

**Morningside Neighborhood Association**  
**MINUTES**  
**February 8, 2023**

**Call to Order** – 6:33 PM by Chair Pamela Schmidling

**Introductions** – Eleven people present – including eight board members.

**Minutes** – January 11, 2023, approved as written. (Note – minutes were apparently not posted on City Website, despite their submission a few days after the meeting.)

**Police Report** – SPD Sargent Donner announced that body-worn cameras will go into use on Monday, February 13. He led discussion and answered questions about how they are being deployed and about their capabilities. He talked briefly about the City’s Crisis Response Team, the advantages of non-uniformed responders to certain situations, and about the challenges of determining whether police intervention is necessary. Officer Donner filled us in on elements of the Chief’s Report – citing officer hiring and retention challenges facing many cities – including Salem. He cited the advantage of hiring lateral transfers from other cities, hiring-back recent retirees, and the progress made by SPD in establishing a more diverse police force.

Announcement – Pamela Schmidling announced that MNA Board will be given a tour of the new SPD facilities on Wednesday, March 1 at 6:30 PM.

**City Council Report** – No report given. Councilor Phillips is away on family emergency.

**Committee Reports** –

Traffic – No report – Alan Meyer unable to attend due to other commitment.

**Committee Reports (continued)** –

Land Use – No report – Geoffrey James unable to attend due to other commitment.

Parks – No report – Muriel Meyer unable to attend due to other commitment. (Pamela S. mentioned City acknowledged receipt of MNA’s latest SPF grant request.)

C.E.R.T. – Pamela S. said there was one meeting since last month. The program’s previous leader has gone to County, and at present there is no CERT program leader. Training classes, however, are continuing.

Liquor Licenses – Pamela S. said that no new permit application notifications have been received since last meeting.

Transit – Bob Krebs filled us in on related topics: Electric Bus corridor on Lancaster – infrastructure delayed due to archaeological artifact discovery during excavation. City is supporting Transit study to extend rail services from Salem to Wilsonville, where easy transfer can be made to Tri-met and other services. State Representative Andersen is drafting a legislative concept for a bill to finance a 1.5-mile streetcar line from West Salem to the Capitol – a proposal which may include construction of a new bridge over the Willamette to accommodate the service. Krebs also mentioned pros and cons of High Speed Rail along the I-5 corridor.

Volunteer Hours – Jenny Hiatt – 2; Pamela Schmidling – 12; Total 14 hours.

Communications – Jenny Hiatt brought us up to date on her work with Irma Coleman at City to improve communications among NA's and the public. She showed us drafts of flyers which will be distributed around city as part of the outreach. She shared a new logo design proposed by Irma Coleman and led discussion which ended with Liz Backer agreeing to design one that better-fits the character of Morningside Neighborhood. Jenny then presented her proposed format for the new MNA quarterly newsletter, and led discussion of possible contents to attract attention of readers and help them become involved in the neighborhood (this includes need for more-catchy titles to reports, and various quizzes on neighborhood features.) The newsletter will be distributed by email, and links in the City Website and MNA Facebook page. Newsletter will also be readable from mobile phone. Board and visitors invited to keep brainstorming for newsletter content. First issue will be out on March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Good of the Order** – Nothing reported.

**Adjournment** – Chair Pamela Schmidling adjourned the meeting at 7:43 PM.