

Morningside Neighborhood Association

MINUTES

October 12, 2022

Call to Order – 6:33 PM by Chair Pamela Schmidling.

Introductions – 13 people present, including 10 board members (quorum.)

Minutes – Minutes for September meeting approved as written.

Police Report – No report (no SPD representative present.)

City Council – Councilor Trevor Phillips – Reported:

- 1) He was not able to attend the September Council meeting due to an emergency,
- 2) A public hearing was held on [land use zone?] changes.
- 3) City staff, consultant and non-city group are working on plan for bringing commercial airline service to Salem,
- 4) City is reviewing resources for disaster response – and wake-up call from recent quake,
- 5) [International “Stake-out Day” being coordinated by Greg Walsh – City of Salem,
- 6) His promised responses to questions from last month’s meeting – temporary speed reader board in place at Battle Creek/Pringle Creek Roads transition,
- 7) Mentioned Measure 24 -474 interactions with local groups and organizations.

Discussions ensued regarding:

- 1) Reed Road improvement.
- 2) Measure 24-474,
- 3) Timelines priorities and processes for completing Reed Road, Pringle Road and Mc Gilchrist improvements (City staff unable to provide details, but info on Voteyesforsalem.com Website,
- 4) (Lack of) transparency for planned Fairview Park Dog Park – looks like funding is just for the fence and not the whole project (City manager Keith Staley announced upcoming Parks System Master Plan process will involve NA and public input.

Committee Reports –

Traffic – Alan Meyer -

- 1) Reed Road almost finished
- 2) Small traffic speed reader board in place soon after last meeting discussion, MNA is still on the list for the larger trailer version
- 3) Dangerous traffic problems at Royvonne and Commercial intersection – report of no accidents found to be incorrect, flashing lights at crosswalk not operating – to be repaired, Councilor Phillips will make sure this is a priority,
- 4) Only one speed sign on Battle Creek Road between Kuebler and Pringle,

Land Use – Geoffrey James –

- 1) Pamela S. is promptly forwarding all information on planning to MNA Board (Discussion of plans for 27th Avenue SE corridor development),
- 2) Liz Backer, Janet Bubl and Geoffrey James comprise the MNA Land Use sub-committee,
- 3) Land Use Planning training to be held Wednesday, October 19th at 5:30 PM in Anderson Room at the Main Library.

Parks – Muriel Meyer – Update on homeless camp issue in “The Woods” park has been cleared and cleaned up (except for an old gas can), homeless campers are back in the area, but on private property (city can’t do anything about it without the landowner being involved). Further discussion ensued, with Councilor Phillips reporting County will be getting funding for similar program as City’s “SOS” program to address the issues throughout the county.

C.E.R.T. – Pamela Schmidling – Program is still around, but they still have not met since the Covid hiatus, and program is not like it was in the beginning – many participants have left, participation has dwindled, City may be picking-up on boosting CERT, some increased activity in other SE neighborhoods. Suggestion put forward for quarterly meetings of CERT reps from all neighborhoods.

Transit – Bob Krebs reported Transit having trouble bringing drivers onboard, so service is only available till 9 PM except 7PM on Sundays. Though Bob is no longer on Transit Board, he is still involved in advocacy. Councilor Phillips mentioned recent cooperation and improvement in communication regarding Transit issues.

Liquor Licenses – Pamela Schmidling – Nothing new to report.

Volunteer Hours – Muriel Meyer – 10 hours; Pamela Schmidling – 10; Jennie Hiatt – 1; Alan Meyer – 1; Sue Reid – 2; Geoffrey James 2; = total of 26 hours.

Open Issues

- 1) MNA Annual Meeting in May – Conflict with City Council Budget Meeting – motion was passed by unanimous vote to move MNA Annual Meeting to June.
- 2) Communication – Discussion ensued about the state of communications with City and with neighborhood – including problems with using City website, cost of mailing announcements and bulletins to neighborhood residents, Jenny Hiatt said she would try to publicize MNA announcements on the Next-door App.

Guest Speaker – Keith Staley, Salem City Manager – reported he is very-impressed with City officials and program staff and believes the Salem community is well-served. He is also

impressed with the city itself, and particularly what is taking place development-wise downtown.

Good of the Order – Meeting attendee Mark Olson expressed interest in joining MNA Board. Motion made by Al Tocchini and Seconded by Liz Backer was voted on and unanimously passed by the Board. Welcome aboard, Mark!

Adjourn – Chair Pamela Schmidling adjourned the meeting at 8:30PM.