricity, and then finally the Materials and Recovery Facility (MRF). It was great to see the places and things that we talk about in the board room and I appreciated Mr. Melchor taking the time to share his thoughts and information as we toured the facility. I believe a greater understanding of the operations will help me to make even better decisions that come before the board.

Tuesday, September 27th, City Council Mtg- This was a very informative council meeting, from beginning to end! First, I'm so grateful that we're now using digital agendas and have meeting recordings that allow people to access the exact portion of the meeting they're interested in watching. Many thanks go to Karen and Leigh in City Hall for making that happen! We had two very important presentations at the beginning of our council meeting. David Stoldt from the Monterey Peninsula Water Management District provided his talk that discussed supply and demand of our water on the peninsula. He provided an excellent argument that we have what we need to move forward with the expansion of the recycled water project, which will provide the needed water for the peninsula's growth in the next 30 years. There does seem to be questions lingering out there about the source water for that project and I look forward to learning more about that when M1Water provides that information during another workshop. We also heard a presentation about the aesthetics of the FORTAG design from TAMC and the engineer from GHD consultants. Even beyond the look and feel of the trail, they provided lots of information regarding the timing of the project, so I encourage everyone to check that out if they missed it. The other two items on our agenda were addressing 72 hour parking within the city as well as noise problems stemming from park use. I'm happy the residents were there to provide staff and council the feedback needed so that we can revamp these two ordinances (and the park rental form). I look forward to our next discussion on these topics.

Friday, September 30th, Meeting with Mayor Kerr, Michael DeLapa, Gabriel Sanders, and John Farrow re: Housing Element- I was very grateful to have this opportunity to talk with LandWatch about our upcoming 5th cycle housing element as well as our 6th cycle. Mayor Kerr and I were able to talk about the difficulties of building on any parcels we have within our city. And then we were able to discuss the potential of building out on our former Fort Ord land and what types of projects they would support. We all know that building on the former Fort Ord will be legally tricky, but I firmly believe that if we work together with all of our stakeholders, we'll have a good chance of creating a project that works for everyone. Again, I viewed this meeting as very productive and I look forward to more productive meetings in the future.

Friday, September 30th, Movie in the Park- Who 'ya gonna call? "Ghostbusters!" OK, this was a very fun event! Thanks to the Parks and Rec committee for the set up. Thank you to Mayor Kerr for securing the yummy cookies from Stone Creek. And thanks to all the residents who sat together on a lovely evening while we watched this classic movie. Personally, I'd love to do this again and I'm voting that the next movie should be Will Ferrell's classic, "Elf" for the Christmas holiday season.

Saturday, October 1st, Fall Festival- Thank you to CAG for this event! It was wonderful to gather again in our park for a meal, games, and community celebration. For my part, I coordinated exhibitors for the event, which included the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District that brought all of the cool pelts, ReGen Monterey which provided food scrap bins for yard waste, and Sustainable Del Rey Oaks (SDRO), which promoted our various projects, including Earth Friendly Households and the Butterfly Garden. SDRO also made sure we had clean silverware for the event, which was then collected, and cleaned for next years use. BIG thanks to Carol Kaplan for all of her work in making that happen. This was done to reduce the

use of plastic utensils which worked very well. ReGen Monterey also provided trash, recycling, and compost containers and then SDRO volunteers were stationed next to the containers to make sure everyone was putting their waste in the proper receptacle. This worked great and we ended up with very clean wastestreams! SDRO then happily condensed all of the waste at the end, including the food scraps, and took them to the corp yard for proper disposal.

Wednesday, October 5th, ReGen Monterey Finance Subcommittee Mtg- Lots of interesting topics during this meeting that will be brought forward to the full board. After approving our minutes (first time...now we'll always approve our meetings minutes before they go to the full board), we discussed the edits to the White Paper that was written regarding the waste that is produced in our county vs. the amount of waste that is transported to our facility from outside the member jurisdictions. It definitely needed some clarifications, so I look forward to the next draft, as this is a topic that the board is very interested in reviewing. Next we discussed the selection of GHD consulting for the microgrid feasibility study. After negotiating the number of work hours, they were able to get the contract down to an amount that satisfied both agencies (ReGen and M1W). We also discussed the grant award for the compost CASP (covered aerated static pile) project. We received \$3 million for design and permitting. Overall, the project cost will be roughly \$5.5 million and will allow us to create compost faster, thereby allowing us to take in more organic waste, while also potentially keeping odors down. Next we talked about the electrical transmission line project for the advanced pure water project with M1W. We're looking to be the primary source of energy, instead of relying on PG&E. And lastly, we discussed what additional content we'd want to add to our website. Even though we have won an award for our extensive transparency, we talked about adding some additional policies as well as adding videos of our board meetings.

