

MVNA Minutes: July 22, 2019In Attendance:

Board members: Beth Hoover, Sarah Spernak, Steve Pine, Carol Elwood

Board liaisons: Carolyn Clontz, David Gurule

Visitors: Evelyn Cook, Carol Carvoretto, Carlos Salcedo with St. C, Jim Connor, Rachel Cardwell, Susan Westberg, Patsy Kestner, Janet Whitney, Iman Simmons with St. C, Lisa Dobey with St. C, Peggy Lee Combs, and one new person who arrived late and did not provide name.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of June minutes – Carol moves, Steve seconds, unanimous vote; Carolyn reminds group minutes from the past few years are on the MVNA website
3. St. Charles Presentation – introductions from Lisa Dobey: goal is to listen to neighbors' concerns and answer questions. Carlos is manager of community partnerships and helps with City of Bend planning commission; Iman is a chief operating officer for St. Charles and is serving on the Bend Citizens Advisory Committee (CTAC)
 - a. 27th:
 - i. clarifications on what we mean by the 5-lane 27th – group discussion sharing some info of what people have heard
 - ii. concerns regarding the additional lanes – increase in traffic, problems for schools, trouble with pedestrians crossing,
 - b. Jim Connor reviews the NE Conners and Tucson issues - concerns with the new hotel and 4-story apartment building going on Conners across from St. C
 - i. Jim Connor directly asks St. Charles staff to help with making positive improvements regarding traffic to that area
 - ii. A few other people weigh in on traffic concerns in that area, too
 - iii. Jim Connor states the hotel and clinic will increase traffic
 - iv. Lisa Dobey empathizes that the area has changed a lot in the years
 - c. Beth Hoover reviews the MVNA board's second point regarding the City's 20-year traffic plan and how important a roundabout/light will be at the NE Conners intersection; Jim Connor speaks on that point as well; Iman Simmons reports that roundabout is not much cheaper than a traffic signal and that St. Charles had offered to pay for a traffic signal at the NE Conners intersection, but they were turned down by the City. Iman points out that clarification must be made at city-level for a cost-effectiveness of a signal vs. a roundabout. St. Charles continues to advocate for a traffic signal there. Many people at meeting share their preferences for a traffic signal and limitations for the roundabouts.
 - i. Beth Hoover asks David Gurule if he knows the price differences on roundabout vs traffic light – conversation moves to discussion of traffic improvements and roundabouts around the city at large.
 - ii. Iman Simmons says that overall St. Charles and MVNA share the same concerns regarding transportation problems in our area. She reiterates that CTAC has 27th and the intersection at Conners on their list of needs.
 - d. Iman Simmons moves to open point number 3 from the MVNA board's list of items for discussion: parking shortages at St. Charles.
 - i. Iman Simmons wants to know where exactly parking problems were occurring, but no one has a specific street. The new lots/tower have opened more parking,

so she suggests that we follow up with this issue and be in contact with her directly with specific parking concerns.

- ii. A neighbor in attendance suggests needing to increase advocacy for increased parking requirements in the city code. Jim Connor discusses thoughts on parking as well. Carolyn Clontz asks about state-level rules regarding density and how those affect parking requirements in Bend. Carol Elwood points out reasons for not increasing parking/paved areas. Iman contributes the point that public transportation can help alleviate parking issues. Conversation continues regarding parking and public transportation.
 - e. Lisa Dobey returns to the original talking points from the MVNA board's list of concerns. Lisa reiterates that St. C is in agreement with the MVNA board on the concerns and wants to be a partner with our board. She recommends representatives of St. Charles returning to future meetings and partnering with board on these key issues.
 - f. Patsy Kestner asks about St. Charles' control over the medical overlay zone, resulting in some discussion on that.
 - g. Question asked if a parking garage is in the future for St. Charles. Lisa Dobey says yes, but a long way into the future due to expense.
 - h. St. Charles group leaves at 6:36 pm.
4. MVNA Monthly Reports
- a. Land Use: Carol Elwood reports on the daycare request on Butler Market; the sidewalk update on Woodriver Village; Partners in Care is doing an expansion but within their existing land footprint, Purcell Landing – extension of Purcell to Courtney and on the west side of Purcell (between Jackson and Holliday) currently approved for multi-family housing which would ultimately create lower density; Housing Works has purchased land on Tucson and have an application in for a project there but no official information is available at this time – (Jim points out that there are already 4 Housing Works developments in our neighborhood). Sarah Spernak asks for clarification regarding density, followed by questions from various people on Purcell being completed – Beth stops conversation and moves to David Gurule's report on transportation.
 - b. Transportation: David Gurule reports that CTAC has moved forward and sent things to the steering committee, which reviewed a project list of everything that is up for consideration and policy changes (i.e. clarified definition of complete streets). David reminds group of the importance of our involvement to keep our neighborhood's projects on the list for funding. Janet Whitney asks if this mean we need to stay visible and how. David Gurule says once we know the ranking process, we will be able to email/advocate more directly. Second point of his report is the Neighborhood Street Safety program to apply for grants to make improvements to our neighborhood streets. Grants are most likely due by September 20.
 - c. NART – Carol reports on what NART is and how it helps NAs share ideas.
 - d. NLA – Beth reports on progress of NLA. First area of focus is transportation plans. Second area of focus is land use. Subcommittees continue work on these areas.
 - e. Rollover Grant Report – Pat Miner. Pat starts with an overview of the Slow Down; It's our Town campaign. There is a poster and car sticker that are ready to create. The PSA

will begin airing in October. The next step is distribution and promotion for an October launch. Tentative plan: identify sites for sticker distribution, promotion at events – a “slow-down” parade?

- f. Fireworks Report – tabled as Michael W. is not in attendance tonight.
 - g. Survey Report – Sarah, Beth, and Perry will meet this Thursday to finish survey.
5. Picnic in the Park – Aug. 20 at Al Moody – MVNA will get a table and create a presence! Board members and Janet Whitney – planning committee that will follow up via email.
 6. Street Safety Program – Beth reminds people to submit grant proposals for the neighborhood street improvement grants.
 7. Conversation about safety at Al Moody Park – some neighbors have reported negative activity in the area/damaged vehicles continue on Daggett.
 8. Meeting adjourns at 7:31.