

**Morningside Neighborhood Association**  
**January 12, 2022 Meeting**  
**MINUTES**

Call to Order: Chair Pamela Schmidling at 6:36 PM

- Six of 11 current Board members present – represents a quorum

Introductions: Board members - Schmidling, Bubl, Krebs, Reid, Phillips and Tocchini; Visitors – Liz Backer and Jenny Hiatt

Minutes: For December 8, 2021 meeting approved as written

Council Report: Trevor Phillips reported –

- On 1/10/22 interviewed job candidates; Public Hearing on Meyer Farm Development Appeal; other business – end at 10:45 PM (Will continue Meyer Farm Appeal in February.)
- Land Use - record still open for input on several cases.
- Public Safety - Approved establishment of a *civilian-led* Mobile Crisis Response Unit, and to expand the existing *officer-led* one; Looking at Eugene’s “CAHOOTS” program for model; Cited tremendous need for such programs to prevent escalation of incidents.
- Diversity – Council placing a priority on expanding codifying diversity in City government.
- Housing – Work session on 1/18/22 concerning new Micro-shelter sites; two sites currently in operation serve 180 people; good results from these operations in getting folks back on their feet; Operational funding also an issue. Local community donated \$600K –for 125 shelters – still no place to put them; goal is to transition from unmanaged to managed camps; requires employed attendants, but relies heavily on volunteers; enough funding to serve current enrollees; about 1,000 people needing shelter each night.
- Pandemic Report – Situation “not great” now – one in 79 have tested positive for Covid; last week there were 300 hospitalized in Oregon, and now there are almost 800. City Manager is currently ill with the disease.

Committee Reports:

- Traffic – No report
- Land Use – No report
- Parks – No report (except for Chair Schmidling saying grant application has been submitted for Morningside Park picnic benches
- CERT – Schmidling reported that CERT volunteers are now helping staff the warming centers during the cold weather
- Liquor License Applications - Schmidling - Application for pub on Fairview Industrial Way, open seven days a week – 11AM-12AM Mondays thru Friday 8AM – 12AM Saturdays and Sundays.
- Transit – Krebs - Busses running seven days a week with reduced service on weekend; will use Saturday schedule for MLK Day and Sunday schedule for Presidents Day holidays. New services are paid for partially by the new payroll tax.
- Communications – No Report

Volunteer Hours: Bubl - 1 hour; Reid - 3 hours; Schmidling - 7 hours; Tocchini -3 hours.

Program: The Grove Apartments at Fairview – Manager Laura Robinson (via Zoom) reported

- Reed Road Improvement is scheduled for June completion.
- Phase 2 of The Grove –retaining walls built and old silos removed; site grading in progress; some units to be ready in fall 2022. Phase 1 is 100% complete and 100% occupied.
- Meeting Site? The Grove offers MNA the use of its clubhouse for meetings.
- Next Report – Schmidling offered MNA meeting time at February or March.

Other Business –

- Meyer Farm hearing follow-up – Liz Backer and Jenny Hiatt (on behalf of neighbors and others opposing the planned development) expressed deep concern (and loss of faith in MNA) – about Chair Schmidling’s statement MNA was not opposed to the development. Schmidling said she misspoke on that. After considerable discussion, Board voted to have Schmidling write a letter to the City– which clarifies MNA’s position on this Application; Krebs recommended original letter be attached. Schmidling apologized for the miscommunication.

Police Report – SPD officer Jason Bonner –

- Up-tick in catalytic converter thefts – hoping new scrap tracking laws will reduce this trend; SPD asking public to report such losses to help them identify suspects and gauge success of new law
- Community Assessment – second of two rounds of public input on police services
- Audit – Third party audit pointed out need for attention to or change in five areas: 1) Under-staffing – especially in Patrol; 2) Proactive community engagement; 3) Adjust Patrol and detective squad/shift ratios; 4) Handling of non-police issues; 5) Increase Community Service Officer staff.
- Discussions – Accessibility of Non-emergency number; already too much emphasis on on-line communication – excludes those who do not use internet; what SPD will do with assessment and audit inputs; Success and history of annual SPD Toy Drive; Rash of mail thefts and “porch pirating”; vagrancy occurrence and law; Speeding traffic on Battle Creek/Pringle roads and 12<sup>th</sup> Street hill – patrol difficulties and tactics. Officer Bonner said he would contact Patrol to watch.

Announcement Regarding Meeting Room use– Sue Reid - Some parties using the meeting room subscribe to Zoom; church provided Zoom contact regarding The Grove Apartments, cannot do that regularly; If pandemic warrants more remote meetings MNA may want to consider subscribing (use Communications fund?) Krebs suggested conference call if there are no visuals to display.

Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned by Chair Schmidling at 8:03PM.