

Morningside Neighborhood Association
June 10, 2020 Board Meeting
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – 6:36pm by Chair Pamela

INTRODUCTIONS – 14 persons present including 12 current MNA Board Members.

POLICE REPORT – There is no Officer present, and no police report. The Police Department is not yet set up for Zoom. A Lieutenant may join us in the future. Richard says (per Irma) the police “might be too busy at the moment”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Two corrections to the prior month’s Minutes. The spelling of Alan’s name (one “L”) and one correction in the verbiage (“Meetings” mentioned twice in the same sentence, should read *Minutes*).

The Minutes are approved with corrections.

EUNICE KIM – Long Range Planning Manager at City of Salem

Eunice discussed the “visioning plan” for Salem (i.e., big picture issues for growth and development). The City is taking community input and creating guiding principles, which will become a Goals and Policies/Comp Plan. The Draft Vision incorporates mapping exercises for the City of Salem. The City came up with four different options of how the City could grow (A-D). The Draft Vision will be a combination of the four scenarios which are being tested. One scenario features housing on the edge of the City in West and South Salem. Another scenario is exploring areas for mixed use (one good example of mixed use is downtown, etc.). Yet another option is the walkable neighborhood hub, compatible with the neighborhood, subject to limits. There is also an idea being tested about extending Riverfront Park in order to benefit downtown north. Other ideas that are being considered include more live/work space, and loosening up some restrictions to help small business with the current crisis. One standing goal is more affordable multi-family housing. The City will continue gathering input through the summer and will have a Draft Vision together by September. The order of events is: 1. Draft Vision, 2. Update Goals and Policies, and 3. Update Zoning. The project will probably be done end of 2021.

Geoff James suggests the Morningside Neighborhood Plan as one of the more recent Neighborhood Plans could become part of the Comprehensive Plan.

Dan comments on the lack of a neighborhood hub in the Fairview Comprehensive Plan.

Barbara asks a question about infrastructure requirements for traffic that will go along with the Comprehensive Plan.

TRAFFIC – Alan

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Pedestrian safety crosswalk work has been started at Pringle & Copper Glen Ave.

There are new traffic control devices/red light cameras in Salem (similar to 25th & Mission). These are at Fisher Rd NE & Silverton Rd NE, Commercial & Madrona, Commercial & Kuebler, and Center Street & Hawthorne. Some or all of these traffic devices measure speed. A 2011 study questions the efficacy of traffic control cameras.

LAND USE – Geoff

Steve Ward's subdivision was approved at the Staff Level (City). Pringle Creek Community has said there is no connection through Steve Ward's development to the new park. Janet says there should be a letter to Steve Ward. Motion to draft a letter passes.

Barbara asks if Steve Ward's plan have been looked at in great scrutiny, as other previous plans have in this area, i.e., The Woods.

Geoff says a large subdivision along Reed Road which stops at Hillcrest, which was approved for 258 lots, wants to be rezoned as high density/apartments.

Dan says the 108 lots of Pringle Creek sold to Stafford Homes. Design requirements are staying the same. Stafford is planning to build out the neighborhood quickly.

Alan commented on the sale of Fairview Additions Phase 5.

PARKS – Muriel

MNA has received a \$6000 grant from Salem Park Foundation for the Clark Creek Park restoration. The total grants and donations received for Clark Creek in this period is \$23,000. Over the past three years, there has been close to \$40,000 in grants and donations to improve Clark Creek Park. There is no current timetable for the work to resume.

CERT TEAM/LIQUOR LICENSES – Pam CERT is still collecting masks. CERT may or may not be meeting tomorrow.

COMMUNICATION FUND/COMMUNITY HOURS MEETING

Muriel has put in 12 hours.

Dennis has put in 3 hours.

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TRANSIT – Bob

Not present

COMMUNICATION – Richard

No formal report

CITY COUNCILOR REPORT – Brad

Brad is not present.

Trevor will begin his term on January 1. Congratulations to Trevor.

ADDITIONAL/MISC – Morningside is not on the dangerous/derelect persons list.

Lisa asks about Community Outreach. How is MNA reaching out and letting people know to come to the Neighborhood Association Meetings? Pam is working to obtain the list the City uses to contact Morningside Neighbors. There is some discussion about an invitation/mailer. Janet suggests we use the Open House to recruit people to MNA.

*ADJOURN – Pam adjourned the meeting on **7:44pm***