

MVNA Minutes September 23, 2019

When: September 23, 2019

Where: Daggett Lane, Common House at Higher Ground

Who: Board – Beth Hoover, president; Steve Pine, treasurer; Sarah Spernak, secretary

Community members: Janet Whitney, Deidre Nauman, Jim Connor, Michael Whitter, Carolyn Clontz, Sharon Jacobson, John Bennett

Agenda Items:

1. Approval of minutes – Sarah motions, Steve seconds, and passes unanimously to approve both July and August minutes
2. Reports:
 - a. Land Use – Carol is at a City council meeting on land use, so her report is tabled for when she arrives.
 - b. NART – Carolyn Clontz shares the NART minutes – specifically there was a good presentation regarding planning events.
 - i. A small discussion ensues regarding ideas for activity/outreach meetings besides just the annual general membership meeting.
 - ii. Another issue at NART was how to maintain members as leaders.
 - c. Transportation – David G. is not here, so report tabled.
 - d. Bend Parkway (Hwy 97) – Deirdre N. reports
 - i. the 97 planning is moving along but not much to report this month. Question is asked if they have received all the money they needed; Deirdre explains the difference between Level One and Level Two (quantitative / qualitative) and shares a few ideas that have been proposed for on-ramps (like longer lanes to on-ramps; using lights to slow on-ramp traffic, removing right-hand turns).
 - e. Fireworks – Michael Whitter.
 - i. City Manager, Eric King, says that there will be a city code proposal at next meeting. Michael says he thinks the code proposal is going to be removing the need for police to see the illegal fireworks and allow them to investigate via report rather than see. Michael also believes the cost of the fine will go up. Finally, there are bills going in state legislation committees to ban fireworks on public lands, to increase fines, to increase the number of times per year that fireworks can be bought and set off.
 - f. Neighborhood Leadership Alliance (NART) – Beth H. reports
 - i. The first year is done and a strategic plan has been completed and is in approval; four sub-committees are in place (see attached report at end of minutes).
3. Action Items
 - a. Neighborhood Street Safety Program – tabled until David G. starts; Beth circles back to this since David has not arrived.
 - i. Beth reviews what it is (application process); a small committee will review the projects on 1-3 at Starbucks across from Fred Meyer in their conference room. The committee will rate the projects at high, medium, and low priority and then select top two for possible funding. The City will then approve the recommended projects and the NLA will then approve.
 - b. Treasurer's Report – Steve Pine

- i. Steve and a small group met and created a budget for the MVNA. The largest expense is the annual meetings, estimated at \$8000). See the budget at end of the minutes.
 - ii. Discussion ensues regarding social media and if NLA will be a part of getting a social media person that all NAs could use. Beth agrees that NLA is going to try to ensure equity on social media. Another item discussed is the cost of mailing postcards; should we switch to a different invite platform. Carolyn asserts that tying a future event to a current event that is already happening so we don't have to advertise. Another idea is to connect with all the HOAs in our area to increase advertising/ out-reach.
 - iii. Sarah asks can we create a poster that we could post at all the HOAs or on community bulletin boards to increase visibility. Sharon offers to create a poster for increasing awareness of our existence. Deirdre asks what are the barriers to attending our meetings. Carolyn shares common feedback is the meeting time and lengths are not great for children.
 - iv. Sarah moves to approve the budget as a living document that can be altered as needed over the course of this year. Unanimous vote and budget is approved.
 - c. Carol arrives and shares land use report. A lot partition request; a senior housing (care) request across hwy 20 between Purcell and Dean Swift; two more short-term rental requests; public hearing on amendments on building codes to increase density and decrease lot size; development near Land Systems to make changes the 82 new units on Dalton Lane; the long-term stay hotel has rescinded and the lot is for sale again;
 - d. John Bennett shares the HOA concerns regarding the apartment build-up at Sedalia and Forum. Arrowhead HOA. What can be done to help this area to ease parking concerns?
4. Proposal for a general membership meeting November 4th, 2019. Lisa Dobby from St. Charles will provide the venue for us at St. Charles. Speaker could be Eric King to present on the transportation plan in Bend. Other speakers could include police, fire, land use...
 5. Posters – we need generic and annual meeting posters. Post cards – yes, we will keep mailing them.
 6. It is noted by attendees of tonight's meeting that it is specific issues that are what get people in the door to MVNA meetings and we need to work on reducing barriers to communication.
 7. Janet brings up how to reach renters – how do we do it better?
 8. Motion to adjourn
 9. Adjourned at 7:29.

Submitted reports from sub-committees:

1. Below are updates related to fireworks:

Per Eric King, city manager

On 10/16 proposed fireworks code change will be presented to CC, related to fireworks.

My note: Should relate to allowing Police to investigate and remove the requirement that must "see to cite".

State Legislation related to fireworks

SB 539 [2019] Bans use or discharge of exploding targets, tracer ammunition or

fireworks on land owned by public body during periods established by certain State Forester declarations

relating to fire danger. My note: Mentions BLM land.

STATUS: In committee

HB 3351 [2019] Increases civil penalty for violations of fireworks laws to be minimum of \$500 and maximum of \$5,000.

STATUS: In committee

HB 3387 [2019] Establishes additional permissible periods for retail sales of consumer fireworks.

STATUS: In committee

HB 3435 [2019] Establishes additional permissible periods for permits to sell consumer fireworks at retail.

STATUS: In committee

2. Here is my report on the Neighborhood Leadership Alliance:

NLA has approved its strategic plan and is working to finalize its work plan for the current fiscal year. Four working groups have been established, Neighborhood Safety, Land Use Education, Communication, and Policies & Procedures. I serve on the Neighborhood Safety and Policies & Procedures groups.

The applications for the Neighborhood Street Safety Program closed yesterday. According to the City website, 362 total projects were submitted from all 13 Bend neighborhoods, with 42 of them from Mountain View.