

Conservation Committee
June 27, 2018
Louden Nelson
6:30 - 8:30

1. Welcome
2. Announcements
3. Additions/Deletions to agenda
4. Verizon's 5G installments - presentation by Marsha Blaker & Paul Desomma (Jane)
 - a. Mystreetmychoice.com
 - b. Zero5G.com

Noticed surveyors on street; have an application for "small cell" towers on property. Once a pole is in, cell carriers can add to the tower all they want. 150 other applications as well. Already one on Broadway and Ocean. Concerns about health and safety; privacy; and property values. Ultimate goal is every 5 houses or so. Is not about cell reception/service - about future use. (95% of people would prefer not to buy a house that has a cell tower right in front). Gillian was at a meeting where it was on the agenda - Verizon presentation is that the reception is poor and this would improve it. Not very public - only notifying neighbors within 300 feet of an installation. Municipalities do have power to limit these installations. Monterey, Sebastopol, others have been able to get Verizon to retract their applications. Appears that main focus is on areas that are less economically strong. There is even a warning on the poles - that says something like dangerous do not go any closer - so even they understand there is a danger. There may not actually necessarily be a gap in coverage - people in Monterey have gone to proposed sites and made calls using Verizon and recorded it. Was entered into public record and as evidence that Verizon was not honest about needing to close a coverage gap. PG&E gets paid by Verizon for use of their poles. A issue about a public right of way - called a utility easement - that the companies use. A concern that the planning documents do not look anything like the actual equipment on the poles. Jonathan DiSalvo - planner with county - has asked for a comprehensive map of all the planned installations. AB 57 2015 - firefighters were able to get installations denied on fire houses. Suggestions and discussion about how to move forward.

5. AB 2627 - Migratory bird bill (Jane) - Now in senate; going through committees; is protecting migratory birds. Amendments may hopefully protect it from federal stuff which has been dismantled. After amendments are made a letter with comments should be made. We need to contact state for this. Conservation committee recommends to the executive committee that we approve a letter in support of the bill and explore it going forward from the state level.
6. Bird Safety Design draft (Jane) - Discussion about how to move the process forward and review of draft letter
7. Dark Sky (Gillian) - Gillian and Erica will be attending a meeting on the topic soon

- a. City council approved second stage of lights on the levy - Chris Schneider from public works - lighting specs should be under 3000 kelvins. Would be good to have dimmers so they are off unless someone walks by

- 8. Chapter Chairs Assembly conference (Gillian) - Discussion

- 9. Next meeting date July 25th