Thursday, October 6th- LandWatch Sponsored Talk: "How Can CA and It's Cities House More People & Achieve Zero Carbon Emissions?" with Sacramento Mayor Darrell Steinberg- Mayor Steinberg delivered an interesting talk, initially focusing on SB375 which was a pro-housing bill he worked on in 2006/07. It was not a mandate but did provide incentives for transportation, land use, and housing that reduced greenhouse gas emissions. He's clearly been thinking about the issue of climate and housing for a long time. Some of the takeaways from the talk included his feelings that we should all have a legal right to housing and to mental health support, similar to how we all have access to public schools. He also advocates for legally enforceable housing standards in addition to local transportation projects that are forced to meet climate requirements and mitigate impacts. Other things that Mayor Steinberg felt we needed included more housing innovation, such as modular homes with lower price points. He also felt that there needs to be less local control (right now there is more local control and we're not getting it done, which means, he feels that we need more state mandates). And lastly, there needs to be all kinds of housing, not just single family housing, so we need the leadership and political will to push laws in a different direction. I really liked what he had to say, and I think we're moving in the right direction in terms of how we're thinking about housing and transportation, combined with lowered greenhouse gas emissions, but we clearly have a long way to go.

Thursday, October 6th- Civic Well Missing Middle Housing Roundtable- This was a very fascinating meeting, especially after hearing the talk from Mayor Steinberg earlier in the day. The best part of this meeting was that the first speaker, Karen Parolek from Opticos, was able to illustrate in such a beautiful way, exactly what the "Missing Middle Housing" is and what it can look like. From my understanding, the "missing middle" was always housing that wasn't low-income, but was meant for working people who didn't make enough to buy the average single family home. Instead of focusing on the type of income, this was focused on making houses "affordable by design." In other words, making housing "attainable" for our working-class families. I love this concept and she was able to show many different types of housing styles that would fit well within a typical "single family housing" neighborhood, but would actually contain houses that were made up of several units. When built near services, this made for very walkable neighborhoods and made them environmentally and economically sustainable, mainly because of the lowered cost of infrastructure. I was really excited by the designs, so I'm hoping we can think in this manner when we look at putting housing out on our former Fort Ord property. Another speaker was David Garcia, who is the Policy Director from the Turner Center for Housing Innovations out of UC Berkeley. He spoke about how the missing middle really is a new frontier for this "classic" housing type (apparently, this type of housing was popular before the 1940's). Lastly, there was also a developer named Mott Smith who spoke about some of the barriers to developing the missing middle. Much of it comes down to zoning and increasing units, while reducing required parking spaces. This is all a different way of thinking about housing, but I believe if it's planned well, it can work!

Monday, October 10th- Monterey Peninsula Plastic Coalition- This meeting was mostly getting updates from everyone and the one I found most interesting came from Pacific Grove where they are working on additional regulations to be added to their single use plastic ordinance. Some of those include banning the use of balloons and confetti to advertise or celebrate in public spaces, similar to Seaside's ordinance. They are also suggesting changing the recycle content for paper bags from 100% to 75% (apparently 100% is just too hard to find). They are also advocating for only paper bags at check out (if you want the thicker plastic bags, then those would have to be bought). They are also looking into a \$.25 cup fee and to-go container fee and in terms of materials for food transport, they are advocating for reusables when possible, and then using fiber based compostables instead of compostable plastics.

