

Morningside Neighborhood Association

ANNUAL MEETING

May 20, 2015

MINUTES

Call to Order - shortly-after 6:30 p.m. by Board Chair Pamela Schmidling -

- Brief announcement about treats provided
- Announcement that Pamela will need to leave the meeting early to tend to another commitment – Lloyd agreed to take over leading rest of meeting after she leaves
- Call for someone to take minutes for this meeting – Al Tocchini accepted duty for this meeting

Introductions

- Scant-quorum of Board Members, but several neighborhood citizens and city/county officials present
- Dave Lucas from 'Scott Realty announced he has a map and lots of information for attendees to look at after the meeting - regarding a proposed residential development in the southeast corner of Morningside Neighborhood

Minutes - to the April meeting were approved by unanimous vote of Board members present

Police Report - Officer Tangney of Salem Police Department gave a brief report –

- There is a new on-line system for reporting low-level crimes (under \$1K? or Unknown suspect)
- Flash: April is (was) Child Abuse Awareness Month
- Graffiti within City limits is being addressed promptly and effectively by Graffiti Abatement Team led by Kim Nelson
- People need to stay aware of online scam/ID theft risks – cited one recent ID theft case
- No new trends evident in MNA neighborhood crime report
- Per Pamela's comment, officers will keep eye on Alc. Bev. Drinking activity at Clarke Creek Park

Presentation #1 - Keizer Rapids City Park "BIG TOY" Project by County Commissioner Janet Carlson

- State-of-the-art children's playground to be built this Spring/Summer with volunteer help
- Reviewed history of Keizer Rapids Park site and acquisition from OPRD (lease) and other sources
- Official "Build" is scheduled for June 10 thru 14
- Need 400 volunteers to do wide variety of jobs – even included call for artists to paint scenery on "rock" and climbing wall
- Food service is being acquired/donated to feed up to 200 people – three meals per day
- There is a list of tool as skill needs in info packet handed out
- Question about parking (for volunteers) – Janet said that is being addressed
- Comment (Geoffrey James) regarding impact from proposed new river-crossing – no longer likely a threat to the park because it looks like crossing will be farther south (Pine Street/Salem Parkway instead of Chemawa Road)
- Some final discussion about Salem-Keizer "Beltline" plans

Presentation #2 – Plans for Closure and Disposal of Hillcrest Juvenile Facility– Rex Emery, OYA

- 2013 Legislature called for assessment of OYA facilities
- OYA has two facilities – Hillcrest in Salem and Mc Claren in Woodburn – both operating well-below capacity
- Lots of old infrastructure and seismic issues at Hillcrest
- OYA hired architectural consultant to assess facilities
- Mentioned failed attempt to curtail rash of suicides in 1990's by eliminating individual rooms and going to dorm and group room arrangements
- Plan is to break McClaren into smaller “communities” to create environment for development of social skills
- OYA committed to move out of Hillcrest facility by July 2017
- Regarding disposition of property: DAS and SHPO – then other State agencies get first right of refusal for property
- Only building of marginal historical significance is the administrative building – built in 1925
- There were several suggestions made for OYA to consider requiring park space if property is sold to residential developers
- Total area of Hillcrest property thought to be about 45 acres
- Property has well for potable water, and is on city water for fire suppression, and on city sewer
- Water tower for potable water was erected in 1925 and needs to be demolished
- OYA intends to keep the heating system operating after vacating the property until the property is sold
- Rex will try to give MNA board updates on progress of plan every six months – will contact Pamela about any changes or developments

Committee Reports –

- Traffic – Alan Meyer – Prep-work on Madrona-at-Commercial is being scheduled (adding right – turn refuges, etc.); Brad Nanke said this improvement is part of the system development under the Fairview plan
- Land Use – Geoffrey James – Nothing new to report
- Parks – Muriel Meyer – Morningside Park playground work in progress; Clark Creek playground grant application failed due to uncertainty about proper siting – someone wants it put in location in the flood zone, and project will cost at least \$20,000 – possibly too expensive without grant support; someone mentioned that information on construction around neighborhood is available on the MNA Website; brief discussion about the possible use of the old Morningside park slide on non-city land – possibly at Pringle Creek
- Fairview - City Parks representatives were unable to attend latest meeting on park development; Sam reported that the portion of the latest proposed site closest to Strong Road will not be available for; the park
- Pringle Creek Watershed – Committee rep not present, but Brad Nanke said the group met last Tuesday night, and are “lobbying with North Santiam W/C for joining in efforts for efficiency of funding and availability (appropriation?) of materials for W/Cs’ projects; On the subject – Lloyd C. brought up the situation last MLK Holiday where I-5/Kuebler interchange development preparation work had muddied the (Pringle Creek) stream and raised a lot of citizen concern – “If we don’t make them fully accountable for violations of water protection rules on that incident, they will continue to do damage to the watershed with their future work.”
- South Salem Connectors – No report
- Fund Raiser – No Report

- Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Still going – looking for more members; meeting at Morningside Methodist Church; Upcoming training session will be on a Friday night from 6PM to 9PM and Saturday 8:30AM to 5PM
- Liquor License – Only one item – Change of ownership of establishment on/near Royvonne - name change to “The Rub”
- Transit – Bob ___ reports new service to West Salem beginning next month – 20 stops, and you can book a ride by cell phone and be picked-up at designated sites near your residence (requires at least 30 minutes advance notice); Transit Board is considering how to implement weekend and holiday service – looking at ballot/bond measure
- City Council – Brad Nanke – Next Monday, Council will be discussing smoking (ban) on all city property – indoor and outdoor; Discussion quickly switched to impacts from impending shutdown or constriction of crucial transportation routes for Madrona at Commercial and at 25th Kuebler at both I-5 and Commercial construction to begin soon and go through 2017 (Contractor for Madrona at 25th says they need total closure of the intersection in order to get in-stream work done during non-restricted periods); Discussion then progressed to City Hall / Police Station re-construction – Geoffrey James said that recent news of his group’s “Support for a \$50 Million project” is erroneous – and that a fully-adequate police station away from the present site would cost about \$29 Million, and the rest of the \$50 Million bond could go to seismic update of the City Hall complex (which without the expensive parking garage required if Police office were on the site) will cost much less than original proposal; The June 8 public hearing on the City budget; Some further statements about Madrona and 25th – Council may be hearing something regarding contractors’ need to close it to traffic during construction; Question asked about status of McGilchrist Urban Renewal status – Nothing (development-wise) going on right now – looking at other grant opportunities, because bond issue support is a way out

Announcements – Nothing new

Election of Board Members – Unanimous vote for reelection of five board members currently at end of term and willing to continue serving; still need a person to fill position as Board Secretary that Tina had occupied

Board excused Pamela, so she can go to her appointment, and Lloyd Chapman took over presiding at the meeting

Neighborhood Goals – Lloyd reviewed the four goals the Board had set for 2014-15 and accomplishments, and asked for comments and suggestions for any changes – additions or subtractions to carry into 2015-16 some observations are –

- Now looking at new neighborhood park in Sustainable Fairview development
- Outreach and Education accomplishment in the form of MNA Facebook page created by McKenzie Farrell, who is also looking at options for signs to announce and direct attendees to MNA meetings and events; also some discussion (Sam) about permanent signs to identify the Morningside Neighborhood – Annie Battee said that City sign shop will need to make these (to assure compliance with signage rules) and will cost more than what Sam said he thought his sources would charge; Brad N. commented about goals not necessarily having time limits; Lloyd suggested that an important goal at this time will be to inform our neighbors about the imminent disruption of normal traffic patterns due to the street improvement projects previously discussed, and Annie B. mentioned the successful information program the City used for informing West Salem neighborhood about such work there in the past few years; discussion

progressed to coming traffic “nightmare” in the Kuebler/I-5 interchange area if SEDCOR suggestions on zone changes to allow higher profile retail development are implemented “Hopefully, the neighborhood plan will be followed; McKenzie F. suggested we try to bring all parties together to discuss coming impacts

- Subsequently, Lloyd wrote down and recited an additional goals – 1) Implement MNA Plan – and
- Coordinate with adjoining neighborhoods for the next year or two - particularly regarding Kuebler and Madrona projects

Neighborhood Coordinator Report – Annie Battee

- Now working with 9 associations instead of 18
- City hired another coordinator (Rose Walker) to handle other 9
- Will be able to take a brief vacation, and be back to meet with Faye Wright NA before returning to office
- Annie anticipates more opportunity for interaction with neighborhood associations
- Wants to be sure NA’s are dealt with properly by City staff and officials
- Mentioned book marks with her contact information and information on how to get on email list - to hand out to Board and interested neighbors (a sure way to get our agendas and announcements out to neighborhood
- Announced a new City system for “ALERTS” which will notify citizens of anything happening in or impacting the Neighborhood
- Mentioned Morningside brochure on back table give to possibly interested neighbors
- Thanked the MNA Board on behalf of Council and Mayor
- Closed by reminding Board that her job is part time – 24 hours per week.

Neighborhood Issues – McKenzie Farrell led discussion –

- Facebook – we can send her any news we want to share with neighbors for her to post on “Morningside Neighborhood Association Communication Page); Board member Thomas Smith (not present due to other commitments) is co-administering the page with McKenzie
- Yard Signs – Asked do we want to have one/some made – durable metal tepee/sawhorse design cost about \$108.50 each, and lower-priced wire framed type available; asked for ideas on sign wording and design
- Annie Battee commented that MNA has a little more than \$600 in our communications fund balance – which was graciously carried-over from last year
- Back to “sign design” – Sam suggested we at a brochure box to our tepee/sawhorse sign so passers-by can obtain more information on the event or meeting it is set-out to announce (similar to what we see with real estate “For Sale” signs
- More random discussion about opportunities to attract more attendance and involvement from the neighborhood
- Back to the Signs – Dave Lucas interjected a reminder that we would need someone assigned to setting up and taking down the signs – Sam may have volunteered to take care of regular signs for the monthly meetings
- Repeat of comment that City will need to be source of any permanent signs
- Croquet Day at Pringle Creek Community – McKenzie announced this will be held on May 23rd and 24th on the Community “Green” – Gilgamesh Brewery is scheduled to have a stand there, and there will be some food carts as well; Neighborhood invited to attend

Meeting adjourned shortly-after 8:30 PM with reminder about Eagle Crest maps and info on back table.