

Mountain View NA Monthly Meeting: August 24, 2020

In Attendance: attendance based upon Zoom meeting participation

Board members: Beth Hoover, chair; Carol Elwood, land use; John Bennett, NART rep and parks; Steve Pine, treasurer; Sarah Spernak, secretary.

Attendees: Michael Whitter, Carolyn Clontz, David Gurule, Eric and Melinda Parkes, Jason Kropf, Maddy Woodle, Michelle H.

- I. Meeting called to order by Beth Hoover at 6:00 pm.
- II. Agenda: Introductions, Reports (Land Use, Transportation, Fireworks, NLA, Parks and Parking, and 8/19 City Council Meeting; Guest Speaker: Jason Kropf; September General Membership Meeting, Dog Area in Al Moody; Review NLA letter
- III. Introductions of board members and guests.
- IV. Reports:
 - a. Land Use – Carol Elwood. Carol reviews her written report:
 - i. 8/10 Planning Commission work session on Code amendments. Beth attended.
 - ii. 8/11 The Cell Tower was approved for the right-of-way near 3204 Spring Creek Pl.
 - iii. 8/19 The Transportation System Plan, 2 years in the making, was adopted by Council.
 - iv. 8/20 Pre application neighborhood meeting on 3.3 acre 20-lot subdivision on Daniel Rd. SGS Development is doing the preparatory work on the lots; a builder has not been designated yet. A comment was made that a 30' green space buffer is required between RL (existing) and RS (new) development. The developer seemed unaware of this, and I haven't researched it either. The plan, called Cranbrook Project, includes extension/completion of Aldrich Ave, plus a new Cranbrook Street to run north from Aldrich.
 - v. 8/24 Short Term Rental application on Yellow Ribbon Drive.
 - vi. 8/24 Planning Commission Hearing on Code amendments.
 - b. Transportation – David Gurule.
 - i. David reviews the new crosswalk going in at MVHS (where Wells Acres meets 27th) and the islands are in on Wells Acres at MVHS.
 - ii. Detour from the 27th and Butler Market roundabout is starting to wind down; we did have speed signs on Wells Acres for a while to help with increased traffic
 - iii. Roundabout construction continues at the Eagle Road roundabout.
 - iv. Eric Parkes weighs in that traffic is improving around Purcell from the opening of the roundabouts.
 - v. General Obligation Bond for the Transportation Plan is going to be going on the November ballot, with the caveat that it wouldn't start right away – the increase in taxes will be delayed.
 - vi. Most of the local improvements for MV are already budgeted.
 - c. Fireworks – Michael Whitter
 - i. Michael and Lyn (?) have been working on a more aggressive follow up with the City regarding the on-going fireworks issue. Michael requested

- record of fire dept. call outs to see if they are increasing or decreasing, but the logs were not fruitful as if the call does not specifically say fireworks, there is no information.
- ii. Michael asks Steve Pine how things are progressing with NLA regarding fireworks work group.
- d. NLA – Steve Pine
- i. Code changes regarding micro units – see attached information. Much of the last NLA meeting was spent discussing the code changes regarding micro units.
 - ii. There was a letter written by another NA that our NA also signed on, pressing the City on the fireworks issue and why it is not being addressed more aggressively. Steve says City is acknowledging that the City is keeping the issue on their “ongoing issues road map” and it is on their agenda to discuss with the new police chief.
 - iii. The City and NLA also is going to continue moving forward with looking at the distribution of the NAs/ boundaries.
 - iv. Lastly, sub committees will need positions filled.
- V. Guest Speaker: Jason Kropf (he is running for State Representative and this is an informational session).
- a. Running for House District 54; worked as a public defender in Bend and a district attorney and working with juvenile court.
 - b. Recently was working with a young man who had a history of addiction issues/ education issues, and when asked what he wanted, he wanted most for himself was to be a father to his daughter. Kropf left court feeling they had a lot in common as fathers – he then summarized his upbringing and how he feels many people, such as this young man, are being left behind. He summarizes how he sees his running for office as a way to help citizens get better. He also discusses working for the environment and improving the lives of Oregonians.
 - i. John Bennett asks how old Kropf’s children are and how the Parks Dept. and Bend factor in for him. Kropf responds he has an eight-year old daughter and he ran for Parks Dept board to ensure there are fewer barriers to citizens access to Bend’s parks and programs, especially in regards to affordability. He speaks about how Bend Parks and Rec is the largest provider of child care in the city of Bend.
 - ii. Eric Parkes asks in looking at the root causes of the breakdown of our society, how he would address the attacks on the nuclear family...that it seems like the established family has been under attack for years ... how parents are so strapped for resources and making ends meet. Kropf responds by summarizing his family history of his parents having to take time off from school to earn money in order to finish school. Kropf shares he also had to work but he had the help from his parents and that this is not the case for all kids. That there is a lack of parents who have equal access to finances for schooling. He also summarizes the living wage available to people in the past (his grandparents) who were able to provide a stable living but that now there isn’t a living wage being provided to

people who are working those kinds of jobs. He would strive to create more living wage/ economic stability for people.

