

Marylhurst Neighborhood Association (MNA) Meeting of October 24, 2023.
On Zoom and ACC. 11 members attended.

1. Call to Order and introductions

7:05 PM: Called to order by Christine Blanche (President). Other board members and neighborhood members present:

Diana Lipton (VP)

Ida Johnstone (Treasurer)

Mary Jean Rivera (Secretary)

7+ additional MNA members present

Additional non-members present

Quorum achieved.

2. Approve agenda

Christine moved to approve the agenda. Diana seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

3. New Business: Presentation on Mountain View Development by Centurion Homes

Phil and Shawn Gentemann represented Centurion Homes. Bruce Goldson also represented Theta Engineers.

Phil Gentemann explained the area, current plans under development for lot sizes to each accommodate one house, number of homes between 8 and 11 to meet City density requirements, setbacks and street improvements to meet Fire Department requirements. Geotech and soil studies are underway. All trees pending removal have been tagged by the arborist. Options for cul de sac street include widening or painting curbs to restrict parking.

Questions considered: Storm water drainage and sewer lines require further study before final plan. Streambeds would be responsibility of private owners, with City restrictions in place. Neighbors with abutting lots questioned access through the property – TBD. No middle housing is to be developed here. Phil will be building all the homes, not selling individual lots. There is a possibility of more than 11 homes to be built. Phil may be contacted with further questions at Phil@centurionhomes.net.

4. Approve previous meeting's minutes (September 2023)

Jim moved to approve the September 2023 minutes. Karie seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

5. Treasurer's report

Ida reviewed the report including bank statement and noted a couple small bills and reimbursement to Rand were recently paid. Christine noted that possibility of moving Zoom to an annual plan would be reviewed once we knew if MNA would have an active board for 2024.

6. Old business

2024 Board Elections:

Christine moved to postpone elections to the November 28, 2023 meeting, as a nominee for President was still not identified. Diana seconded the motion. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion approved.

Vegetation update:

Christine has been in contact with Jose Benavides from code enforcement – Jose will continue to work with property owners to address overgrowth on Marylhurst Dr. Christine will obtain an update from Jose prior to the November 2023 MNA meeting.

Suncrest/Valley View Crosswalk Update:

Christine has been in contact with Erich Lais from public works, who said a pedestrian study needed to be conducted prior to painting being done. Discussion that the crosswalk was to be painted when the Valley View improvements were done a handful of years ago – Christine to follow up with Erich with this information. Discussion that Marylhurst Dr. painting was not completed when improvements were made, nor was Suncrest painted when paved this summer. Christine will also follow up on these issues. Noted that citizens may also voice concerns through the Public Safety Advisory Board.

7. Any other business

Valley Ct. Illegal Tree Removal:

Marina presented a letter she delivered to John Williams @ City Hall regarding a mature maple tree that was removed at Valley Ct. @ Valley View earlier this month without a permit nor with a licensed crew. About 20 Valley Ct. area neighbors signed the letter asking the city to fine the property owner, replace the tree, educate citizens about legal/illegal tree

removal and enforce code when violated. Christine moved to resend the letter to John Williams, Carol Bryck and City Council supporting the letter. Ida seconded the motion. No opposition, no further discussion, motion approved. Christine will also connect with the NA Presidents to ask the City to be more stringent about tree removal permitting and fines for illegal removals.

Skyline Pool:

Marina noted that she sits on the board for Skyline pool – brief discussion on neighbors seeking pool contact, and that a sign with contact info has been taken down due to no memberships being available, but that she can be contacted with any inquiries.

Herbicide spraying at Marylhurst Heights Park:

Park was recently sprayed though a previous application was submitted (but not completed) to certify the park as a Backyard Habitat. Ken Worcester was involved. Christine to look into whether the herbicides used would have been inappropriate per this certification and discuss alternative options with the city.

8. Adjournment:

Jim moved to adjourn at 8:46 PM. Christine seconded. No opposition, no further discussion. Motion passed.