

MNA Board Meeting 5/10/2023

Chair Pamela Schmidling presiding

Called to order at 6:33pm

Board members present: Pamela Schmidling Bennie Yows, Muriel Meyer, Alan Meyer, Geoffrey James, Sue Reid, Curtis Smith, Janet Bubl, Liz Backer, Jenny Hiatt, Bob Krebs, Nathan Soltz

Guests: Officer Mark Jantz, John Lyons, Allison, Sarah Duncan, Beth Vergas-Duncan, Irma Coleman, Joe Tilman, Lori Pearson (Rep. Tom Andersen staff)

Alan Tocchini, Secretary, is absent; Nathan Soltz acting as temporary Secretary

Approval of minutes postponed

Sergeant Donner preoccupied, Officer Jantz filling in for the night. Marion County DA put out press release about shooting on Fisher Rd. – was justified; grand jury charged suspect with a slate of charges

National Night Out on August 1 – info cityofsalem.net/nno – will have info posted on Monday, can register party there

Navigation Center open house on April 24 – there are 15 beds available for law enforcement for short-term stays for detox, on Mission and 22nd; low-barrier center, not many restrictions

Center is managed by Arches, used by multiple agencies, is not a walk-in, about 75 beds; cityofsalem.net has video of Center

Microshelter on Turner Rd. opening in May – focusing on younger adults 18-24; is in addition to the one on Portland Rd.; Yaquina Hall has been changed into longer-term housing

Some graffiti is ODOT's responsibility – askodot@odot.oregon.gov

22 teams designated to go out to about 120 NNO parties; first-come, first-served so register as soon as possible if you want police to show up

Councilor Trevor Phillips absent due to city budget committee

Committee reports:

Traffic – Alan Meyer – issues with obstructed view due to bushes on Pringle before Battle Creek, has reached out to City; widening Hilfiker at Commercial – per Kevin Hottman, still working on it, but delays in right-of-way purchases have resulted in work not happening until next Spring, bid for the project will be in late summer

Land Use – Geoffrey James – developers want to change setback on a subdivision from 20' to 22.5' on three lots, no objections

Parks – Muriel Meyer – have a grant for \$7,500 for Morningside Trail; issues with older children playing on play equipment, there is nothing that can be done, no regulations on age of people playing on equipment, must damage it in order for there to be any sort of charges/restrictions, schools aren't in a position to do anything since it's not their property and kids are not their

responsibility there/after school hours; Phase 1 of Fairview Park – park was supposed to be developed and finished by 2016, there was about \$25 million set aside for it, Salem Parks & Rec has been meeting about this, it's been so long though that they now want to go around and do more neighborhood meetings

CERT (Citizens Emergency Response Team) – Pamela Schmidling – we have a new City Emergency Manager now (per Irma), very new, don't even know name, but expect in next about four weeks they'll be able to start going out and meeting with folks; Irma confirms in meeting that new Emergency Manager will come to Annual Meeting; miscellaneous additional discussion

Liquor License Applications – Pamela – none

Transit – Bob Krebs – invited to participate in meeting, said they would have someone; guest reports new service level in May, now up to 100% pre-pandemic service levels; have 5 battery electric buses coming; there will be an app to pay for fare available by summer, will automatically upgrade to whatever the most cost-effective fare is (e.g. upgrade hourly to daily, daily to monthly); doing a trial run of buses being able to talk to city's traffic light black boxes so if they're running behind enough, it will trigger a light to maybe stay green longer or avoid a red light; Cherriots is doing a study to look at the most effective way to service downtown area, whether it is a trolley or something else

Communications – Jenny Hiatt – has heard some people would like Zoom/hybrid option; Irma says that there are speakers, microphone, camera, hot spots, computers that can all be borrowed, suggests that we revisit this and have further discussion in July meeting; Facebook has most engagement, is going to let Nextdoor go since there's not much going on there even after a few months, suggests also doing an Instagram page, would like to revisit that in July;

Liz – logo updates – much appreciation from all to Liz, they look great; option 2 is preferred based on feedback, much controversy over whether to include a turkey, will do a few more small edits and make a color version, will vote via email ahead of Annual Meeting

Will do an MNA Trunk or Treat, not an NNO event; Irma says we have communications funds we can use, Janet asks Irma how much, Irma says she will get Pamela that amount

Hours – Muriel has 30; Liz 25; Jenny 4; Alan Meyer 1; Geoff 1; Sue 1; Pam 15

Irma Coleman – Neighborhood Association Liaison with the city; start of 5K run/walk start this month; September 23 – first-ever Hispanic Heritage Festival, “Viva Salem”

Open House planning – Irma has already assisted a lot with police, fire dept, new emergency manager, current city manager and new deputy city manager (Scott Archer, coming from Canby) – note reorganization of departments at city; lot of discussion on details; Irma says MNA has \$2000 from the city aside from what's in our communications fund

Moved by Nathan Soltz to allow members to be reimbursed for any expenses related to assisting with the Annual Meeting, or to be able to invoice them directly; seconded by Janet Bubl; approved with all in favor, none opposed.

Board members please try to be here by 6pm on June 14 to help setup for annual meeting, setup will begin at 5:30

Janet moved approval of goals as-is; seconded by Alan Meyer; Muriel would like to add a goal to identify the Heritage Tree in Fairview Park; there was much discussion; Nathan Soltz moved to postpone goal setting until July meeting, seconded by Liz; motion to postpone approved with all in favor, none opposed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

*Nathan Soltz
MNA Board Member
Temporary Secretary*