

MEETING MINUTES
MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, December 14, 2011

6:30 p.m.

Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall

3911 Village Center Drive SE

MORNINGSIDE 2011-12 Civic Involvement Goals

-To reinvigorate the Neighborhood Association through outreach and education.

-To revise and adopt the Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introductions: The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Board members and guests introduced themselves.
2. Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the November meeting were approved as submitted.
3. Police Report: Our officer began by taking questions from the audience. This was followed by information on a variety of topics, including children's safety, neighborhood watch, protection against internet scams, and new cell phone laws.
4. Parking by US Market at 12th Street and Peace Street SE: The owner of this convenience store is requesting some help with parking problems along the drive on Peace Street. When the store gets deliveries, the space allows the trucks to get off the road. There is a stretch of 70 feet from that entry to the property line where trucks can exit from if it is vacant.

Unfortunately, there have been cars parking along that stretch of road. This makes it more difficult for delivery trucks to get in and out.

The owner has asked the City if the area designated for one-hour parking. If the neighborhood association approved this, the City could set it up.

Lloyd moved that the Neighborhood Association go on record as supporting one-hour parking on Peace Street Adjacent to the US Market. This motion was seconded and passed.

5. Committee Reports
 - a. Traffic: No report.
 - b. Land Use: The cell tower was approved with the condition that it was camouflaged to look like a fur tree.

There was also some discussion about the latest Simpson Hill developments. The developers are working on a refinement plan focusing on multi-family residential dwelling as well as commercial zoning. There has been some concern that the piecemeal approach to planning is leaving the public out and not addressing various land use impacts. This

flowed into a discussion about street access to the various lots. Sam feels that information for future refinement plans will be forthcoming.

- c. Parks: Muriel has noticed several large dogs running all over the place. What can she do? Several members suggested that she contact the police department for advice. She could also call Neighbor to Neighbor and mediate with the dog owner.

All parks are on winter schedule.

- d. Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.
- e. South Salem Connect: No report.
- f. Airport: Lloyd is not in support airport expansion due to the smaller amount of traffic. He cannot find any evidence to support the data the City is presenting. He feels that runway expansion is not a good investment in the community.
- g. Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): This team is alive and well. The cache is still being prepared. It is hoped that during the summer, more people from the neighborhood can become involved.
- h. Morningside 360: This work group is meeting again on December 15 discussing housing and heritage. Many comments have been posted concerning parks, and they are continuing to arrive.

The next CERT meeting will be January 5 at Painter's Hall.

- 6. City Councilor Report: City Council is not meeting for the rest of the year due to the holidays, but will resume meetings in January.

The issue with Statesman Journal flier bags will be returning to the City Council's radar in January, as will a proposed rate increase for garbage hauler service.

The City's budget is up for review. More cuts are likely over the next few years. Brad feels that there is bound to be a shift to a pay-as-you-go model for government services due to the various caps on property taxes.

- 7. Neighborhood Liaison Report: No report.
- 8. Announcements: None.
- 9. Set Annual Meeting Date: The annual meeting will be on May 9, 2012.
- 10. Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: None.
- 11. Open Issues: Lloyd gave everyone an update on the possibility of a 501C3 neighborhood nonprofit. He feels that it's not worth the pain of regular audits. More discussion will be forthcoming.