

MEETING MINUTES

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, December 11, 2013 6:30 p.m. Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall 3911 Village Center Drive SE This is an open meeting. The public is invited.

For more information, call: Pamela Schmidling, Chair, 503-585-6641

MORNINGSIDE Civic Involvement Goals

- To reinvigorate the Neighborhood Association through outreach and education.
- To revise and adopt the Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.
- Identify new and enhance existing park land per Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Pamela Schmidling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Board members present were Pamela, Lloyd, Tina, Alan, Muriel, McKenzie, Geoffrey, Benny, Chap and Bob.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the November meeting were approved as submitted.

Police Report: There is an increase in car clouting at this time of year. Everyone was reminded to hide their valuables, lock their cars, and be careful of Social Media sites.

Everyone was also reminded to lock their houses to ensure they don't lose valuables.

The police department is involved in a pilot program involving the use of DNA testing as evidence of certain crimes. They are able to make arrests based on these samples.

Potential Public Safety Facility and Civic Center Seismic Needs--Courtney Knox Busch, Strategic Initiatives Manager and Police Department Representative: The City presented its proposed vision for a \$70 million upgrade to the Civic Center and new police facility north of the existing city hall. The upgrade would give the police department 75 thousand square feet of space, thus allowing all of their facilities to be located at a single site. It would also address seismic needs of the Civic Center for the next 40 years. The \$70 million cost does not include seismic upgrades to the library, which are currently being assessed.

Gene Pfeifer of Salem Community Vision presented an alternative solution to that proposed by the City. He feels that the police facility should be located away from city hall and the existing civic center buildings could simply be remodeled for seismic issues and better access.

Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: No report.

Parks: Sam Hall with Sustainable Fairview has been discussing with the City the possibility of a community park in the horseshoe of the former Fairview Training Center. A community park would provide some sports fields and possibly use one or two of the existing buildings. These discussions are at a very early stage.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): There was no meeting, but the Clark Creek Park tree planting event has been postponed due to the weather.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team will be meeting next Tuesday. Also, the citywide team has been setting up a warming tent at the skate park for those wanting to escape the weather.

Morningside 360: The first public hearing before the Planning Commission was on Tuesday, December 3. This hearing was successful, and the commission is recommending that City Council approve the plan.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: The Transit District is preparing to move back into the Transit mall at Courthouse Square, which should be finished by May. There is also discussion about creative ways to fund 7-day bus service.

City Councilor Report: The City Council had their last meeting for the year on December 9.

Coming before the council next year, the Morningside Neighborhood Plan should be approved. There is also discussion on a proposed street light fee and the wireless communication facility ordinance bill. A work session on Capital Mall meter technology is scheduled for January 27.

Hilfiker Park – Keith Kever, Parks Superintendent: The City and the neighborhood association are working with Mr. Hilfiker to develop an appropriate plan for pedestrian access to the park from the west. Various options were discussed, including an easement and purchase of more land.

Announcements: None.

Set Spring Annual Meeting Date--May 14?: It was decided that the Annual meeting should be on the regular meeting night.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: None.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Tina Hansen, secretary