

Morningside Neighborhood Association  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
April 11, 2018  
Pringle Creek Community Hall

**Meeting Called to Order** – 6:33PM, by Chair Pamela Schmidling.

**Introductions** – Those present introduced themselves. A sign-in sheet was circulated. Quorum was present.

**Special Presentation** – Three candidates for Judge positions up for vote in May ballot gave brief presentations regarding their candidacy: June Aiken (Incumbent) for Municipal Court; Melissa Parker opponent for same position; and Anthony Berends for Position #5 – not incumbent; no opposition.

**Police Report** – Salem Police Officer (didn't get her name) reported on latest crime trend in area. Car break-ins are on the increase. She reviewed all the cautions we have received in recent past police reports on the subject. She added that we should beware of our surroundings when parking in store parking lots – car clouts often work in teams and watch to see if occupant(s) are stashing valuables before going in to the store, then break-in to quickly steal the items when occupant goes into the store. Questions and answers ensued concerning marking of personal items for ID, and Clark Creek Park parking rules.

**Minutes** – to the March meeting were approved as written.

**Committee Reports** –

- **Traffic** – Alan Meyer – Nothing new to report, except the upcoming meeting/gathering with Pac Trust concerning plans for a new Costco store between Kuebler & Boone and Battle Creek and 27<sup>th</sup>.
- **Land Use** – Geoffrey James – Meeting next Tuesday at 5:30 to discuss I.C. zone change for 20 space school bus parking lot next to School District Food Service on Fairview Industrial (so far no objections to the plan.) G. J. recommends we let P.C. hold hearings w/ no concerns from MNA.
- **Parks** – Muriel Meyer – Waiting to apply for Parks Foundation grant for Clark Creek Park multi-Use court rehab (plan is to do the necessary improvements in stages.)  
Bob Romanek – Salem Parks planner gave a brief presentation on the Preferred design plan for Hilfiker park. Consensus was for minimal development option, with accommodation for handicap access trail loop, walk-thru access to/from Commercial St. and future streets connecting Hilfiker, etc. with Pringle/Battle Creek. Plan includes path lighting, but no restrooms or game courts, etc. There was some discussion of impact of proposed path route through existing small grass field currently used by locals for informal game play, etc.

Alan Meyer complimented Bob R. and other planning officials for a well-run public process regarding Hilfiker Park. Geoffrey James moved MNA board approve adoption of the preferred alternative with recommendation that City pursue access on north side of the park first before building the meandering path route through the play field. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

- **Pringle Creek Watershed** – Pamela S. & Brad N. – Nothing much to report – a meeting of PCWC was held in March and one scheduled for May.
- **CERT** – Pamela S. reported will have a table at the upcoming MNA Annual Open House event. Also, CERT is seeking a location for another CERT cache – this one for the south end of the neighborhood.
- **Transit** – Bob Krebs reported they are getting new busses f- ¼ of the fleet to be replaced; will have table at the MNA Open House; Brad N. suggested Bob Invite Greg Walsh to attend.
- **City Council** – Brad Nanke – reported council will be considering the Creekside bridge reimbursement matter to enable delayed construction to begin; Public meeting coming up on April 23 for Union Gospel’s new facility across from new police station; Work session is planned for April 16 to discuss Transit and Opportunity Tax; October 8<sup>th</sup> on proposed 3% utility rate increase.

#### **Other Business –**

- **Annual Meeting** – Next month! So far, we have Police and Fire departments on-board (SFD no longer has the kids’ fire hats to pass out; someone suggested we contact Firehouse Subs establishment to see if they could donate some to the event. Pamela S. reminded Board that the date for this event is May 23<sup>rd</sup> – instead of normal second Wednesday – to avoid conflict with City Council Budget meeting; Open House will be here at Pringle Community hall – 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM; Muriel Meyer passed around flyers she had printed for the event for us to pass around to our close-by neighbors. There was more talk about other business participants such as Dutch Bros. Coffee and Roth’s for food, and other businesses for door prizes. Sue Reid said she will approach local businesses to see if they would put some cards announcing the event on their counters for patrons to see. A vote was taken to approve bright yellow color paper. Muriel M. said she will rent the popcorn machine again, and Al T. agreed to transport it.
- **Pac Trust Meeting** – Pamela followed-up on this topic by mentioning the exact meeting date will be decided by tomorrow (April 25<sup>th</sup> or 26<sup>th</sup>).
- **Richard Reid** (Sue R.’s husband) said he would like to join the Board, and gave a short talk about his interests in community growth and development, and his experience in public involvement; Board voted unanimously to welcome Richard to Board.
- **Pringle Creek Community Hall** – Pamela S. posed question: Meeting place in jeopardy? PCC has new unwritten policy requiring users to get and return key to building on same day as meeting (won’t let us keep a key – possibly result of conflict a few months back with other users of the building. Richard R. proposed we seek letter of clarification on the matter from PCC officials; Pamela S. said she can do that.

- **25<sup>th</sup> Street Sidewalk and Bike Path** – Ron Sterba of SEMCA passed around the plan and information about his group’s bid to have city connect the final link between the neighborhood and Cascade Gateway Park. Alan M. explained to him that MNA Board considered this issue at a previous meeting, and decided to neither endorse nor oppose the proposal (MNA has several streets in need of sidewalks, and must compete for same rare moneys to get them built.) Geoffrey James offered Mr. Sterba his personal support of the proposal in light of its theme of connectivity. Al T. asked Geoffrey J. and Brad N. for clarification as to whether or not City plans further widening of 25<sup>th</sup> Street – particularly at intersection with McGilchrist, where addition of left and right turn lanes would really help to keep traffic flowing on 25<sup>th</sup>; brief discussion ensued with no sure answer.

**Adjournment** – There being no further matters to discuss, Chair Pamela S. adjourned the meeting at 8:11PM.