

Mountain View NA Monthly Meeting: March 30, 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: Makayla Oliver – City NA liaison, Colin Stevens – City of Bend planning manager, Sherry Cobin

- I. Meeting called to order by Beth Hoover at 6:01
 1. Agenda: Approval of Feb. minutes, reports, siting of cell towers, neighborliness in time of covid-19, approval of Zoom expense, up-coming member meeting
 2. Reminders about how to use the chat box and why we are all muted, as well as to be brief with comments
 3. Beth has board members introduce themselves as well as other attendees
- II. Approval of minutes – John B makes a motion to approve; minutes are approved and motion passes
- III. Reports
 1. Land Use from Carol Elwood
 - i. One public meeting with the developers for Petrosa master plan, mostly it was about the roundabouts that Pahlisch (the developers) are starting before the building begins. The commercial units will most likely take 10 years but they are taking comments on suggestions for commercial properties.
 - ii. Another application has been submitted with a comment window that closed March 10 regarding a tall antenna.
 2. NLA report from Beth Hoover
 - i. Beth will keep board posted on the next meeting, which is slated to be April 14, but no news yet on if it will be postponed.
 - ii. Steve will be taking over for Beth in July and he is going through the process to be NLA rep. The board voted unanimously for Steve Pine to be our new NLA rep and complete the process to become official rep.
 - iii. Boundary committee has been formed to look at re-drawing the lines for future NAs. Beth is on that committee.
 - iv. Nssp – safe streets program – this is in progress with the crosswalk that will go on Wells Acres is going forward asap with the Empire Corridor project. Robin Lewis is the point person for that.
 - v. Outreach and Engagement subgroup for the NLA is looking for community members who would like to participate.
 - vi. Land Use subgroup is moving forward on making land use more transparent.
- IV. New Business: Siting Cell Towers in the City of Bend. Background: there are two possible cell tower sitings in the MVNA and people are looking for more information regarding the process of siting a tower.
 1. First, there is some federal prohibition on analyzing citing of towers regarding the City's efficacy. The City can only really address aesthetics and safety.
 2. Application for the tower at Butler and 27th is stalled as they wait for the applicant to submit additional information. Because it abuts residential zoning and they

want to go above the zoning for the height (it will be camouflaged to look like a tree), they need a conditional use permit. Because of this, Colin has decided to send the application to a public land use hearing, with a third-party to use legal judgement to apply the criteria for approval. However, with covid-19 restrictions, how can they conduct the public meeting and they are trying to work that out. There is an emergency session of the legislation that is trying to make allowances for the covid-19 issues that would extend some deadlines so that the public hearings could happen when social-distancing rules are lifted.

3. Colin reports that there is movement to have Zoom meetings as public meetings, so that people can call in with questions and concerns.
 - i. Carol Elwood asks for clarification on the difference between conditional use and a variance. Colin says the tower is exceeding the height difference and the way the code is written, they don't have to meet the height difference criteria but just the conditional use criteria. It is all the same process regarding testimony and approval but different criteria.
 - ii. Under the variance chapter, there are specific criteria that don't apply to cell towers because they are taller than the criteria usually specifies. Conditional use chapter has different criteria that does address the height difference. So, a variance does not have height criteria but conditional use does. (I hope I have understood that – see video recording for further clarification).
 - iii. Steve Pine asks is one is more or less rigorous than the other (conditional use vs variance) and Colin replies not really.
 - iv. Beth asks for clarification on the 400-foot distance from residential. Colin clarifies there is no such clarification in the City code. The tower must be located at least the distance of the height of the tower from a residential line. So, if the tower falls over, the length of the tower won't fall onto residential. This tower in question will be 60 feet and the distance from the residential is 70 feet.
 - v. Beth asks about the City weighing in on the safety of a cell tower so what kind of safety measure/elements would the City weigh in on regarding this tower (and others). Colin speaks a bit about the physical type of safety (i.e. tower falls) but not the radio frequency concerns that people might have.
 - vi. Beth asks about the federal laws that are dictating the federal control of these issues over the City's jurisdiction.

V. Being Neighborly in the Time of Covid-19

1. Street-by-street Facebook groups – can organize one for your street to solicit needs people may have and organize response to that.
2. City-wide Facebook group called Pandemic Partners Bend
3. Carol Elwood responds that Higher Ground is having in-person meet up by setting up chairs six-feet apart and their little library has added food to it and the food is being taken regularly so they feel that is a good thing.
4. Carolyn Clontz reports on Nextdoor activity

5. Jason Barber adds that people are sewing facemasks and one can connect with those people via Facebook or Nextdoor. Carol Elwood offers to share pattern for sewing facemasks, too.
 6. Sarah Spernak updates on the school situation.
 7. Beth suggests a Good Samaritan program – we haven't had one in place for a while, but now would be a good time to get a program like that going. Carolyn Clontz reports in the past it has had some traction in desire but not a follow-through. Makayla Oliver weighs in on that we could have one set up and always direct people to the broader city-wide group on Facebook. Makayla suggests looking at the Larkspur NA and their Good Samaritan google form. We discuss that MVNA will get the word out on resources available – post resources on the Facebook page, the website, and via newsletters from MVNA.
 8. Action Item – create a Google form for Good Samaritan help; link Pandemic Partners Facebook group; post notices on mailboxes with MVNA update.
- VI. Approval of Zoom Expenses
1. Motion needed to approve the \$149 dollars; John Bennett motions for the approval; Jason Barber seconds the motion. Unanimous approval – motion passes.
- VII. Discussion of General Meeting Planning
1. Timing of meeting May or June was floated and “something fun” was floated but now we don't know if that can be planned. City has extended budget expenditure window to August 30th; this means we can use this year's budget to fund a meeting if it occurs in July or August.
 2. Beth suggests forming a subcommittee to start basic planning for that.
 - i. John B, Sarah, and Steve agree to work on that. Beth will assist, too.
 - ii. Makayla clarifies that we can have meetings as subgroups without being open to the public, but Beth will double-check our bylaws.
- VIII. Jen Rusk training – the third one is scheduled for April but it is cancelled with hopes to reschedule in an online format.
- IX. John B motions to adjourn the meeting; meeting adjourns at 7:10 pm.
- X. Next meeting scheduled for 4th week in April. – the 27th. Planning for Zoom format.