Wednesday, October 12th- Del Rey Oaks Core Values Committee Meeting- What a great meeting! Big thanks to Chief Hoyne, Councilmember Gaglioti, and Mayor Kerr for a very productive meeting. After Chief Hoyne's introduction on what makes a good core value, we were able to decide what exactly our committee was going to do and then we got to work. We ended up reviewing and editing core value definitions from a document that Mayor Kerr and myself had worked on over the weekend. For myself, knowing that I was going to need some quiet time to think about our values, over the weekend, I had gone ahead and reviewed other core value definitions from various jurisdictions and then created a document that included some draft definitions of our values. Mayor Kerr then helped to refine those definitions and we were able to bring that document to the meeting. In the end, I think we came up with a document that pleased us all! That document will now be vetted with the staff and the public. The committee

will come back in the beginning of November to do final revisions before it heads to the council in November for approval.

Wednesday, October 12th- AMBAG- There were two larger topics on the agenda for this meeting. The first was the final approval of the 6th cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation plan which was approved (not unanimously, as some people are still upset at the numbers being given out to jurisdictions). The second item was an update on the Regional Early Action Planning Grants, called REAP 2.0 (we received a REAP grant for the last housing cycle, so this is the newest version). Unlike the last grant which was mainly for planning, this money will have a focus on implementation that accelerates infill, affirmatively furthers fair housing, and decreases vehicle miles traveled. AMBAG is applying for over \$10 million dollars which then cities and agencies will be able to apply for. Turns out they are shooting to have 60% of that money be used for implementation projects, 25% be used for rezoning, updating planning, etc., and then 15% will be used for technical assistance. Del Rey Oaks will be able to apply for this money in the summer/fall of 2023.

Thursday, October 13th- Sustainable Del Rey Oaks Meeting- We were happy to review our successful citywide clean up event as well as our tabling event and support for the DRO Fall Festival. Always nice to meet new people, see SDRO members, leave the city a bit cleaner, and promote sustainable practices at these events. We also talked about the Butterfly Garden and making sure that we have regular upkeep. There unfortunately were complaints about the compost pile, which has served us very well. It's truly incredible how much organic material we've been able to compost in place (not your typical style, but functional nonetheless)! Given that we have no place on site to put all the weeds that we pull and other plant waste that is generated, we'll now be bagging this material and asking Ron to place into his yard waste container in the corp. yard. To begin the process, we'll be having a workday on Saturday, Oct. 29th at 10am to dismantle compost pile. Other topics that we touched on that night included the single-use plastic updates that the environmental committee in Pacific Grove will push forward, the need for flags for our Earth Friendly Household program, and having larger public events that may draw in new members.

Friday, October 14th- City Finance Committee Meeting- This was a rather quick meeting. Today we reviewed the preliminary financials from September. We also reviewed the revised salary schedule for all city positions. Given that adjustments had been made recently for the City Manager's position, it was pertinent to bring to our committee and then eventually to the full council. Lastly, we received an update on how our city staff is moving forward in reviewing the cannabis companies throughout the city, in terms of permit compliance and tax revenue. I appreciate that City Manager Guertin has been in touch with most of the companies as well as the landlords who are renting their spaces for these businesses. We may see operational/financial audits in the future if it is deemed necessary and financially beneficial to the city.

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City Council Report by Pat Lintell

Seaside Sanitation

It was reported that the project Broadway/Ortiz/Fremont is undergoing final finishes.

CHS – Community Human Services

The Shuman Heart-House raised \$4322,049 to date. The remaining goal is \$2,481,461.

There was a presentation of the draft audit by BKD for year ending June 30. They reported it was a clean audit.

The Facilities Committee reported the need for a Project Manager for the Shuman Heart-house project. The board authorized the Blue Water (the only bid) to fill this need not to exceed \$75K.

There was an excellent presentation on the Outpatient Mental Health Clinic.

The CEO reported as follows:

The October CHS meeting was very informative.

The CEO reported that she and the COO have been interviewing for a new Senior Program Officer for Homeless services. Have a couple of good prospects. Also, recruiting for a new CFO – have a few good prospects. For various reasons there are only 2 viable candidates. The board authorized spending the candidate from Chicago a sum not to exceed \$2K for travel expenses to enable an in-person interview.

Several CHS staffers and the COO attended the nonprofit Alliances of Monterey County's annual Awards breakfast.