

Morningside Neighborhood Association
Annual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, May 9, 2012 7:00 Pm

AGENDA

Introductions: Chair Pamela Schmidling called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Board members and guests introduced themselves. A quorum of 11 board members was present

Police Report: Morningside Neighborhood has been fairly quiet recently.

The officer reminded everyone that since the days are getting nicer, it is important for people to keep locking their doors and vehicles.

There have been a lot of door to door salesmen that are not required to get a permit to sell. Some have been very aggressive with neighbors. If you encounter such folks, ask them to leave. If they do not immediately leave, call 911. If they do, but they were not appropriate, you may want to report them to the police non-emergency number

Compliance Services Report: Complaints to the Compliance Service department are running about the same this year as compared to last year. There were 51 complaints both for this year and last year. There were 14 abandoned vehicles posted. Out of these one was towed. There have been 8 citations of junk, which is described as things that are stored outside, no longer used for their intent, or dismantled. There were 12 cases of solid waste.

The most common cases right now are vehicles parked in front yards.

There are two dangerous buildings in the neighborhood. One of them, at 3223 12th ST. SE is in litigation and is to go before the insurance company with the attorney in September. The other property is at 4705 Battle Creek, and a barn there remains dangerous until its owner is given the permits to correct changes to it. The owner should have these by June 1.

Information regarding compliance services was left for people to take after the meeting.

Marion County Parole and Probation: A representative did not attend this meeting, but information about offenders and case loads was passed out to the audience. In the 97302 zip code, there are 376 parole and probation clients.

Introduction of City Councilors Brad Nanke and Laura Tesler: Brad is City Councilor for Ward 3, and Laura is City Councilor for Ward 2. Brad was in attendance, but Laura, who represents only a small portion of the neighborhood, was not in attendance.

Many issues are coming before the City Council in the upcoming weeks. May 14 is the public hearing concerning the Fairview refinement plan. A public hearing focusing on the airport is scheduled for May 29, as well as a hearing on the City's budget.

June 11 is a public hearing on electric fences, which some businesses feel can enhance protection of their property. On July 9, there is a hearing on weekly newspaper bags from the Statesman Journal. Amendments to the Salem Transportation Plan related to bicycle and pedestrian elements will be discussed on July 23.

May work sessions include one on May 21 about office uses in industrial zones.

Brad then gave everyone an update on the process it takes to downgrade Hillficker Street from a minor arterial to a collector. The process would involve giving the State a 45 day notice and public hearings. Brad is hopeful that he can add this to the various transportation plan amendments that are a part of the current bicycle and pedestrian amendments to the transportation plan. He is still working on the issue.

Finally, there are some people at the end of Mandy whose homes were flooded this winter. This issue should have been corrected when the development was put in, and is currently being addressed by Public Works.

Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife: This state agency gave a presentation explaining their mission and the fact that their headquarters will become a part of the neighborhood on Fairview Industrial Drive. The schedule is for the remodeled building to be open next summer.

Morningside Neighborhood Plan--Jason Richling, Planner II: This effort has been underway for the past year with the help of the Morningside 360 Working Group. In addition, there have been extensive outreach opportunities, both in print and online. This is the second update to the neighborhood plan, and the hope is that this one will be adopted by the city council. There have been over 1000 comments on this update.

Interested citizens are encouraged to continue communicating their ideas about the plan. Drafts are being made available of each chapter, and anyone interested can sign up to receive these drafts and comment on them.

The next phase consists of two public meetings, one tentatively set for May 24 and May 29, at Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall. After these meetings, the Board could potentially adopt the plan in June. It would then go to the Planning Commission, and on to City Council for adoption.

Community Emergency Response Team: Mike Mitchell gave everyone an update on the Morningside CERT group. There is a good core group, but there is always a need for more people to become part of the team. The purpose of the team is to provide a coordinated local response to disasters that might arise in our neighborhood or community. The most likely is a large earthquake off the Oregon coast that would cause major damage in the Willamette Valley.

The team was given a cache the size of a small shipping container, which is located at Morningside United Methodist Church. The cache will hold such things as emergency water, food, radios, and first aid supplies. Should there be an earthquake or other disaster in this area, team members and the neighborhood can meet at the church and work to resolve whatever

problems have arisen. The church is also a designated Red Cross center in case of emergency. If anyone is interested in being a part of this effort, they can contact Pamela or Mike.

Proposed Bylaw Changes: Bylaws amendments included with the neighborhood newsletter were on the agenda. These amendments dealt primarily with the reduced level of support the city is able to provide, including mailings and newsletters. Lloyd moved the adoption of the amendments. The motion was seconded and passed.

Election of Morningside Neighborhood Association Executive Board: Most of the current executive board members have expressed their wish to continue serving.

Michael Lindley has expressed interest in serving, and Keith Kueny is also interested if there was a vacancy. Michael was elected to serve on the board, with Keith and others invited to continue to attend and participate in board meetings.

There was some discussion about whether there was a need to increase the number of board members. This will be continued next month.

Old Business: Annie gave the new board members some information and thanked everyone for their service. She gave everyone cards to her direct line if anyone needed help.

Due to the budget cuts, neighborhood liaisons will no longer come to neighborhood meetings. The City Councilors have stepped up to the plate and agreed to provide a link between the city and the neighborhoods.

Annie said that the city managers message was that neighborhoods have been listened to and respected, even if they don't get everything they asked for. Also, the City desperately needs input from the neighborhoods, and not just from the professional staff.

The last item was a brief discussion about the ongoing issue regarding Fairview Hills. For background, there has been a big development proposed in the Fairview Hills area. The neighborhood feels that the development as proposed is not in compliance with the Fairview master plan. Despite meetings with the developer, the Morningside board is not satisfied with the plans of the developer.

There is a hearing on May 14 at 6:30 PM where the plan will go before City Council.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary.