

**Morningside Neighborhood Association
December 9, 2020 Board Meeting
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:31pm by Chair Pamela

INTRODUCTIONS – 18 persons present in the beginning, including 10 current MNA Board Members. 1 additional person joined later.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – A Motion to approve the November Minutes passes, with one (1) correction per Sue.

Dennis' term as MNA Secretary will expire 12/31/2020.

Some discussion from Alan and Brad about simplifying the format for future Minutes, while keeping a detailed electronic backup (e.g., Zoom, .mp3). Various examples given (Energy Trust of Oregon, City Council, etc.). Pam agrees the current Minutes are too detailed.

Sue and Muriel offer some counterpoints in favor of detailed Minutes.

Brad has volunteered to rejoin the Board in 2021 and produce a streamlined Minutes format.

POLICE REPORT – Lt. Jason, Salem Police Department (SPD)

Jerry Moore has departed as SPD Chief. Chief Womack has been sworn in Monday morning. SPD is currently moving in to their new building at 333 Division Street.

Lt. Jason has offered his business contact info for all persons who may be interested.

TRAFFIC – Alan

No report.

LAND USE – Geoff

No report.

CITY OF SALEM – Eunice, Lisa, and Glenn

Brief overview of Our Salem and Our Salem Implementation. To recap, the visioning project began over a year ago. The Draft Vision was released in September. The Draft Vision includes an increase in mixed-

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used neighborhood hubs. Mixed-used neighborhood hubs will help meet carbon reduction goals. Over the last two months The City has been seeking input from the community. There will be more outreach next year.

Brad asks what kind of impact Covid has had on transportation and carbon reduction goals.

Trevor asks for clarification about R4 zoning. Eunice elaborates.

Trevor asks how we can use the Comprehensive Plan Update to improve Reed Road. Glenn says the Comprehensive Plan has a Transportation Plan (“daughter plan”) that accounts for Reed Road improvements. However, the Transportation Plan has not prescribed how to pay for these improvements. Ordinarily the roads are improved by private developers. There are also District Development Funds (DDF) available for Reed Road.

Lengthy discussion about optimizing System Development Charges (SDC) vs DDF funds to pay for Reed Road improvements. Reed Road is eligible for both SDC and DDF funds. Currently there are not enough DDF funds alone to improve Reed Road.

Brad and Alan share their view that large private developments which are not fronting Reed Road should share some of the responsibility for improving Reed Road.

The City is given to understand Reed Road is a top priority for the Morningside Neighborhood. Lisa asks what the Morningside Neighborhood can do to move this matter forward. Glenn offers some suggestions.

Pam asks Lisa about the status of a traffic light at Ratcliff Drive. Lisa explains some of the challenges with budgeting competing projects.

THE GROVE APARTMENTS – Richard

The Grove Apartments have begun leasing. On-site management is present.

The developer of The Grove Apartments has acquired property which fronts Reed Road, and is planning to expand The Grove Apartments. There are preliminary plans for the developer to improve a section of Reed Road to coincide with The Grove expansion. However, no formal plans have been filed with The City of Salem.

The developer will return next month with additional information.

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PARKS – Muriel

We expect to receive a budget for Fairview Park before January so we can apply for the grant.

CERT TEAM/LIQUOR LICENSES –

No CERT activity.

No Liquor License Applications.

COMMUNICATION FUND/COMMUNITY HOURS MEETING

Dennis 6 hrs.

TRANSIT – Bob

Ridership is 50% of what it was before Coronavirus.

All the bus lines are running.

COMMUNICATION – Richard

Richard is working with three different grantors to get a feel for the process. Will proceed with vigor starting in January. He will be seeking assistance from the Board.

CITY COUNCILOR REPORT – Brad

Next month's meeting is a continuation of the City's Emergency Declaration.

Free form discussion on homelessness, and assorted topics facing the City.

ADDITIONAL/MISC –

Covid numbers are still increasing. Please continue to wear a mask, wash your hands, and practice social distancing.

ADJOURN – Pam adjourned the meeting on 8:27pm