

**Morningside Neighborhood Association**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
Wednesday, October 12, 2016  
Painters Hall, Pringle Creek Community

Meeting called to order – 6:30 PM – Chair Pamela S.

Police Report – Officer Stacie Metcalf –

Returned to this patrol after three months absence;

Announced new website Graffiti Hotline – prompt reporting should help fast clean-up and discourage more graffiti;

Announced annual Halloween Dress Rehearsal at Civic Center complex on October 29;

Announced “Coffee with a Cop” at Broadway Commons Coffee house on November 2<sup>nd</sup>;

Questions and Comments for Officer –

Alan M. – Someone drove pick-up truck through his yard lawn and flowerbed and onto Hilfiker Park – some discussion ensued about identity of vehicle – officer will keep an eye out for it;

Pamela S. – With all the reports on Nextdoor Morningside Website, it seems there are more car break-ins lately - Officer was unaware of an increase; Question from attendee associated with Morningside Methodist Church – regarding legality of neighbor to church using church property to access their yard to store their RV – no answer to the question – but RV parked in yard is illegal only if it is being lived in;

Lloyd C. asked Salem Police Deputy Chief Steve Bellshaw if he was aware of an increase in car clouting in the neighborhood – and Bellshaw said they did notice a recent “rash” in such activity in our neighborhood in recent weeks, and that they expected the activity to decrease with the onset of inclement weather; he also cautioned people to take care not to leave valuables in their parked car – at least keep items out of site to reduce thief’s temptation to break in; Officer Metcalf added that thieves are looking for opportunities to break into homes as well i.e. through unblocked open windows facing fenced back yards or heavy shrub screen;

Pamela S. – regarding Coffee with a Cop program – Can we talk to a cop who works in our neighborhood? Deputy Chief Bellshaw said – not necessarily – it depends on who is on duty and where the event is held, and attending officers are from patrols all over the city; On same subject, Bellshaw said Salem PD is always looking for other venues for the event – that they try to cover the whole

city; There being no further questions or comments, Pamela S. released officer Metcalf to her duties; Dep. Chief Bellshaw stayed-on at the meeting;

Self-Introductions (delayed to expedite the Police report) - In attendance are: Board Members *Pamela Schmidling, Janet Bubl, Sue Reid, Geoffrey James, Al Tocchini, Scott Schaefer, Alan Meyer, Muriel Meyer, McKenzie Farrel and, Lloyd Chapman*; Guests – Ken Bierly, Deb Herzog, Barbara Berry, Brian Hawes (sp.?), Steve Bellshaw; Stacey Metcalf; T.J. Sullivan and Kyle Carlton; It was determined there is a quorum present for Board voting; A copy of the Attendance sheet is attached at the end of these minutes for the record – a few attendees may not have signed (Secretary Al T signed for Lloyd C. who definitely was present and participated in several discussions and motions);

Approval of Minutes from September meeting – The minutes were approved with one correction of the spelling of “September;”

Salem No Ivy Coalition – Ken Bierly – Announced there is a small amount of funding from the City for Ivy removal from city-owned land (parks, etc.); In Morningside Neighborhood, Hilfiker Park is next on the list – this coming Saturday, October 22, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. - of work parties to cut, pull and remove Ivy vines (City to follow-up with herbicide spray(s.) A second session is scheduled for Saturday, November 19, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Treated areas will be replanted with non-invasive cover-crop; Group’s strategy is to get ivy out of all city parks - one park at a time;

Committee Reports – Geoffrey J. requested these items be addressed after the presentations on the agenda concerning the Police Station Bond Measure; Chair Pamela S. expressed her dismay that the presentations were placed on this agenda without her approval, and without a quorum approval in the September meeting; After some exchange with Geoffrey J., Lloyd C. and other Board members, she said she was willing to give each side of the issue 5 minutes to present their case, as ordered that there be no question/answer until after each party has completed their presentation – she did not want to spend much Board time on the topic, since she felt this should not have been on the meeting agenda; Before the presentations, representatives from both sides handed out brochures supporting their sides;

YES on 24-399 – T.J. Sullivan, chair of Southgate Neighborhood Association, and Long-time participant in the planning for a new police facility and Civic Center seismic retrofit presented data supporting the bond measure –

something that is needed, and that when all costs are considered, the estimated cost is not out of line;

