

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the April 13, 2011 board meeting

Painters Hall

Meeting was called to order by chair Pam Schmidling at 6:30 PM. A quorum was declared.

Officer Jeff Wiedemann SPD made his first visit to MNA. We discussed our desire for a crime map for our neighborhood. He said he would pass the word along. He discussed safety tips when walking including but not limited to (1) walking or jogging with a group; (2) don't wear headphones or talk on cell phones (3) walk in well lit areas; (4) don't leave purse in shopping cart; (5) be alert to your surroundings (6) think about vulnerability; (7) ladies, don't carry purse on a strap over your shoulder or around neck – place it under your arm

Minutes for last two meetings were approved as corrected

Land Use – Geof James reported that site plans were being made available to MNA and gives us a chance to comment. He reported on plans that he received recently.

Land Use Concerns – Simpson Hill development continues to erode which runs down the street. The seeding has not taken effect. Would like update from the City. Jason to report back.

Parks – No report. Rotary Club is planning to work on some parks.

S/S/Connect is the new name for recent merger of County Connect Progress Team & Our Neighborhood Partnership Program according to D.C. Vincent. They have recently helped on the Gilbert House outreach program; strengthening families at Leslie Middle School; and early head start programs in the south area. The next meeting will be on the third Wednesday at 11:30 AM at 233 Commercial Street. They move the meeting each month.

Pam went to the Airport meeting, They discussed the airport master plan. Next meeting is in June.

Neighborhood Liaison – Patrick Long, City Neighborhood Enhancement Division reported on two ordinances being considered by the council; (1) 10 minute barking dog limit – Salem PD to enforce and (2) unsolicited written material being thrown on your lawn or driveway. public hearings will be held to give input to these vital issues.

Patrick was questioned about the derelict 12th street house and said that the owner had been notified that a fine of \$150 was going to be imposed unless he cleaned up his act. Chap Milbank reported that the SE corner of 12th and Marshall continued to be used as used car sales lot by persons unknown. Cars are also illegally parked on the wrong side of the street and impede the gravel area where children walk home from school.

Saturday April 30 is the day to turn in old and unused prescription drugs. AT City Hall from 10AM to 2 PM.

Communication Funds – Pam reported \$440 still available for our use after the bag purchase. A proposed letter drafted by Pam and Tim Buckley to send to the businesses in the MNA area was

reviewed. The letter was a product of a meeting with Pam, Tim, Jenn Smith and Gail to discuss possible action plans to help energize MNA. A survey was discussed with pros and cons.

Lloyd Chapman moved that MNA spend \$125.00 to have the city print up a letter to businesses in the MNA and mail it. The balance of the Communication Fund, \$315.00, later amended to \$275 is to be made available to any group that has registered to have a Neighborhood Night Out, to assist on the cost of food for the events. Passed unanimously. Lloyd Chapman volunteered to locate the registry to notify those interested.

Outreach – Subcommittee is to meet at Painters Hall at 11:30 AM. Soup lunch is available for \$5.00

Chapter 64 SRC goal discussed. Loyd Chapman moved that our Goal statement be “Build and Support Community and Connection in Our Neighborhood” Again, the vote was unanimous.

Representative Kevin Cameron ® stopped by to watch our meeting and was impressed with what he saw. He reported on the legislative action in approving the budget and reminded us that the legislature now met annually. He reviewed the education funding for K-12 and discussed the reserves being held back.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Chap Milbank acting secretary until Tina gets back