

**Morningside Neighborhood Association
July 8, 2020 Board Meeting
MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER – 6:30pm by Chair Pamela

INTRODUCTIONS

15 persons present including 12 current MNA Board Members.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

One (1) sentence about the Draft Vision/Mixed Use Property (Draft Vision Scenarios) needs correcting.

Minutes approved with correction.

POLICE REPORT – Officer Marty Miranda, Salem Police Department

Masks are required to enter the Civic Center. Police are not enforcing mask requirements in public.

Pam mentions a suspicious black SUV regularly spotted at Clark Creek Park.

Alan asks whether Covid is impairing the effectiveness of the SPD. Officer Miranda says precautions re: Covid are changing the way police respond to ordinary calls and this process continues to evolve.

Glenn asks about after-hours fireworks and related noise complaints. Officer Miranda says the police response is largely based on resource availability.

TRAFFIC – Alan

The pedestrian cross walk at Copper Glen is finished.

Goal 25 of the Morningside Neighborhood Plan and the traffic impact(s) of Costco to be addressed under Land Use/Costco.

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LAND USE – Geoff

We have received a response to our letter re: the subdivision east of Reed Road that wraps around Battlecreek (proposed rezone to multi-family housing). As soon as a detailed site plan is available for the Apartments, it will be sent to us.

Re: Steve Ward’s Development: A letter to the City from Pringle Creek Community asking for pedestrian connectivity has received no response from the City Planning Administrator. Pam has offered to forward the letter to her contacts at the City.

The School District is making a small addition to the Food Service Building close to the entrance of Pringle Creek Community. The Site Plan has been approved.

LAND USE/COSTCO – Geoff & Glenn (Guest Chair, South Gateway Neighborhood Association)

The proposed Costco development previously approved by the City Planning Commission has been remanded by LUBA to the City, based on the removal of 8 large White Oak trees (“significant trees”). In addition, City Council has previously expressed doubts re: the validity of the attendant traffic study for said Costco development. Both traffic concerns and tree removal are leading considerations in this proposal.

Approx. \$3 million was raised by PacTrust Development to widen Kuebler Blvd. as part of the original 2007 deal to make zone changes for a neighborhood shopping center with grocery store. The 2007 plan specifically excluded “box stores” like Costco. In 2017 this plan was changed to include Costco. Per Glenn, PacTrust is claiming exemption from further site plan review, despite increasing in scale and size. Depending on the outcome of the remand, PacTrust will attempt to recover their investment in Kuebler Blvd. from the City.

Specific traffic concerns include a new traffic light at the intersection of Boone and Kuebler, proposed multi-family housing, new shopping centers (including Costco), and Amazon. Per Morningside Neighborhood Plan Goal 25, Alan proposes to write a letter asking the City consider the cumulative transportation impacts and preserve the safe and orderly flow of traffic.

The deadline for public comment on the proposed Costco Development is July 28. Glenn asks if MNA would join South Gateway in writing a (separate) letter requesting a public hearing and an extension of time for comment. Barbara and Trevor both vocalize support. Pam asks if MNA is willing to write a letter. Motion to write letter passes. Letter to be written by Geoff.

Geoff reminds us City Council is presently meeting by Zoom only.

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PARKS – Muriel

No formal report.

Pam says Clark Creek Park has two trees that need cut down because they are dead. There are also berry bushes that need cut back. Park renovation is likely delayed due to a shortage of crews, and also Riverfront Park project(s) taking precedence.

CERT TEAM/LIQUOR LICENSES – Pam

No new liquor licenses.

COMMUNICATION FUND/COMMUNITY HOURS MEETING

TRANSIT – Bob

Bob is not present.

COMMUNICATION – Richard

Communication Fund Hours:

- Muriel 3 hours on Parks
- Dennis 4 hours on Minutes

CITY COUNCILOR REPORT – Brad

Brad is not present

ADDITIONAL/MISC –

Per Richard, an Urban Trails Implementation Plan is coming out of the ODOT office. Among other things, this plan addresses the hierarchy of trails, guidelines for trail alignments, etc. New Code amendments in Salem increase the City's ability to require and make possible more trails. Urban trails and pedestrian connectivity affirm our Neighborhood Plan. Many trails in different parts of the city currently don't connect. Julie at the City is requesting a letter of support for Urban Trails in order to write a grant.

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Motion for Richard to write a letter of support for Urban Trails passes.

Bob speculates on alternate locations for Costco along Kuebler. General commentary on this.

Trevor thanks everyone for attending and remaining committed to sharing information.

We will meet in August per our regular schedule but should also be prepared for an emergency meeting re: Costco.

*ADJOURN – Pam adjourned the meeting on **7:45pm***