Salem Can Do Better – Representative (Brian Hawes?) – gave his presentation, and showed the proposed bond measure per-capita-cost to be nearly twice as high as such facilities recently built in other Oregon cities;

Questions and Answers – Alan M. asked about the discrepancy between the two sides' per capita figures; T.J. Sullivan asserted the Salem Can Do Better argument excludes the "soft costs" that *are* accounted for in the Yes on 24-399 argument; A heated exchange ensued between each side's spokes persons on this assertion, and on other details of necessity for the facility of the size requested, and was cut-off by Board Chair Pamela S., who questioned the propriety for such a discussion at an MNA board meeting; A motion was made to table this question – perhaps consider hearing the arguments in another venue; and addressing format for discussion of political issues at MNA meetings; Several proposals and comments were made by Board and non-board persons in attendance regarding the propriety – many "pro" and some "con" and all agreeing that we should be informed on topics we will be voting on as citizens of the City; Someone pointed out that Ballots will be due about the end of next week – so there isn't much time for presentations in other venues . . .

#### Committee Reports -

Traffic – Alan M. – Reported on the status of the three street improvement projects currently affecting our Neighborhood; all seem to be on schedule, and at a point where weather conditions will determine when the finishing touches will get done; he gave the minute taker a copy of the report he received from Gary Myzac, Salem Transportation, which will be attached to these minutes for the record;

Land Use – Geoffrey J. – Not much to report, except that a Vinyl Window manufacturer needed approval of a 3 or 4 lot partition in the Fairview Commerce Park area; Lloyd C. reported that the development occurring near 12<sup>th</sup> and Mc Gilchrist is for a medical practice;

Parks – Muriel M. – Mentioned a recent article about the planned new Fairview Park in the Statesman Journal; Pamela S. mentioned there is a new round of park grants going out soon, for us to be aware of opportunities for funding; Lloyd C. said he is trying to make sure the much revered stainless steel slide rescued from Morningside Park rehab be somehow repurposed for the new park;

Pringle Creek Watershed – Chap M. – reported that the committee met Tuesday, and that they want to emphasize planting and promotion of Oregon White Oak in the development of Hilfiker Park, and around parking lot along Pringle Creek at the previously-mentioned medical facility development at 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Mc Gilchrist Ave.; Finally, that Roth's offers "goodies and refreshments" for volunteer work parties on Pringle Creek Watershed Committee projects;

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) – Pamela S. – Reported 13 new members and the program is now "going strong"; Geoffrey J. reported that his wife Janita has been CERT trained, and trying to join Morningside's CERT, and Pam said she can contact her for arranging that;

Liquor Licenses – Pamela S. – Reported no new applications in past month;

Transit – Bob Krebs not present – No report;

Announcements – The topic of propriety of political debates was revived and lengthy discussion ensued, including – Alan M. said he did not realize there was going to be a controversy, and he personally was thankful for the presentations, and feels bad about how this came down at this meeting; Janet B. said that this was the reason the Board decided long ago to *not* have such debates at our meetings;, and added that if we are to do so, there needs to be a clear process for such; Geoffrey J. mentioned the process/procedure Downtown Rotary uses, and that they invited the Police Chief to give an informational presentation, and for comments from one proponent and opponent each to give a two minute argument – and seemed to work OK; Sue R. said she just looked through MNA Bylaws and saw nothing related to putting debates on the Board meeting agenda; Geoffrey J. suggested that if one of the board members wants to have an item placed on the agenda, then Chair should poll the board as to whether or not it shall be placed on next meeting's agenda; Janet B. asserted that the issue here is the "politics" of it all; we don't need to hear partisanship "back and forth" such as briefly heard between the (Police Station issue) parties at this meeting; Someone asked "How did we get such item on the agenda?", Pamela S. said again that she did not put it on the agenda herself, as there was no explicit or valid approval for such from the Board at the last meeting; At this point, Deputy Police Chief Steve B. offered that Pamela S. should contact Annie Battee, as PAC's on this measure may have contacted her office for putting on Neighborhood Association meeting agendas – should have done so thru the boards' chairs; (City does not have the right to set our agendas); again, Pamela S. needs to talk to Annie B. about this issue; Alan M. asked - How do we define "Political?",

and recalled a fairly recent presentation by Board member Bob Krebs on the Transit bond issue, and it seems we are being a bit inconsistent; Janet B. said it seems like we have come to a point of agreement that the issue should be aired on the City Website and not on our agenda; More comments repeating earlier assertions were heard from various attendees, including Chair Pamela S.; Alan M. said that he was present at the previous meeting when the subject was mentioned by Pamela S., but didn't realize the Board members were voting on it; at this point the topic was put to rest in order to move on to other subjects needing consideration;

