

Morningside Neighborhood Association
November 11, 2016 Board Meeting
MINUTES

Call to Order - 6:34 PM –Chair Pamela Schmidling;

Self-introductions - forgone to save time; attendance sheet passed around for attendees to sign (see attachment 1); Quorum was present according to head-count by Secretary.

Police Report – Salem Police Department Officer Stacie Metcalf - Opened by mentioning the comments given at the October meeting by Deputy Chief Bellshaw inferring there was a marked increase in crimes in the neighborhood may have been misleading; Officer Metcalf checked the statistics and found the crime stats lower in Morningside than other neighborhoods. Officer Metcalf cited statistics for three categories of crimes over the past three record periods, and showed an over-all decline in crime in our neighborhood. Officer went on to caution people to not keep valuables in their vehicles - certainly not in sight from passers-by, due to seasonal rises in “smash and grab” crimes; She said that of the N/A’s, she is familiar with, ours is the most pro-active; Otherwise, she did not have the usual Department newsletter to refer to for current events; Department is trying to find a venue in our Neighborhood to hold a “Coffee with a Cop” session; The one that was held at Chemeketa C. C. was a bi-lingual event, and was quite well attended; Chap M. commented to her about him confronting a suspicious man on a Trek brand bicycle apparently “casing” his neighbors’ homes – claiming he was just looking for beverage cans, and Officer said she would note that and be on the lookout (she tries to contact such persons in her rounds (to let them know they are being watched?)); Larry George asked the officer if there has been an increase in DUI of Marijuana, since it was legalized for recreational use; Officer said there has, and that she personally was opposed to that legalization, but not to the medical marijuana; also that there is training that is available to officers to help them recognize whether or not a person is under the influence;, and there are different levels of expertise in detection; Pam S. asked the officer to check out Clark Creek Park for illegal overnight parking – she has seen van(s) parked there in recent weeks; Officer said she would do so, and that she recently removed two illegal campers on Pringle Creek.

Annie Battee – City Neighborhood Association Liaison/Coordinator reported that she will be retiring at the end of November; She thanked our N/A board for all the cooperation; Annie mentioned how important our involvement and input is for the City’s professional staff by providing the right info and ideas that help them serve the community better;

She mentioned the upcoming Fall Leaf Haul (Saturday, December 3) – the accumulation site for our area will be at Brown’s Island, and they are still seeking volunteers to help offload the bags of leaves; Also, she asked us to make sure we are on the Email list for announcements from City; She apologized for Brad N., our City Council representative could not be here – he is attending a Mayor’s retirement function, but thanked us, too in behalf of City Council for our service; Anne mentioned that she is putting together a Salem Neighborhood Association program history, and hopes to have it finished before she retires (the NHA program will celebrate 45 years of existence in 2017) – part of that document is a map display showing the locations of Neighborhood Association Projects over the years; If we have any information about Morningside that she may be able to use, please Email it to Annie by the end of next week to be sure she has time to include it in the historical document; Concerning her retirement plans, she cites PERS rules that would impact her benefit if she waited until later; She said that there are some good potential candidates showing interest in the job; She invited MNA board to the retirement gathering scheduled for 11/28 at Anderson Hall, and will get back to Pamela to confirm the date; Geoffrey J. called for a round of applause for Annie in appreciation for all she has done for us over the years; When asked about her plans in retirement, Annie said she will continue to participate in several volunteer roles, including: Police (taking reports), C.E.R.T., Parks, Habitat for Humanity, Family Building Blocks, West Salem’s Music in the Park, concession stand for Lions Club, Center 50-plus

Code Compliance Officer Report – Theresa Amen – Started with a correction of the retirement gathering date reported by Annie B: It should be on 11/30; She said that the current code officer staff is stretched pretty-thin – she is currently handling four of the 11 districts in the City; City is looking for more staff with training at various levels; She said that our neighborhood has a relatively low amount of code violation cases (CSNA has 116 new cases this year – 41 still open); Theresa’s current workload includes 56 new cases since May – 15 still open; She reported her cases include five derelict structures in Morningside Neighborhood (3379 Pringle Ave SE, 4070 Battle Creek Road SE, 4705 Bluff Avenue SE, 3508 Halsey Ave SE and 1185 Morningside St. SE); Two of her structure cases have serious black mold problems to address; Alan M. asked Theresa if people living in travel trailers is a problem she has to address, and Theresa said that there is a 72 hour limit for travel trailers and RV’s parked on the street; Alan M. mentioned the case he has in mind in which the travel trailer and the fence built around it is the nicest part of the property; Theresa said that RV occupancy does have impacts on neighborhoods; Theresa said that [compliance] officers check derelict properties monthly, and contact owners regarding their findings and actions needed, and there is a \$250 per month fine assessed for the first six month, increased to \$500 per month

thereafter; She said the properties that people just give-up on and leave are the ones that stay in limbo (are the most problematic; as they have a six month waiting period before the bank can repair, prepare and put the property on the market; In the meantime, the properties are “cleared” for safety by Police officers, then compliance officers come in with the plywood, tools and hardware to secure them; Janet B. said that she lives next door to one such property, and appreciates involvement and work to keep it from becoming a problem; Muriel M. thanked Theresa for all she does for the neighborhood; Geoffrey J. announced that the compliance-related issue brought up at the October meeting appears to have been taken care of; end of report.

