

## MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

### Minutes

Wednesday, July 11, 2012 6:30 p.m. Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall 3911 Village Center Drive SE

### MORNINGSIDE Civic Involvement Goals

- To reinvigorate the Neighborhood Association through outreach and education.
- To revise and adopt the 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 Keith Kueny, Chap Milbank, Janet Bubl, Sam Hall, Larry George, Geoffrey James, James Santana, Lloyd Chapman, Alan Meyer, Muriel Meyer, Tina Hansen and Michael Mitchell were present.

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

Police Report: Our officer began his remarks by recognizing those retiring from the police force. There are 3 officers and one sergeant who are retiring from the police force.

There was some discussion concerning illegal fireworks over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. The Police Department received over 1200 complaints about this issue. The officer suggested that in Salem the best way of combating illegal fireworks was for the police to show their presence. He did not know of any citations issued by his squad. Citizens were also encouraged to report them. Lloyd expressed concern about the city's approach and asked Brad to raise it at City Council. Brad indicated that he would.

Alan asked if the speed limit increase around Pringle and Madrona had resulted in increased speed on the street. The officer felt that there was no real impact.

Pamela thanked the officers that maintain a presence at Clark Creek Park.

Brad asked if there was an increase in larceny citywide. The officer didn't see this.

Everyone was reminded to keep doors locked and to stay alert for any suspicious activity.

### Wildwood:

This was a last-minute addition to the agenda. The owners are up for a site plan review for the building at the southwest corner of Kuebler and Battle Creek where Abiqua School used to be located. The property is zoned Commercial, and the owners hope to use that zoning to allow this building to be used for various services, including a restaurant, mixed use retail and various offices.

A motion was made to indicate to the City Morningside's support for their proposal. The motion was seconded and passed. The board was very appreciative of the owners delaying their application to allow the neighborhood an opportunity to submit comments, though the site is outside but adjacent to the neighborhood boundary.

#### Committee Reports

Traffic: There was an update regarding the traffic lights near Salem Hospital at Belleview and Winter. Even though the street is closed, the traffic lights there still think the street is open. Alan found out that the lights can't be changed.

Land Use: Land Use activity this month has been as follows:

As reported at the last board meeting this is what is happening.

Partitioning on Morningside Avenue of one double lot into two regular lots. MNA had no comment. Partition is proceeding administratively. Tree Preservation ordinance will apply.

2. Five MNA board members met the owners of Simpson Hills May 23. They promised us a work session PRIOR to a MNA Board meeting. We do not appreciate that being during our dinner hour preceding a board meeting. But, based on the three sketches we received by email, some four board members have emailed their concerns. These, so far, are from Al Tocchini, James Santana, Michael Lindley, and Geoff James. Please send me your comments based on what you've seen and reviewed.

Sustainability Conference at Pringle Community on June 27. Well attended. Co-sponsored with East Lancaster Neighborhood Association.

Designing Healthy Neighborhoods: talk by Dr Richard Jackson, on June 19. Superb talk, attended by some MNA board members.

Parks: No report.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Airport: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team has gotten some of the shelving done, and completing the shelving and painting the outside of the cache box remain to be done.

Morningside 360: The plan is being written up in draft form for the working group to review it.

City Councilor Report: There is a public hearing on July 23 concerning the Fairview plan.

The Bill Riegel Park grand opening will take place from 1:30 to 2:30 July 14.

The Planning Commission will have a public hearing on July 17 on the first chunks of the Unified Development Code.

The Volunteer Recognition event is scheduled for August 22 in the Civic Center.

There are a number of work sessions coming up, including one on the Minto Island Bridge on July 23, one on storm water analysis on August 13, and the Airport Master Plan on August 27.

An open house for the runway extension environmental assessment is from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

There was some discussion concerning the volunteer recognition event. Pamela has expressed her concern that the new format of the event does not achieve the objective of changing the time frame while recognizing every neighborhood.

James thanked Tina for her excellent meeting notes.

Sam felt that the Morningside Neighborhood Association should nominate itself for recognition, thanks to its work on the web site, Morningside 360, Pringle Road speed limit, Fairview property and the CERT team.

Announcements: The City is giving the Morningside Neighborhood Association \$500. Half of this at \$250 will be given at no charge, and the other half will require the neighborhood to raise matching funds.

The City will continue to pay for our Neighborhood Association's web site.

Jade is applying for a liquor license on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Morningside has submitted its information for annual review, and was found to be in compliance.

Fairview Hills Plan Revision: AKS, the developer, met with Morningside board members prior to the meeting. Alan was pleased that the issue concerning Reed Road was addressed. Geoffrey and the Land Use committee was pleased that some issues were addressed, but felt that there were still some unanswered questions.

Lloyd summarized what was discussed at this meeting. Issues that were addressed included:  
Storm drainage: Impervious draining may work in some areas, but not others.

The developer has agreed to Earth Advantage certification rather than LEEDS.

The main concern expressed by the board was that we have not seen the final plan that is to come before City Council. The final plan is likely to be submitted to the City next week for council review at the July 23 hearing.

Given that there are still some unanswered questions, the Board felt that they should have more time to address these issues. As a result, there will be a meeting on Tuesday, July 17, at 7 PM, to address them.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns--Communication, Communication Funds and New Home Sales Letters: The City has sent letters to new home owners welcoming them to the neighborhood. Yet more effective outreach has come from interested individuals. Brad suggested that realtors would do better giving new home owners information about where their neighborhood association is.

Open Issues: There will be no meeting in August. The next meeting will be September 12.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary