

MEETING NOTICE
MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 9, 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.

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 in attendance were Tina, Pamela, Lloyd, Chap, Mike, Geoffrey, Larry, McKenzie, Michael, Janet, Al, and Keith.

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

Police Report: Our officer reported that one of the biggest trends on the rise is car thefts. Salem is rated at number 3 in Oregon. The most common cars being stolen include Honda, Toyota, Ford, and older trucks.

Everyone was reminded about some general car safety. Please lock your car, and do not leave car keys. Also, use car alarms, and do not leave your car running in the driveway. If you have a motion light, take advantage of it.

Salem Parks Foundation Grants--Salem Parks Foundation: The Salem Parks Foundation grants are available so neighborhoods can apply for funds to help with park improvement projects. Applications are due by March 29. Let the Foundation know what you want. Pamela and Muriel will sign the paperwork.

Women at the Well Sponsored by the Grace House: This organization has been active for the past several years. This non-denominational nonprofit focuses on helping women who are homeless, or women who are struggling with poverty. The organization has secured the funds to purchase a home in the Morningside neighborhood and *the home on Peace Street is now being brought up to code.

The home will enable the organization to serve up to 10 *homeless women who will live in it for up to 6 months. During that time, the women will be given tools to help them find a home, receive support, and find employment.

Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: There has been *a request for a partition to divide off the portion of the former Albertson's parking lot at the corner of Hilfiker and Commercial - in front of Trader Joe's. The Trader Joe's building and 70 parking spaces were *previously split off from the entire Albertson's parcel. The partition is to accommodate some type of drive-up business. The partition also requests variance to the landscaping requirements on the south and east side of the newly created lot.

Several concerns were expressed about the *request. One concern is that the applicant wants no landscaping on the northwest corner of the property, even though it is required in the code. Another concern expressed was the lack of space for a restaurant. Another concern was that landscaping could create a visual hazard.

Lloyd moved that the neighborhood association go on record as 1) supporting a variance along the access to the *east of the parcel at the corner so long as the existing landscaping is maintained along the driveway, 2) opposing a variance on the south side, and 3) suggesting that the applicant increase the size of the lot for additional space to maintain the landscaping. The motion seconded and passed. Geoffrey will write a letter voicing these concerns.

Parks: No report.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): Chap brought up the issue regarding the ramp from Kuebler to I5. This *expanded freeway offramp could lead to a realignment of Pringle Creek. Neither the watershed council nor the neighborhood association have been notified about this issue.

South Salem Connect: To start off the year, this group will have a partnership celebration lunch catered by Adam's Ribs at the Ike Box on January 16. Anyone is invited.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): No report.

Morningside 360: See Neighborhood Plan.

Liquor License Applications: Canton Gardens on Royvon is applying for a liquor license, but it is due to a change in ownership.

City Councilor Report: A new Marion County recycling class starts on February 7.

There is an abandoned house on Pioneer. Code enforcement will be investigating in the near future.

Brad volunteered to do a presentation related to CERT at the Scottish temple on January 11.

The first City Council meeting of the year is January 14. Budget meetings are on the 16th and 23rd.

Announcements: There has been a complaint about a tree that could be considered dangerous. The Compliance Services officer recommended working with Neighbor to Neighbor.

Pat White was interested in talking to this group about coal trains. Due to lack of information, it was recommended that we pass up that offer.

Morningside Neighborhood Plan: There was much discussion about the Fairview Commerce Center, parks and trails. Jason will update the draft plan to reflect our discussion. The next work session will be on January 30th to discuss the I-5 / Kuebler interchange area.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Geoffrey reported that there has been an increase in helicopter noise from an unknown source.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary