

The Signage Sagas: The Road To Recognition

Let see if a second email will do the trick

Dear Mayor and Members of the Marina City Council ...

I'd propose that prior to making up your minds regarding the postings of the different banners, sign, figurines, etc ..., as a suggestion ... that you set up a Fact Finding Tour to visit the different business locations that may be affected by your votes. You'd see first hand exactly what is being shown or displayed - with the supposedly now non conforming ..., therefore giving you a true visual insight, rather than visualizing it in your own minds or through hear say You'd also gain a much better perspective in taking this opportunity if at the same time would take the time to interact with the different business owners, which may help clarify to each of you their reasoning, while, perhaps, giving you a chance to come up with even better solutions.

Further, I would think that you would also like to have Staff accompany you in this all important Fact Finding Tour ...

It is worth remembering - and I don't know how many people really know this ..., though the sign ordinance has been tinkered from time to time ... it comes from the FORT ORD days ...- when this was a soldier community and they all knew where to go ..., then really wasn't all that much around other than fast food ..., video stores ..., tattoo shops, used car lots ..., etc ... - It needs to be brought to today's time.

What used to work then ... does not necessarily work

Ahoy Mariner Fans!

By
Laura Alvarez

Our ship has been rocked left to right. We have encountered many dangers at sea on this voyage. There have been challenges to our mental and physical strength, mutiny and some who are made to "walk the plank". As the winds change again our Mariner Spirit guides us to stay on course. On our journey we have stopped on lands that have offered us music, dancing, enlightenment and celebrations of the differences we share. Yet, before we reach our last "Port of Call" we have a stop to an evening of fantasy and romance.

Pink slips went out to MPUSD Teachers and when it hit Marina High School it started a similar protest as our neighboring schools had exhibited. More than half of the students at school protested. They did not want their teachers moved to other schools. The majority of the protesters were Freshman and Sophomores. There were some Juniors and Seniors who participated but some did not due to the fact they were taking their AP Tests. The events proved to be disruptive to the process and some students taking the tests were upset. The

walkout and refusal to return to class set off a chain of events with consequences such as a forfeit of the Softball game that day and the postponement of the school play that was to be held that weekend. Laura and I did not participate. There are more constructive ways to protest. Go to District Town Hall Meetings! Go to School Board Meetings! We understand the protest but there is a time and a place.

The Annual Multicultural Festival kicked off at the Festival of the Winds held at Gloria Jean Tate Park in Marina on Saturday, May 8th. Marina High School students performed dances, music and entertainment inspired by their ancestral lands and culture. The City of Marina has more than 85 cultures represented in its community. Students from all grades were invited to share. An encore performance was held in the Multi-use room at Marina HS on Tuesday, May 11th. I truly believe it's our Mariner Spirit guiding us to come together and be examples to all. The traditional Parade of Flags is just one more way of coming together. Thanks to all students who participated and the parents who support us.

"A Knight for a Princess" was a night for everyone. This year the Jr/Sr Prom happened on Saturday,

today.

This matter, unfortunately, gets lost as if it is about things that clutter, as opposed to having them thought of as tools that benefit.

This is too big of a decision which truly affects the well being of owners of businesses, hundreds of employees, as well as the community, and it needs your individual very careful and very thoughtful analysis. We need to think in a "... Whole New Way "...

Please, give this matter the attention that it really deserves. The more you know the better decision you will make.

Times passes and there is a reaction

Mayor Bruce Delgado has emailed me that he will be taking the time very soon to meet with some of our costumers.

Additionally, Councilman Frank O'Connell had contacted me via email to set up a fact finding meeting with me, at Dishes. The meeting did take place today, and, one of the surprises for him with our meeting, is to know that the City of Marina gets a great number of tourists, specially foreign, though they tend to pretty much stay overnight as there not much else in Marina to keep them - this is something that I have been mentioning for many years, both in private and in front of the City Council.

