

When: January 27, 2020

Where: Higher Ground Common House, Daggett Lane

In Attendance: Beth Hoover (chair), Sarah Spernak (secretary), Steve Pine (treasurer), Carol Elwood (land use), John Bennett (board member), and community members: Carol Cavaretto, Doug and Sharon Kaess, Greg Bryant, Pieter VanGelderren, Perry Johnson, and David Gurule

1. 6:00 pm: Introductions of those present

2. Approval of minutes for October, November, and December. Sarah moves to approve and Carol seconds. Passes unanimously

3. Land Use report – Carol Elwood reports the following:

- Dec. 9 a master plan for the Petrosa neighborhood that is outside the city limits so an annex of land needs to be approved; it is slated to be a “planned and complete neighborhood” and Carol spoke in favor of the annexation and planned neighborhood and requested that the City revisit the NA boundaries as we are the only one that touches that one. The Petrosa hearing will be at City council for approval of the annexation and the planning development.
- Second – new development on Cliff Drive that was presented and builders did not have answer to all questions that were presented by neighbors.
- Third – proposed cell tower (by Blue Fish Dental and gas station) (meeting was on Jan. 7) that wants two conditional use permits – taller than normally zoned for and closer to the residential houses than normally zoned for. Carol noted that the meeting was like an open house and not a professional pre-application meeting. Carol plans to follow up with the City further after getting unclear answers from the City thus far. Carol reports that the feeling she is getting is that residents are opposed.
- Fourth, a meeting with the City on how to improve communication for Land Use NA chairs rendered some ideas for improving notification signs on lots that will be developed and improving the website for looking up e-plans for proposed projects with things like an interactive map. Finally, there was some discussion that density is the key to future planning.
- Fifth, a short-term rental application in Providence, a medical building going up on Williamson Blvd, and comment period ends for the mixed-use medical and housing building on Tucson and Conners area – across from Whispering Winds (Mosaic Medical and Housing Works). Neighbors are concerned about parking but if the building follows code for parking, projects will go forward regardless of concerns.
- Sixth, pre-application meetings for plans for multi-use family housing on Ocher and Holliday (30+ units) and Purcell (28 units).

4. Residential Parking Program – John Bennett. This is a new division created by City and it was an initial meeting to get input from attendees and a follow-up meeting is on Feb. 27th – if there is enough interest, they will create a group/task force with various goals such as to reduce conflicts, increase safety, promote alternative transportation, and ensure residents have

parking, balance the supply and demand of parking spots, event parking, dense-housing units having better parking plans, etc. A resident-backed petition, ordinances, ballot initiatives, etc. could be the flow of action.

5. Parks and Rec – John Bennett. Reports on the addition of a new Parks’ board member, a new park is being created – North Point by Cooley, Big Sky by Buckingham will get a bunch of work, and the Larkspur Community Center will be completed in near future.

6. Transportation – David G. (community liaison). What is coming to the MVNA area?

- In the Works (2020 – 2024 - next 4 years): Neff and Purcell intersection improvements (new signal); Empire and 27th (roundabout), Purcell and Butler Market (intersection improvements), Purcell Blvd. modernization, 27th and Conners, Butler Market and Wells Acres (3 million but not sure what it will do) Total – 16.4 million dollars total
- Neighborhood Street Safety Improvements – Wells Acres and Weeping Willow crosswalk and pedestrian refuge island)
- In the Plan: (projects that will come to the voters after city council approves bond) Purcell extension (completing the street – 2.3 mil), sidewalk on Butler Market from Brinson all the way to Deschutes Market (3.1 mil), one mil in city-wide improvements to safety with walking and biking. MVNA key bike route is Neff
- Mid-term plans NOT part of bond and in the 10+ years range – highway 20 and 27th avenue, 27th and Wells Acres intersection; 41.8 million for Empire to 27th
- Long-term (15-20 years) – Eagle Road will be in UGB and will be upgraded to urban standards