Board Membership Roster and Quorum – Mc Kenzie F. mentioned there are 15 positions on the Board, so 8 are required for a quorum in order to pass on votes/decisions; she thought there were just 14 actually filled, but someone mentioned we also have Dan Reed who rejoined the board several months ago and hasn't attended since the Annual meeting;

Return to political debates issue - Lloyd C. moved that Board take position to hear from both sides on any City ballot measure that impacts the neighborhood; Chap M. said we would need time limits and rules or framework for conduct of the presentations; After a little more discussion, Lloyd restated the motion that the Board wants to hear about ballot measures when there can be recognized representatives from both sides present, and that placement of such on the ballot always go through the Board Chair; Vote was taken, and motion passed with one dissent (Chap M.) of Quorum present;

Good of the Order -

Fall Leaf Haul – Pamela S. handed out brochures for the event Scheduled for Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and asked for volunteers to man the MNA station at Morningside United Methodist Church on 12<sup>th</sup> Street; Work entails taking bags of leaves from vehicles and tossing them into large dumpster(s) onsite;

Additional Police Report – Deputy Chief Steve Bellshaw – Reminded attendees of the SPD Halloween Rehearsal on October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 pm – there is a Trick-or-Treaters' safety emphasis for the event, and Salem Library and other agencies will be on hand to help, they expect over 1,000 kids to attend; Also, Bellshaw mentioned SPD's show of support for October Breast Cancer Awareness Month – with the Pink police car; said that the vinyl-shrink-wrap coating design was paid for by \$2,100 in donations, and that officers driving it said they have had over 300 "photo-op" stops by citizens;

Good of the Order – continued –

Geoffrey J. – added a comment for Neighborhood Issues and Concerns (#9 on the Agenda) – There is a house in his area of the Neighborhood that is occupied by a contractor who is parking numerous trailers on the property, and asked what is the policy for such; it was suggested he report it to Compliance Officer, Theresa to address;

Adjournment – There being no further business or comments, the meeting was adjourned by Chair Pamela Schmidling at 7:55 p.m.

# ATTENDANCE

GROUP: MNA

DATE: 10-12-16

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	NAME
1	Pamela Schmidling
2	Janet Buhl
3	Ken Blerly
4	Deb H. [unclear]
5	Barbara Berry
6	Sue Reed
7	John James
8	Attoalini
9	Scott Schaefer
10	Brian Nihil
11	Alan Meyer
12	Muriel Meyer
13	Steve Bellshaw
14	Stacey Metcalf
15	McKenzie Farnell
16	T.J. Sullivan
17	Kyle Carlton
18	Lloyd Chapman
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Meeting Minutes  
ATTACHMENT 1

From: Gary Myzak <gmyzak@cityofsalem.net>  
Subject: Re: Update on roadway projects  
Date: October 12, 2016 at 11:25 AM  
To: Alan Meyer <Alan.Meyer@comcast.net>



Hi Alan -

See below for a short update. The recent rainy weather has impacted some of the project schedules slightly may continue to do so.

Madrona/25th - We have about three days of paving left. This work and the striping are weather dependent. We still plan to open on October 31st. The creek bypass pipe has been removed and the creek is now flowing through the new culvert and channel.

Kuebler Blvd Eastbound Improvements - Paving is being completed today. Grading for walks east of Battle Creek Road is complete. Walks 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 currently completing grading work and installing the remaining curbs. Paving activities are scheduled to start the week of Sept. 26. We are currently on schedule to have Madrona Avenue open by October 31.
2. Kuebler Blvd. Eastbound Widening Improvements- Curbs and base paving are complete from west of Stroh Lane to Battle Creek Road. Curbs from Battle Creek Road to the east end of the widening are scheduled for the week of September 19th. Final lift paving is planned for the first part of October with final striping and lane opening expected by late October.
3. Commercial Street/Kuebler Blvd Intersection Improvements - Grinding and final asphalt paving operations are scheduled for the week of September 19. Striping and completion of the traffic signal is expected by mid-October with all lanes open shortly thereafter.

If you have any questions, e-mail or call me at 503-588-6211.

Gary

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ATTACHMENT #2