Councilman O'Connell and I had a further conversa-

May 15 at Stillwell Hall. This year 136 tickets were sold. This night of nights began with much preparation and participation for the Junior class. All week along the Seniors campaigned for who would be Prom King and Queen. Sophomores had been pre-selected to be "helpers" for the evening serving drinks and taking pictures. Cars and Limousines drove up the curb like horse drawn carriages to the Ball. There were beautiful girls in beautiful dresses and handsome young men in ties and tuxedos. Just like our Parade of Flags, there was Parade of Colors in bold and pastel shades. At the entrance everyone passed through a security checkpoint and breathalyzer test. Food, music and dancing waited inside throughout the night. Everyone was asked to place their ballots for King and Queen. Our 2009 Prom King Alex Declet and Queen Emma Cocina were invited to crown their replacements. Suddenly, the music stopped. The nominees were invited to the stage. It was time for the big announcement our new Prom Royalty would be ...King Alex Collier and Queen Megan Odgers. After desert we danced the night away. As the lights flickered to the last dance of the night it was time to hit the road into the moonlight to Denney's for a Royal Snack. Now usually Cinderella would be home before midnight, but since it was a special

night we were granted an extension. A very special, thank you to Molly Armenta and Vanessa Jacobs for co-chairing the event.

The Senior trip to Disneyland is May 20-21, and everyone in the class of 2010 is looking forward to it. Disney Grad Nite is an event sponsored by Disneyland to the graduating class to enjoy an all night party at the park. This event has been a tradition in California for more than 35 years. Chartered buses will be taking 70 students, 6 chaperones and 2 underclassmen of the PTSA, Sara Cieri and Ariyanti Sani. We are all really excited and will be in excellent care with the Seniors and chaperones. We promise to report back for duty when we get back.

Don't forget...

* All Marina High School Parents!!!! We are in need of volunteers from parents of all grades. Email estherlisa15@yahoo.com for details or call (831) 915-0942.

* Yearbooks are still on Sale; order forms are available in the office.

* MARINA HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER: Would you like to win a free trip to Las Vegas? All you have to do is go to www.joinfordeals.com, select Marina High School and confirm your email address. It's that

tion and he listened to some of the major concerns and saw some of the displays that are in question, and, at least to me, I left with the impression that he is really concerned about City Center and our situation. I am sure that he will reflect his own views at the appropriate time.

I also would like to acknowledge that I did have an email exchange with Councilman David MacCall, initiated by him, regarding the first email, titled - Question ?

Perhaps, just perhaps, the easier way to understand what, we, the business people need ...- is really, just to look around. Just go and look around and see what we are displaying. That should tell you. We don't need to put that down on paper. We don't need to contact Staff - actually, shouldn't they contact us?. It is there ... right in front of you. It is very simple. It is not complicated. And, you have the power to just say YES!!! - we'll let you have the tools that you need, so that you can survive, so that we stop having vacancies, so that we can employ more people, so that we have a better tax base to count on ..., and so on, and so on ... - And, above all, WE ARE ALL WORKING TOGETHER ON THIS for a common and greater cause. Simple as that.

Thank you

André

Wish Me Luck



simple. Not only are you supporting the school you are able to get great discount tickets and coupons, like the Warriors & Coffee Mia!

You are cordially invited

The Graduating Class of 2010

Invites you to its Commencement Ceremony

Friday, June 4th, 2010 at 1:00pm

To be held in the CSUMB Otter Sports Gym.

When I read those words above and realized they were talking about me I was speechless!!! Yes...speechless. I had

no words to describe what these next few weeks would be compared. I have dreamed of this day and now that it's just around the corner it all seems like a dream. We are the Inaugural class of Marina High School. We have been at this school all four years. The first day of school our freshman year we were all given a compass. I remember the celebration of that first day...I will always remember the celebration of my last day as well. The compass it pointing in a new direction...

First Mate, Laura Alvarez and Sarah Cieri

Sailing off for now... Go Mariners!!!

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