Approval of Minutes – Muriel M. moved to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 meeting; Chap M. seconded; motion passed; minutes approved.

Committee Reports –

Traffic – Alan M. - read a memo/report sent to him by Gary Myzak of City of Salem Public Works – the memo is attached at the end of these minutes; There was a brief discussion about the new 22nd Street tie-thru between McGilchrist and Madrona;

Land Use – Geoffrey J. – Reported a planned partition of a residential lot on Morningside Ave near Peck and 12th – a large lot being divided into two smaller building lots; another item concerning a variance for a 14,000 Sq. Ft. hemp processing facility in same building as Book-Byte is in on Pringle – hearing date has been moved; apparently 116 parking places in part of hearing discussion; Alan M. asked Geoffrey J. about the situation with “Fairview Woods” the Oak and D-fir grove where Pringle Road becomes Battle Creek Road proposed set-aside; Geoffrey J. said that property was acquired by a Mr. Meier and placed in trust for further protection - - - good as long as Mr. Meier is alive?

Parks – Muriel M. – Nothing new to report.

Pringle Creek Watershed - Chap M. – nothing to report, as he did not attend the meeting due to “World Series-iious” matters; reported nothing of consequence occurred at the missed meeting; He did check on the condition of Pringle Creek in and near the road construction work, and reports waterway is looking good; all protections appear to be in place – kudos to the contractors;

C.E.R.T. – Pamela S. – There were facility use conflicts at regular meeting site at Morningside Methodist Church and Team is trying to reschedule meeting to likely first

or second week in December; also, one of the program facilitators (George _____?) is now deceased.

Liquor Licenses – Pamela S. – One establishment approved for serving of hard cider; end of report.

Transit – Bob K. – Reminded everybody that there is no bus service on the holidays (Veterans Day and Thanksgiving Day); mentioned some CARTS – Chemeketa service route realignment being discussed– decision due by January meeting of Transit Board, for implementation in April; plan is to eliminate in-town service in outlying communities and bolster inter-city/community services; Bob said he had missed the past two meetings due to other commitments – some out of the country; Muriel asked Bob K. about the status of the planned South Salem Transit Mall, and Bob K. said it is still a “go” and it will involve part of Walmart parking lot near Baxter Road, and part of Commercial St..

City Council – Brad Nanke was not present (previously mentioned) – no report given.

Announcements - Pamela S. reminded Board that she will Email the correct information on date of Annie’s et al retirement celebration (11/28 or 11/30 at 4:30 PM in Anderson meeting room at Civic Center; No further announcements made.

Adjourn – Pamela S. – Adjourned the meeting at 7:34 PM.

ATTENDANCE

GROUP: MVA

DATE: 11-9-16

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	NAME
1	Compton Schmidling
2	LARRY GEORGE
3	DAN REID
4	Janet Zubi
5	Musiel Meyer
6	Alan Meyer
7	Scott Schaefer
8	Al Tocchini
9	Geoffrey James
10	Greg Melbore
11	BOB KREBS
12	Annie Battie
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From: Gary Myzak <gmyzak@comcast.net>
Subject: Re: Update on roadway projects
Date: Nov 8, 2016, 12:32:33 PM
Alan Meyer <alanmeyer@comcast.net>

Hi Alan -

1. Madrona/25th - Roadway was reopened on-schedule. We will have some lane closures during non-peak travel hours to complete a few remaining minor work items.

2. Kuebler Blvd Eastbound Improvements - Paving and sidewalk work is complete. If the weather cooperates, we are planning to complete the last section of Kuebler striping from about halfway between the Battle Creek and 27th Street intersections to the ODOT project by Thursday of this week. When the striping is complete, all lanes will be opened to traffic along Kuebler. We will have some lane closures after the opening in order to complete a few remaining minor items. Generally, these lane closures will be during non-peak travel hours.

3. Commercial/Kuebler Intersection - All lanes are open and the new signal is fully operational. We will have some lane closures during non-peak travel hours to complete a few remaining minor work items.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

Thanks
Gary

|| Alan Meyer <Alan.Meyer@comcast.net> 11/7/2016 3:31 PM >>>

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and striping are both weather dependent. Striping is scheduled for October 20th. We expect to have all lanes open by the end of this month.

Commercial/Kuebler Intersection - Paving and sidewalks are complete. The new signal is complete, but will not be turned on until the striping is done. Striping (weather dependent) is scheduled for October 20th. We expect to have all lanes open by the end of the month.

Gary

|| Alan Meyer <Alan.Meyer@comcast.net> 10/12/2016 8:46 AM >>>

Gary,

We have another meeting this evening. Any updates to the information below?

Alan

Sent from my iPad

|| On Sep 13, 2016, at 4:28 PM, Gary Myzak <gmyzak@cityofsalem.net> wrote:

|| Hi Alan - See below for a short update on the three major road projects in the Morningside area:

|| 1. Madrona Avenue/25th Street Improvements - The Contractor is

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