

MEETING MINUTES  
MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION  
Wednesday, February 8, 2012  
6:30 p.m.  
Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall  
3911 Village Center Drive SE

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Pamela Schmidling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the January meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Police Report: Nothing significant has occurred over the last month. The neighborhood as a whole has been experienced a decrease in crime.

Burglary is still the most common crime, so everyone was reminded to landscape their home to make it less attractive to burglars. Questions were taken from the audience.

4. Police Chief Jerry Moore--Coordination of CERT Volunteers and Police and Response to Dog Concerns in the Evenings and on Weekends: Dogs are a relatively low priority for the police department, but neighbors can help encourage each other to make sure they are doing their best to be responsible pet owners. The only time the police might step up is if the dog is vicious, attacking someone, or getting in the way of traffic. Anyone with a complaint about a troublesome dog can contact Marion County Dog Control at 503-588-5366. The business office number is 503-566-6966.

Pamela has been interested in educating the police officers about CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) is doing, and to show the officers that the team is on their side and wants to support the efforts of the department. The Fire Department is well aware of what the CERT is doing, and the police department can only do so much. The CERT teams can be the eyes and ears for the community, as happened during the recent floods.

5. Compliance Services Report: Cases have increased from a year ago at this time, from 5 to 10, and violations have increased from 11 to 30. Code Compliance Services is also taking on people that have been without water services. They are also addressing issues with fencing around property.
6. Parole and Probation: This month topic is how to spot sex offenders and identify behaviors that indicate whether your child has been in the presence of a sex offender.

This department has had a number of officers being laid off due to budget cuts. Also, the jail is becoming overcrowded.

7. Salem Revised Code Sign Code Amendments--Amy Dixon, Planner II: Since the City is changing its zoning code, they will be mixing the sign code into it. The City is adopting new Commercial Neighborhood and Commercial Office zones, so they hope that the amendments to the sign code will accommodate these new zone types.

Another change is for vehicle viewing signs, such as are common at fast food restaurants. The current sign code requirements are not adequate for the needs of these restaurants, since 75% of their business is drive-through. The sign code is recommending that the size for these signs be increased from 24 square feet to 48 square feet so drivers could see it, and more information could be visible to them.

The other major change relates to outdoor advertising in relationship to urban renewal areas.

#### 8. Committee Reports

- a. Traffic: The first major issue was the board's opposition to the classification of Hillficker as a minor arterial. While the board has supported the Baptist church wanting to expand, we have been concerned that Hillficker should not be a minor arterial, since it leads to nowhere. The current transportation plan shows Hillficker as a minor arterial with 1 72-foot right of way. The Board is supporting the church expanding, but does not want Hillficker to be widened to 72 feet and classified as a minor arterial.

The alternative, which the Board prefers, would be to make this street a Collector A street, which was suggested by Tony Martin, one of the City's traffic engineers. Since the City's transportation plan will be up for review, the Neighborhood Association can use this as an opportunity to make their views known.

Several board members will be speaking before the City Council at the public hearing on this issue.

- b. Land Use: There was an update on what is now Fairview Hills. The refinement plan is moving forward. More changes will be made by Friday as the team continues to work with City staff. The project will be implemented in several phases. The first will focus on multi-family dwellings and the recreation center. The site plan review will soon be submitted to the City for approval.
- c. Parks: Clark Creek Park had some graffiti, which cost \$116.50 to take care of.
- d. Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.
- e. South Salem Connect: No report.
- f. Airport: The open house will be on February 16.
- g. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team is doing its best to educate the police department and let them know of their presence. Also, on February 25, they will be walking about and talking with neighbors, making them aware of what the team has to offer. The team will be getting a cache, which will be stored at Morningside Church.

h. Morningside 360: The next meeting is February 16 at Painter's Hall, and the following meeting will be on March 1.

9. City Councilor Report: There is a work session on Monday regarding the Airport Master Plan. Also, the budget will be coming in April.

10. Neighborhood Liaison Report: No report.

11. Announcements

As of July, agendas and minutes will no longer be sent out by postal mail, but will only be available electronically. To sign up for the mailing list, go to

[www.cityofsalem.net/neighbor](http://www.cityofsalem.net/neighbor)

and select "subscribe to Neighborhood List."

Compliance Quarterly or Less?: It was decided that the report will stay quarterly.

There was some discussion concerning the pros and cons of having two or more neighborhood associations meet jointly.

Communication Funds: Currently, our neighborhood association has \$1358.25 from this fund. The money needs to be spent by June, but we need to specify what we're to do with it by the April meeting. Everyone is encouraged to think about how to use this money before the April meeting.

Since some board members prefer not to receive e-mail communications, there was some discussion about using the print services provided by Shangri-La.

12. Consideration of Bylaw Changes Due to Proposed Budget Reductions: This was tabled until the next meeting.

13. Newsletter Articles Due by March 6: This will likely be the last newsletter due to City budget cuts.

14. Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Marion-Polk County Food Share offered to speak at an upcoming meeting about the fight to end hunger. The Board declined the offer.

If there is a planning commission meeting on Fairview Hills on March 6, that won't be ready for the next board meeting. A committee will work on this issue.

15. Open Issues: The Morningside 360 working group will be monitoring the Fairview Hills plan to see that it's followed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Hansen, secretary