7. Neighborhood Leadership Alliance – Beth Hoover.

- First – our Safe Streets Project for Wells Acres and Weeping Willow was approved thus far and just needs finalization.
- Second – results from NA survey: Only 42% of 400 respondents felt connected, only 34% have a lot or full trust in their NA, and only 27% have a lot or full trust in City. Beth says we can improve our outreach.
- Third – NLA will take up revising boundaries of the NAs and most likely there will be added NAs as the City is growing and MVNA will most likely be affected as we are already so large.
- Fourth – reminder that Beth’s term on the NLA ends in July.

8. NART – Carolyn Clontz is not here so tabled until next meeting.

9. Verizon Cell Tower – at first suggested that it be tabled as the neighbor who was going to present is not here, but group decided to move forward with discussion.

- Carol does say she is willing to take a stand against the conditional use requests as the 77 feet from a house versus the normal 500 feet seems too close, but according to Jason there is a cell tower that is close to a residential building in another part of town. Another resident proposes that the cell tower will also be close to a gas station and a

gun store, which he asserts is problematic. Discussion follows about the controversy regarding the cell tower at Elk Meadow.

- Barb Campbell weighs in on how the FCC does play a role as do the needs of emergency services. She also discusses how 4G towers vs 5G towers can be upgraded and also the density issues. Barb suggests Chris Piper as the councilor to connect with to follow up on how to push back on the cell phone tower.
 - Barb Campbell will follow up on the distance issue and the conditional use vs variance approval.
- Motion made: Beth Hoover motions that MVNA opposes the location of the cell tower at the corner of Butler Market. Sarah Spernak seconds the motion. Beth calls for vote – unanimously passes. Beth and Carol will now follow up with official language that our MVNA board is opposed.

10. NART – a new representative is needed as the meeting time is changing to either Tuesday or Thursday late afternoon or evenings. Time commitment for NART is every other month for about 2 hours. John B. volunteers to try to make NART meetings.

11. NLA - NLA time commitment is once a month, two-hour meetings, and subcommittee meetings. Expectation is to attend more meetings/be part of more things.

12. City Councilor presentation with Barb Campbell –

- First, asks what we think about the re-sizing of the NAs, especially with the NLA reps needing to really speak on behalf of their neighborhoods.
- Second, Neff and Purcell intersection – it will have sidewalks all the way from St. Charles to the river.
- Third, street widening regarding 27th – five-lanes with speeds of 45 mph are not good for City or neighborhoods is an agreed upon position with City; two travel lanes with a center turning lane is about as large as City wants to go. However, widening at major intersections to assist the turning and then ensuring that there are pedestrian islands to give refuge to walkers. Barb insists that there is no immediate plan to widen 27th and she is opposed to directing traffic to an “east bypass” on Hamby Road.
 - Touches on why we are defaulting to roundabouts because they are safer than intersections and traffic never stops. However, as traffic increases, it can be harder for pedestrians to cross. That is why all new roundabouts have conduits running under them so in the future the roundabouts can be wired for a pedestrian light / walk signal.
- Roundabout on Butler Market and Wells Acres – she compliments the NA for keeping pressure for that as it is now going forward before the bond.
- Bond update: over a 20-year time frame, the projects will be dispersed which is why 10 years is considered near term but there will be some that will be 5 year as near term. Greenways/ Key Routes for bikes – Neff and Daggett -she will follow up with those.
- Perry asks about completing Purcell – how do we make it happen quickly? Barb says she will follow up with that.

- Reminds us that Feb. 5th is a big meeting for Council to finalize bond language. She asks if we think May or November ballot is better.

13. Social Media – Jason Barber offers to take on the social media for the MVNA though he can't be at the Jen Rusk trainings.

14. Jen Rusk training – limited discussion of who on board can attend.

15. Meeting adjourned – by 7:40