

Mountain View Neighborhood Association

Board Meeting – April 21, 2008

6:30 pm – Exit Realty Office

MINUTES

Attendees: Joseph Brinkley, Wayne Holland, Alan Eames, Jim Mazziotti, Jeanne Newton

Absent: Deb Kraus, Carolyn Clontz, Frank Spiegel

I. Approval of Minutes from 3/17/08 meeting – Jim moved to approve the minutes as read; Alan seconded the motion; motion passed.

II. MVNA By-laws and NA Handbook – Board

- Jeanne mentioned that the Board needs to review the bylaws; one change would be to allow voting by email. There may be other changes but it was agreed it would be best to wait until the new Board is installed after the May general meeting.

III. Dates to Post on Your Calendars

- June 14 – Let's Pull Together; Alan will coordinate; we agreed to work on Pilot Butte.
- October 20 – Fall General Member Meeting – at St. Charles

V. Land Use

- Jeanne reviewed the application from Baney Corporation: Conditional Use Permit for DEQ to use office bldg. previously approved in application 07-533; at corner of Hwy 20 and Dalton Street. Original NA meeting held 11/27/07; no objections.
- Jeanne reported that the NAs have asked the City for clarification on Type I & II applications: duplexes and triplexes in various zones: a recent appeal to LUBA now requires the City to publish notice to residents and NAs for these in any zone. Previously some Type I applications for increased density housing required no notice to residents.

VI. Updates

- Jeanne reviewed an issue with BendNeighborhoods.com website: Alpine Internet contact/member enrollment forms never forwarded to NAs; they go back as far as July, '06.
- MVNA had 24 entries; Jeanne has replied to all of them after reviewing about 500 in the backlog. Website software to be updated on 4/14 to new release and Alpine will be asked to meet with NAs to prevent future problems.

VII. Business Membership Recruiting – No calls were made on area businesses.

VIII. General Membership Meeting – May 5

- Jeanne reported that the postcard mailer was prepared and mailed on 4/16 for receipt in homes on 4/21 as required by our bylaws. The meeting will take place Conference Room D begins at 6:30
- Registration Table and 6 tables for exhibits will be in the foyer area for the following organizations:
 1. Bend Area Transit – Nicki Pistacchio
 2. City of Bend Public Works – sewer project – Mike Magee
 3. City of Bend Transportation Engineering – double lane ROBs – Robin Lewis
 4. City of Bend Fire Dept. – new fireworks ordinance - Gary Marshall/Daniel Derlacki
 5. Bend Metro Parks & Recreation – Pine Nursery, etc. – Norm Zeismer
 6. Let's Pull Together – Noxious Weed Pull – Alan Eames/Cheryl Howard
- The reception period will begin at 6:30 and last sometime after 7 pm depending on member interest. Jeanne will provide a quick update and ask for nominations for new Board members. She indicated that she will send out an email to members asking for volunteers interested in Bend Park & Rec and traffic and safety issues.
- The Board discussed whether we want 7 or 9 Board members; our bylaws allow from 5 to 9. It was agreed that we will see how much interest there is at the general meeting.
- Member packets will include an evaluation form and a Question and Answer blank; we will raffle off a d\$25. Shell gas card from donations for returned evaluations.

VIII. Public Meeting Laws

- Jeanne reported that Jim Forbes, City Attorney provided a memo to Eric King on 4/9/08 with his legal opinion regarding the process if a complaint is received that a NA is in violation of its bylaws.

- Within 30 days of an annual meeting, the NA must provide a compliance form to the City saying it has complied with the requirements in its bylaws. If the form indicates there is non-compliance, the NA will be asked to take corrective action. If corrective action is not taken within 60 days, the City Council may opt to suspend recognition of the NA.
- One NA has stated it is not subject to the Oregon Open Meeting Law; this is a requirement of the NA bylaws and the NA would be subject to loss of recognition by the City and loss of financial assistance.
- MVNA Bylaws include Open Meeting compliance in Article 14.

IX. City Budget Issues – per Eric King

- Jeanne reported that the NAs were told on 4/17 that ONA budget will be cut 10% - currently approximately 70K – need to cut 7K. NA Chairs have agreed to give up the 3% annual increase previously approved. There is an option to do one mailing per year listing the two required meetings: would save the needed amount but not all NAs agree
- A serious blow to NAs is that Code Enforcement Officers are to be cut because they are funded from the General Fund; Code enforcement would go to Bend PD Community Service Officers for whom it will be a low priority; they currently do Abandoned Cars enforcement.
- The NA Chairs have been asked to respond with suggested cuts to Eric King by mid-May. The Board discussed ongoing parking issues with narrow streets and residents parking on both sides, even directly under No Parking signs.

Next Board Meeting – Monday, June 16 at 6:30 pm.