

Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – August 18, 2008

6:30 pm – Exit Realty Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Joseph Brinkley, Carolyn Clontz, Deb Kraus, Jim Mazziotti, Deena McNeil, Frank Spiegel, Jeanne Newton

Absent: Lisa Clark, Alan Eames

I. Approval of Minutes from 7/21//08 Board Meeting – Jeanne

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm. Minutes were approved as written; Deb moved, Joseph seconded; motion passed.

II. Guest: Citizens for Bend Area Transit – Mike Schmidt and Nicki Pistacchio

Mike provided a review of activities prior to designing the ballot measure; the volunteer group looked at multiple financing efforts including an income tax, employer tax, sales tax and by default chose a property tax to ensure sustainable funding. The measure will expand bus service to include Deschutes River Wood and a new route that would include the Les Schwab location in Juniper Ridge. Oregon has the highest aging population which will need public transportation. Studies have shown that cities with a transit system have 11% greater economic growth since major retailers and manufacturers look at the availability of transit before they will locate here. The tax would go into effect July 1, 2009 and be a permanent assessment at the rate of 39.3 cents per thousand of assessed value on a home. The largest ridership occurs in MVNA geography. More information on the measure is available on Website at www.citizensforbendareatransit.org.

Additional Information on usage provided following the meeting:

BAT Route #5 which serves the MVNA neighborhood is the most used route in the BAT system. Average monthly ridership in 2008 is 5,464 compared to 4,040 in 2007. Total ridership for the first seven months of 2008 is 38,249. Route #5 serves residential areas, the medical zone and the Forum Shopping Center; it has a total of 43 stops, 37% of which are ADA compliant. Passage of the Transit measure would provide an additional 2 hours of service, increased Dial-A-Ride service and Sunday service.

III. Land Use – Deschutes National Forest HQ Office – Jeanne

Jeanne reported that she attended the public meeting on August 6. 250 employees are expected to occupy the building when fully occupied. The building will generate 172 am peak hour trips; 164 pm peak hour trips = 1394 daily trips. The transportation study revealed that operation standards met at all intersections except for Butler Mkt/Deschutes Mkt & Butler Market/27th which is expected to fail with or without the building. The Forest Service will be required to add a southbound right turn lane to Deschutes Market: the intersection will need a light or RAB by 2024. The widening of 27th to five lanes and RAB at Butler Mkt/27th is expected to improve intersection performance.

IV. Overgrown Lots – Jeanne

Jeanne reported on the following code enforcement issues:

- Chris Cochran: 6/24: lots on Conners; complaint sent to Fire Department
- 2825 NE Neff: SE corner lot on 27th and Neff; some clean-up; no response yet from Fire Dept.
- Lots on Jackson Ave.; all but one cleaned up; letter sent to last lot owner
- 2191 NE Mays Ave.: house with GMAC REO dept. – house and lot cleaned up; lock box there

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

Jeanne reported on arrangements for the Clean-Up; the dumpster to be located at Real Life Christian Church with the event to take place Saturday – 9 am to Noon. Jeanne reviewed the list of invited groups – amount of interest is questionable. MVNA has obtained a SOLV grant up to \$100. to rent a truck, purchase gloves or trash grabbers if needed. Jeanne needs Board members to help.

VI. Fall General Membership Meeting - Jeanne

Jeanne reviewed arrangements for Monday, October 6 at 6:30 pm at St. Charles. The topics: home safety/neighborhood watch/bicycle safety/fire safety/traffic safety. The meeting mailer will include an insert to our 3-panel brochure to describe both the Clean Up and Meeting; to be mailed 9/19. It will also include adoption of revised bylaws and re-election of 4 positions open—Jeanne, Frank, Deb and Carolyn.

VII. Updates – Jeanne

Jeanne reviewed the 2008-2009 Budget: 4602 tax lots = \$5753. Increase over 07/08: +384 lots = +\$480. The City Council approved option of NAs to hold one annual meeting - reduce meeting costs; will require another change to the Bylaws. A Bicycle Safety page added to the website; email sent to MVNA members. Jeanne remarked on the Dedication of Al Moody Park held 8/13; over 150 people attended.

VIII. New Business

- Frank took copies of the new fireworks ordinances to several houses in his neighborhood. He pointed out the fine that could be assessed to people using illegal fireworks.
- The Chairs and Officers meetings are open to all board members. Jeanne cannot attend the meeting on Thursday, August 21. Deb and Deena volunteered to go.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Next Meeting: September 22 at 6:30 pm at Exit Realty office.