

Mountain View NA Monthly Meeting: February 22, 2021

In Attendance: attendance based upon Zoom meeting participation (20 people in attendance, including board members)

Board members: Beth Hoover, chair; Sarah Spernak, secretary; Carol Elwood, land use; Steve Pine, NLA rep and treasurer; John Bennett, NART rep and Parks and Rec; Jason Barber, social media/website

Attendees: Michael Whittier, Carolyn Clontz, Carol Cavoretto

- I. Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm by Beth Hoover

- II. Fireworks Working Group Update – Michael Whittier
 - a. Working group has been meeting for about three months and includes members who represent most NAs
 - b. Been working on research regarding fireworks issues in other places
 - c. Presented to City Council on Jan. 11 with hopes that fireworks enforcement would be a biannual goal; instead, it is a wildfire plan, which Michael doesn't believe that will make any changes with fireworks. For example, Grants Pass does a continuous patrol in known fireworks prone areas in marked cars, etc. and those officers are not pulled to other calls. Happy Valley uses bicycle patrols to cite offenders. Seaside, CA uses drones, he believes in public areas, i.e. parking lots or schools, and their citations increased significantly when they started using drones.
 - d. New police chief does not believe there are resources for enforcement and it seems to be a non-starter.
 - e. Now looking at other measures – 1) a City-wide poll to get public opinion recorded to show City that it IS an issue. 2) to produce own PSA to increase messaging on ending fireworks – have someone who will produce it but needing help to create PSA (script, etc). 3) a lawsuit to the City to get them to enforce the code that is on the books.
 - f. Question from Carolyn Clontz – asks if the new Council is also not interested? Answer: Yes, the working group met specifically with the new City council members and the consensus was that they had a good case and encouraged the presentation to the Council, but it still seems to be a dead-end route.

- III. Councilor Megan Perkins – new City Council liaison
 - a. Q: Beth asks Councilor Perkins if she can clarify how Council would respond to this issue. A: Perkins suggests that we write and specifically request that the fireworks enforcement be included in the wildfire goals.
 - b. Perkins then moves into the goals in general, spending time clarifying the equity umbrella of the Council goals, including housing, the TIF zones (tax increment funding zones – related to urban renewal in the Core Area zone – note: this additional information based upon research by Sarah Spernak to understand what TIF stood for), transportation, and communicating with the City. She emphasizes that their goals then inform what the other groups within the City set as their goals. So, if there is a specific piece of the wildfire goal that speaks to fireworks, then the City Police/ Fire would have to put those into their goals as well.

- c. John Bennett asks Perkins where she lives/ which NA she is a part of in the City. She lives in Summit West NA and she was a member of her NA. Beth reminds group that Perkins founded the Embrace Bend group.

IV. NLA– Steve Pine

- a. Significant amount of time was spent on the code changes regarding land use and the leadership coalition for homeless / housing.
- b. Steve said there was much discussion surrounding parking and zoning, as well.
- c. There was a request to create an official request for NLA training regarding strategic planning and re-drawing boundaries workshop, and that request to create an official request for money to go to trainings was approved.
- d. John Bennett – the parking issue is a hot topic for his neighborhood as there are many multi-unit housing and John wants them to be less lenient (developers provide more parking) than what is currently happening.
 - i. Carol E. follows up on this that there is a strategy that the City uses to curtail required parking; the circular issue is if we keep providing infrastructure for cars vs if you don't provide enough parking, that puts pressure on people to seek alternatives BUT that is dependent upon having a robust public transit system (which Bend doesn't).
- e. Beth asks if there as any discussion of complete neighborhoods and pressuring developers to build and plan in that direction. Steve says, not really. He will continue to bring that forward.
- f. Beth asks about the boundary workshop and points out how important that will be for our own NA. Carolyn asks if there is any information regarding the scope of participation / participation rates correlated with size of NA? Beth says there is information on that but she can find that.

V. Proposal to Update MVNA Website – Beth Hoover

- a. In 2019, we had \$1500 budgeted for that, but we didn't do that. Makayla Oliver suggested this is a good time to do that; other NAs have spent between \$1500-2500. John B reached out to other NART members and he has asked members to email him directly. Joette (sp?) said Makayla O had told her that she (Makayla) would send out a list of suggested website creators. Beth reminds that we have to seek three bids and a rationale for why we accept the bid we accept.
- b. Beth suggests a motion and Steve asks about should we include social media traffic increase; Jason doesn't think it is worth the money. He also suggests that whomever we use needs to either create a website that we can easily update ourselves OR have a professional website built but know that we would to pay to have them update it.
- c. Sarah moves that we allocate \$1500 – 2500 from our budget to improve website. Carol Elwood seconds. The motion passes unanimously.
- d. Sarah moves that we officially request to Makayla Oliver and the City adopt website development and training for all NAs using the same designer and same platform. Jason Barber seconds. Steve amended to add the training. Sarah seconds the amendment. Motion passes unanimously.

- i. Carolyn Clontz does add historical context that the City did used to do this (second motion), but that it did fall apart and eventually NAs went their own way. Steve says he will inquire about it at the next NLA.
 - ii. Carol E points out that we don't have enough time to wait for everyone to get on board... After some discussion, Steve offers to start the conversation with Makayla and it is agreed he will do that.
- VI. Approval of January Minutes.
 - a. Carol E motions and it is approved.
- VII. New Board Member – Beth Hoover
 - a. A new resident in the neighborhood (and new to Bend?) has reached out to Beth to become a board member. She asks what we might want to know / ask him. She will invite him to our next board meeting
 - b. Carol – availability for meeting nights and what expertise he would bring to our NA and what efforts would he like to support.
 - c. John – what previous experiences he has and why as a brand new resident is he interested in serving?
- VIII. Two Year Goals – Beth Hoover
 - a. We need to make survey and goal setting on our March meeting agenda.
- IX. Land Use Report – Carol Elwood
 - a. March 3 Council hearing on an ordinance regarding signs
 - b. Approval for Bend Surgical Expansion
 - c. March 8 – planning commission meeting - Expansion of Petrosa master plan – to add acreage - Code amendments for temporary housing
 - d. Beth comments that Jim Connors wants to know more about the Mary Rose apartments, so can Carol keep an eye out? Carol says yes.
 - e. Steve offers to send slides regarding training for Land Use.
- X. NART and Parks and Rec Report – John Bennett
 - a. John will forward NART meeting notes
 - b. Parks – 37 acre park on 15th street that will open in 2022 – it will have a “spray ground” – a water park for kids and it should be net zero (solar?)
 - c. Juniper Swim and Fitness is open again with appointments and Larkspur Center should open on April 1 if COVID trends continue to go down.
- XI. City Goal Setting Process – Beth Hoover
 - a. She did testify at the last City meeting about the important of complete neighborhood
- XII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:14 – Next meeting will be the 4th Monday of March, but that is spring break. Beth asks if we can move to March 29th.