

Morningside Neighborhood Association

**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

July 12, 2017

Pringle Creek Community

(Locks were changed at Painters Hall – no key available – meeting held in community picnic area.)

Call to Order - 6:38 PM – Chair Pamela Schmidling

Attendance – Sign-in sheet passed around – seven board members were present, which comprises a quorum with present Board population (copy of attendance sheet at end of these minutes)

Minutes - from June meeting – Approved by unanimous vote

Committee Reports

Land Use – Geoffrey James – reported an application for zone change involving two tax lots at south end of Fairview Commerce Park to allow other than industry use; city has approved expansion of Meadow Creek Assisted Living property southward to Oakhill Ave (taking site of currently unoccupied home); Larry George asked about status of proposed development at I-5 and Kuebler; Geoffrey James said indications are it will site a new Costco;

Traffic – Alan Meyer not present, but reported via Email to Pamela S – a study is being made of possible crossing from 12<sup>th</sup> Street Cut-off to east side of Commercial Street (some comment that such improvements are usually attached to proposed developments; Bennie Y. mentioned it would be good to have speed bumps on Albert Drive as there is a lot of fast traffic travelling between Commercial and Pringle; Al T. asked if there has been any fall-out after the recent fatal accident on S. Commercial near Original Pancake House restaurant; Pamela S. said she had word that someone wanted to speak to MNA Board on that subject; Brad N. said that there is some consideration being given to installing pedestrian refuge island at Radcliffe, midway across Commercial Street – this may complicate traffic entering and leaving businesses in that location;

Police – Officer Schofield – Reported an up-tic in “smash and grab” burglaries – one at Espresso Road, in which the “perp” was not able to locate the hidden safe; he also said that some break-ins are by perps pushing in window-mounted air conditioning units; Bennie Y. asked if anything more can be done to reduce the congestion on Copper Glenn Ave by persons parking to attend athletic events at Leslie Middle School field, and Office Scofield said with other work priorities it is hard for police to make timely response to complaints and situation is often resolved by the time they do respond; Someone asked the officer if there was something being investigated in the vicinity of Pringle and McGilchrist – and officer said he is not aware of anything, and that the police traffic may be normal travel to and from city shops in the nearby industrial area; there was discussion of the soon-to-be-installed crosswalk with flashing yellow warning lights on Pringle between the ESD and new Early Education facilities; Pamela S. asked the officer to check

Police Report (continued)

Clark Creek Park to try and curtail transient camping along the creek; other comments were made about transients sleeping (in sleeping bags) on the sidewalk near Bush Park;

Return to Committee Reports -

Pringle Creek Watershed – Chap Milbank – nothing to report, as past two meetings were cancelled;

Parks – Some discussion of project to re-pave the Morningside Park tennis/basketball court – we have been granted some funds for it, but we need to raise a lot more; suggestion made to post sign at the park to solicit donations; Motion was made by Geoffrey J. to use communication funds currently in our account to have sign made asking for public donations to post at the park – seconded by Larry G. – vote taken and motion passed;

Comment from someone regarding the wild turkeys that have frequented our neighborhood – not seen in a while . . .

CERT – Brad N. reported not much going on; a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow (7/13). Roger Stevenson is promoting a push for more volunteers for the program. The next meeting will take place in August; Brad will be working with CESNA on their plan over next two months, and is making “Plan Kits” – offered to provide some for MNA;

Liquor License - Pamela S. – Application for re-naming the business at 3303 Commercial Street (currently Presley’s) to “Sugar Shack” – business to be a pub serving food and alcohol 2PM to 2:30 AM daily;

Guest Speaker – Proposed New Amphitheater at Riverfront Park

Karen Lewis from Downtown Rotary announced plans for the new facility and passed around information on development concepts so-far. Rotary has sponsored several of the facilities in the park (Carousel, playground & Picnic Pavilion) and is sponsoring this project to celebrate the chapter’s 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2020. Facility will cost about \$1.5 Million, and \$375K has been raised; balance will hopefully come from further fund-raising events, grants and solicitation of donations from the public; Some discussion ensued about parking needs; also mention that because the facility is in a city park, no “closed admission” concerts will be allowed (donations may be solicited for the events); Neighbor visitor Linda W. commented that the facility will be a great one for performing musicians with whom she is familiar;

City Council Report – Brad N. – Air B&B is legal in Salem as of “today.” Permit costs \$170 per year (operators must collect and pay Transient Lodging Tax). Up to two rooms may be let – max two adults each – for not more than 30 days; Some discussion ensued about use of travel trailers and Vs as rentals – and group reminded there is a 72 hour limit for RV occupation on public streets; there was also discussion of auxiliary housing units. Brady Rogers, Public Works – Community

Services is person to contact for issues in these regards; Next Council meeting is in two weeks – discussion topics will include City Manager recruitment, Library Bond, lack of diversity on Transit Committee (riders are the biggest stakeholder);

Transit – No report – Bob Krebs not present;

#### Announcements

Peter Courtney Bridge dedication – Pamela S. said she received word from Mayor’s office that MNA reps are invited to ceremony for grand opening of Peter Courtney Bridge; Parade in park at 4 PM – Ceremony to begin at 4:30; someone suggested that City suspend parking meter patrol-enforcement to encourage public attendance of the event;

Recent Fatality – Crosswalk – Visitor/Neighbor (Linda Wallmark?) asked if we (Board) could do anything to spur consideration of installing or improving the cross walk opportunities in the area of the recent fatality. At this stage, we need more information to make a motion on the subject – but we are open to presentation on the matter at future meeting; discussion continued regarding the crossing problems at this and other parts of Commercial Street – Chap M. said sadly there has been little or no comments on this subject from businesses on Commercial;

Fast Traffic on Residential Street – Visitor/Neighbor Nikole Braurer – asked if Board could help get the City to install speed bumps on 12<sup>th</sup> Place, which motorists are using as short cut to circumvent traffic signals on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and on Pringle Rd to take Fairview Ave eastward and westward; Brad N. said that since this is a residential zone, residents have more options; Speed bump installations must be paid for by the residents; Ms. Braurer said that most of the residents on the street are low-income and could not afford the expense; there was some further mention of ways to lower the expense; Someone mentioned that if this street is a School Bus Route, it can’t have speed bumps, because such routes must be plowed during snow events, and the bumps are not good for the plows; Brad N. said he would look into it (later got contact information for Ms. Braurer, to connect her with proper City official.

Next Meeting? Do we want to meet in August? Chap M. moved that we cancel the August meeting, and meet next at regular date in September; motion was seconded, vote taken and passed;

Meeting Agendas – Pamela S. said she got word from a City official that they would no longer prepare the MNA Board Agendas each month – that it be up to her to prepare it and submit it to City for posting; she will look further into this as there seems to be no reason to change the way it has been done.

Noisy Crows – Nan Reid asked Brad N if there have been any complaints received by the City about increasing population of noisy crows? Brad N.: No.

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 7:47PM – Pamela Schmidling, Chair.