- iii. Sarah Spernak asks about the child care concerns of working families and how we can increase safe and affordable spaces for our children. Kropf agrees that it is an issue. He reviews that some places are using publicly funded daycare for kids and have found there have been increases of economic success when that is available. He advocates that better childcare will grow our economy. He points out the Bend Parks and Rec has a scholarship program for the Kids Inc. program – about \$400,000 available.
- iv. David Gurule asks what are the policy issues he would be working on if elected. Kropf says that COVID has revealed how inter-connected issues are, but that he thinks education is one of the key issues that will then affect others. He supported the Student Success Act because he feels that the decline of funding for education must be changed. He ties that to how he saw how much we spend on the corrections/criminal system and that we spend more on criminal justice than education and that if we spent more upfront then maybe kids wouldn't end up in the criminal justice system. So, he would push for reforms in criminal justice system. He would also prioritize affordable housing. Finally, he is interested in expanding mental health services, especially for those who have suffered traumatic events.
- v. A follow up comment from Eric Parkes about reallocation of funds. Kropf reiterates the importance of reallocation of funds for young people.
- vi. Carol Elwood asks what Kropf's position is on the carbon tax issue. Kropf supports the cap and invest. Yes, we should cap carbon emissions but he cares greatly about the invest. Specifically, how we can invest money into timber jobs and other rural community jobs.
- vii. Beth Hoover clarifies that MVNA does not endorse any candidate but we are here to provide information.

VI. Reports Parks Dept- John Bennett –

- a. Juniper Park and outdoor pool area improvements are opened; board of directors approved a SE canal bridge; dredging Mirror Pond; improvements to the trail systems in SE Bend – especially with the new HS.

VII. Reports: Parking District – John Bennett

- a. A new pilot program of having a parking benefit district in Old Bend Neighborhood. Residents can apply for a parking permit that will ensure priority parking in their own neighborhood (ideally in front of their house). As a pilot program to see if it helps reduce parking friction. John doesn't know how it will be enforced, may only be education to start, but that it opens up the possibility of implementation in other areas of Bend.
- b. Beth asks if it can be implemented in smaller areas rather than a whole neighborhood. John says yes, it could be applied to smaller sections of neighborhoods. Carolyn Clontz asks if that means people have to pay to park in

their own neighborhood. John says, yes, you pay a small fee for the sticker and the fee goes towards a fund that will help pay for things.

- VIII. Report: Aug. 19th City Council Meeting – Beth Hoover
- a. The approval of an ordinance to create a new Human Rights and Equity Commission in Bend. NAs can make comments on what we would like to see in that commission.
 - b. Second issue Beth shares is the response at the City Council meeting to the ICE presence in Bend and the protest. Beth feels this is an issue that we should be looking at as we do have a large Latino population in our NA and that is not well represented in our board or at our meetings.
- IX. General Meeting Planning
- a. Virtual meeting is our plan – feature the MVNA video that Jason has made and Beth suggests having City Council candidate forum.
 - i. For candidate forum, it would be informational only, no debate, and non-partisan. It would be a way to share information with our neighbors.
 - b. This would be the fourth Monday in September, Sept. 28
 - c. Sarah suggests having a Spanish translation of our membership meeting invitation, having a Spanish version of our video, and following-up on getting brochures translated.
 - d. Beth is asked if it will just be City Council candidates? She says we can include other offices, but that will make it a longer event. Her preference is to concentrate on City Council. Carolyn agrees that City Council is best focus as it is our focus as an NA. Carol agrees Council positions are best priority. Jason Kropf suggests giving the candidates three key areas to speak to so that presentations are focused.
 - e. David asks if we have the tech for it. Suggestions for a chat room questions only.
 - f. Motion is made by Sarah to invite City Council candidates to our September meeting; Steve amends motion that we will provide candidates a set of question; Sarah accepts the amendment. Final motion: We will have a General Membership meeting during our regularly scheduled September meeting for which we will invite City Council candidates to speak to a pre-selected question list provided by our board. No objections so the motion passes.
 - g. Beth will look into Spanish translation.
- X. Al Moody Park – could there be an off-leash area? Sarah sent inquiry to Parks Dept but there are no plans for a dog area at that park. Since Jason Kropf is on the Parks Board, he shares the following: since an email came in about it, the issue will probably be monitored. He will bring it up to the board.
- a. Discussion ensues from board members about different areas of the park that could be used as a dog area or if we could get signage on location of closest dog park. It also appears we don't have a dog park within our NA boundaries. Sarah will pursue and report back by October meeting.
- XI. NLA Letter regarding micro units and the code change. Short discussion to see if people have any questions, but letter is already being sent by NLA. Beth does share that on a 1500 square foot lot, you could put four units. Beth shares the survey results that show most people who commented on the issue disagreed with it; however, the reasoning behind the move is to fall in line with state law.

- XII. Neighborhood Watch Group – Beth Hoover shares about the woman (Penny Lane) who wants to start this group, but she is not here to discuss with board. Beth will contact her again to get more information.
- XIII. Beth calls for final thoughts and asks for assistance in creating the common questions for the candidate forum. This will be done via email and everyone will send their questions to Sarah by the 10th of September. Beth will send out the invitations to everyone.
- XIV. Motion to adjourn by Steve Pine. Meeting adjourned at 7:30.

Next meeting: September 28th at 6:00 pm – it will be a Zoom meeting.

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