

Mountain View NA Monthly Meeting: July 27, 2020

In Attendance: attendance based upon Zoom meeting participation

Board members: Beth Hoover, chair; Carol Elwood, land use; John Bennett, NART rep and parks; Steve Pine, treasurer; Jason Barber, social media; Sarah Spernak, secretary.

Attendees: Michael Whitter, Carolyn Clontz, Tina Desouza

- I. Meeting called to order by Beth Hoover at 6:00 pm.
- II. Agenda: Introductions, Reports, NLA, Parks and Rec, Social Media, and Fireworks follow up
- III. Introductions of board members and attendees – Carolyn tells group that her radio show (tomorrow at 8 am) will feature Larry Medina and Clint Burleigh regarding fireworks
- IV. Reports:
  - a. Land Use – Carol Elwood. Carol reviews her written report. It is copy-pasted here:
    - July 14th virtual hearing for Cell Tower at 27th and Butler Market. Beth and I attended. There were introductory remarks from Hearings Officer Greg Frank, then City Planner Heidi Kennedy, and representatives of the applicant. There were no public comments in favor. I spoke as Neutral, referring to the code requirements of the public meeting held January 7th, and my impression that the meeting fell short regarding unified presentation and verifying signature (no forms were present for me to sign.) During response time the applicant claimed that the meeting format met code requirements. At least 7 participants spoke against the proposal. The close of the hearing was extended to allow for further comments. July 28th is the deadline for responses to newly submitted comments, and August 4th is the deadline for applicant's final arguments.
    - Subaru Dealership on Hwy 20 has their application in for major renovation of existing site. They are asking for a variance of required 15% minimum landscape coverage, down to 11.25%. Today was the last day to submit comments.
    - There will be an August 3rd (virtual) hearing on the proposed Cell Tower in the public right of way near 3204 Spring Creek Pl. A 30' tall metal pole with antenna, ground mounted equipment, in RS zone. It is East of 27th, between Butler Market and Wells Acres.
    - A 7-lot subdivision off of Cliff Drive is requesting a waiver of the right-of-way width requirements (60') to match the existing street with (50'). Comments are accepted until August 5th. I attended a pre-application meeting for this project. Maverick Properties is the applicant.
  - b. NLA – Beth Hoover
    - i. NLA will begin reviewing neighborhood boundaries with a sub-committee being created. Beth encourages us to have a strong presence as we are the largest NA.
    - ii. Fireworks – Beth feels like discussion shifted again to the issue being more of a local NA problem and not city-wide, but Beth wants to keep pushing for an NLA sub-committee.

- iii. Transportation Plan hearing is Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> – this is a good one to make public comments on and/or participate.
    - c. NART – John Bennett – meeting cancelled which was confusing to him and he has nothing to report.
    - d. Parks and Rec – John Bennett – things are opening up at Juniper pool, parks are opened again, but new Larkspur pool/senior center has been delayed/opening is on hold.
    - d. Social Media – Jason Barber – No new news except the video creation, so item held until later in the agenda.
- V. Bylaws and Elections – The bylaws call for an odd number of board members and we currently have six board members, so we are out of compliance with the bylaws. Bylaws also state that elections must have written ballots and elections.
  - a. Who is up for reelection? Steve and Carol = May of 2021; Beth, Sarah, John, and Jason = November of 2021.
  - b. Carolyn suggests that we might be able to uphold the bylaws regarding written election if we used the comments section during a Zoom meeting.
- VI. Fireworks – Michael Whitter leads this discussion with an overview of the NLA meeting with Clint Burleigh. Burleigh reported that complaints were down this year from last year and that the complaints were mainly from three NAs (MVNA, Boyd Acres, and Larkspur?). Burleigh did review the citations but did not share how many actual citations were given out on July 4<sup>th</sup>. Michael reiterates that without citations being issued or extra officers on patrol just for fireworks, then nothing has changed. Michael feels without those measures, there will be no movement on the issue, and his concern is that there was a mood at the meeting that Bend residents don't have a problem with the illegal fireworks since complaints are down. Things to keep in mind (according to Michael): Majority of complaints are coming from the east side of town, so is this ignoring the problem because it is on the east side? Is the reliance on education campaign really most effective? How do residents convince the City and BPD to take a more aggressive approach to change the culture of fireworks?
  - a. Beth concurs that she left the meeting feeling that there was less impetus to take this up as an issue.
  - b. Floor opened for discussion:
    - i. Beth reiterates the fire risk of fireworks in Bend as we are in a wildfire zone. Beth also mentions history of the city-wide survey suggestion, but Michael asks why do we need a survey to ask if people want a law enforced?
    - ii. Tina Desouza speaks about the police force that is available and that an underlying issue is lack of officers available.
    - iii. Steve Pine suggests a different approach: enforce the law or remove it from the books.
    - iv. Sarah shares the issues in other parts of the state and the missed opportunity to collect money from citations.
- VII. Slow Down Signs – Steve Pine begins with an overview of the sign distribution. Steve is getting 2-3 emails a day regarding signs and he has distributed at least 20 signs. He is willing to deliver or have people pick up from his porch. Everybody is interested and

- concerned about speeding. He has received specific site requests, and he wonders how to effectively put information out on getting signs out. Also, are signs allowed to go in non-private property places?
- a. Tina Desouza suggests that we could go door-to-door and offer them to neighbors who live in speeding areas.
  - b. Sarah asks if we can get permission from the City to place signs in the public right away space. Carol does caution setting the precedent of violating the ordinance against the posting of signs.
  - c. What is the public right away defined as / how large is it? There is some discussion on if signs can go there and consensus seems to be yes.
  - d. Beth will follow up with Mikayla Oliver to see if there is some clarity on this issue.
  - e. Tina Desouza asks what more we can do to bring our issues of speeding to the right people to get more action on the issue.
  - f. Jason suggests requesting paint on the road to mark bike lanes and lane divider.
- VIII. General Meeting Planning
- a. Virtual meeting is our plan – feature the MVNA video that Jason is making
    - i. John Bennett motions for approval to submit the video bids for the MVNA video project and approving Jason’s bid. Carol seconds the motion. Motion is approved unanimously.
- IX. Membership Brochures – printed and ready for distribution. Since we are having a virtual general meeting, what can we do to get them out?
- a. Suggestion is for us to each take 10 and individually hand them out in our own neighborhood streets/ people we know.
  - b. Also, we will create a digital version of our brochure and create a list of brokerage groups to send a yearly email with our brochure attached.
- X. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion – what steps can we take for our board to diversify our board to be more representative of our neighborhood?
- a. Ensworth has the highest percentage of Latinx population and free and reduced lunch.
    - i. Carol suggests a Spanish language version of our neighborhood brochure. Beth will check with Mikayla.
    - ii. Sarah will send email to Ensworth office staff to see if we can be visible at Ensworth – example a stack of our brochures or a poster for parents to see?
    - iii. Steve will contact community groups to see if there are ways to increase our presence.
- XI. Board Member Compliance with our Bylaws – we can appoint someone, but we need to find people to fill our board member positions.
- a. John reiterates that if we have anyone who is interested, we welcome additional board members.
- XII. MVNA website is looking good, as is the Facebook page but we don’t have many followers. We currently have around 54. Jason suggests posting the fb link to NextDoor and Steve suggests mutually liking other pages and groups.
- XIII. Motion to approve the June minutes – John motions to accept, Carol seconds, and passes unanimously.

- XIV. Beth calls for final thoughts and reminds us about August 19<sup>th</sup> transportation meeting.
- XV. Meeting adjourned at 7:24

Next meeting: August 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm – it will be a Zoom meeting.