

Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – July 21, 2008

6:30 pm – Exit Realty Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Joseph Brinkley, Alan Eames, Deena McNeil, Jim Mazziotti, Jeanne Newton

Absent: Lisa Clark, Carolyn Clontz, Deb Kraus, Frank Spiegel

I. Approval of Minutes from 6/16/08 Board Meeting – Jeanne

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. Minutes were approved as written; Jim moved, Joseph seconded; approved by consensus.

II. Bend Metro Park & Recreation Update – Deb

Jeanne read a report from Deb that described plans for Ponderosa Park; Jeanne circulated a graphic from the Bulletin with the proposed modifications.

III. TSAC Update – Deena

Deena mentioned that curb extensions are planned for traffic calming in the city; a series of them are planned for the Tucson corridor. The other traffic calming technique is a traffic circle and those may be used in our neighborhood as well. There was considerable discussion during the Traffic Safety Advisory session about bicycle safety specifically for adults. The classic person riding without a helmet, wearing flipflops, failing to signal, cutting across traffic lanes, ignoring stop signs, etc. tends to create road rage and may cause accidents. A task force of TSAC members and Commute Options staff will work on how to improve bike safety. Jeanne mentioned that she located a simple flyer that describes the basics of adult bicycle safety on the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website. She asked the board members if they think it would be useful to email the flyer out to MVNA members; the board agreed to distribute it. Jeanne mentioned she sent a support letter to the Council describing the value of the TSAC and suggesting that local street safety be a higher priority for the Council.

IV. Fireworks Patrol Update – Jeanne

Board members received a copy of the summary from the Bend Fire Department describing the results of the July 4 patrols – during the discussion at the Fire Dept.'s meeting on July 17, it was noted that the majority of the illegal fireworks were located in the northeast section of the city. Next year, more patrols will be assigned to our part of the city.

III. MVNA By-Laws Review – All

The Board discussed the current boundaries for both MVNA and Orchard District. Jeanne explained that the MVNA west boundary description is confusing because the text does not clearly represent the NA map. Jeanne presented a suggested revision; Alan moved to adopt the revision; Joseph seconded; motion passed. Jeanne presented a suggested revision to Article 8: Finances regarding signatories on checks. Jim moved to accept the revision; Alan seconded; the revision wording passed. Jeanne reminded that to change the bylaws, changes must be submitted in writing to MVNA members along with a general meeting announcement; adoption requires 2/3 vote of members present.

IV. Land Use – Jeanne

Jeanne reviewed land use activity; MVNA had no objections to a Conditional Use Permit for 1976 NE Jackson Avenue. Jeanne will attend the neighborhood meeting on July 25 requesting a Conditional Use Permit to add a Boys & Girls club site to Full Moon Estates. Jeanne described a proposed project for the property between the proposed Empire Extension and Nasu Park to Cascade Community Development for affordable housing.

V. “Stash Our Trash” Project – Saturday, September 27 – Jeanne

Jeanne updated the Board on project progress; MVNA's 27th Street Corridor project has been approved by SOLV; some limited funding is available for supplies. MVNA has a total of 65 trash grabbers purchased with extra funding received from SW Bend NA. Tim Shimke at Knott Landfill will waive dumping fees and provide vouchers for vehicles; Susan Baker at Bend Recycling will donate a dumpster. The dumpster cannot use the parking lot at MVHS due to Civil War game 9/26; Jeanne will request space at Clear Choice or Real Life Church. Once a location is established, schools, church groups, businesses will be invited.

VI. Budget – Jeanne

Jeanne updated the Board on the budget status: City Budget: 07-08 balance is \$13.95; MVNA's Mid-OR Credit Union account: \$537.55.

VII. Overgrown Lots – Jeanne

Jeanne reviewed the status of the contacts with property owners whose lots are overgrown with noxious weeds and/or a fire hazard. Per City Code Enforcement, if there the property has both violations; it should be reported first to the fire Department.

- Central OR Health & Hospice: 6/24: they have had landscapers trim 20 feet back from sidewalks and spray noxious weeds
- Chris Cochran: 6/24: they are trying to get someone to mow the other two lots; will try landscapers; no progress to date
- NE Marys Grace Lane: letter sent to owner 7/1: spoke with him and re-sent letter: lot mowed
- 2825 NE Neff: SE corner lot on 27th and Neff; left message with owner; no progress; complaint sent to Bend Fire Dept.
- 5 lots off Jackson Ave on Cretia Court; one individual owns 3; lots mowed; a developer owns 2; no progress to date.
- 2191 NE Mays Ave.: overgrown lot; noxious weeds; may have been mowed; need to verify.

Jeanne mentioned that the NA will notify the owner of record as a courtesy; if there is no improvement, a Flammable Vegetation Complaint Form will be sent to Bend Fire Dept.

VIII. Updates – Jeanne

Jeanne reported that the BAT bus shelter at the corner of Conners and 27th was donated by Bend Kiwanis Club; not paid for by city taxpayers. Jeanne circulated a graphic from the Bulletin showing the number of mortgage defaults in the city – despite the NE area of the city being considered the “lower income” area, the number of defaults appears to be equally distributed across the city. Jeanne reported that Citizens for Bend Area Transit Committee (CBAT) has been established to promote passage of the transit measure if it is placed on the November ballot. Their website is active at www.citizensforbendareatransit.org. The Q&A section on the website contains valuable information not readily available elsewhere. Jeanne asked the Board if MVNA or the Board itself wants to take a position on the proposed transit district: it was agreed that the NA should remain neutral, however we could educate our members at the fall general member meeting.

Jeanne was reminded that it is not too early to design the flyer announcing the fall meeting; she suggested we use the brochure format which includes a membership form and include a single panel that announces the program for the meeting. In the past, the brochure has yielded an increase in members. Jeanne announced a change in the date for the [Fall General Meeting: now Monday, October 6 at 6:30 at St. Charles Medical Center](#).

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Next Meeting: August 18 at 6:30 pm at Exit Realty office