

Morningside Neighborhood Association  
Wednesday, December 8, 2010  
6:30 p.m.  
Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall  
3911 Village Center Drive SE

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Pamela Schmidling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

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

Police Report: Officer Vince Dawson began with a clarification of sex offenses for September. He then went on to remind everyone about car safety during the holidays.

Parole and Probation: This presentation gave everyone information about in a handout about how parole and probation works and invited questions from the audience. Parole and Probation is changing its structure to have various officers focusing on different types of cases.

#### Committee Reports

Traffic: Speed measuring devices are now on Battle Creek and Pringle.

Land Use: Trader Joe's is now ready for construction. There was also some concern about the landscape near Pringle and Battle Creek Road. Discussion arose about why this area was becoming a lake. This item will be discussed in either January or February.

Parks: Betsy Belshaw from the Salem Parks Foundation is interested in talking to this neighborhood association about grants from the Salem Parks Foundation. The group felt it would be a good idea to hear from her.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connectors: This community progress team is still accepting fund requests for local projects. They are also working on a merger with the Neighborhood Partnership Program. The meeting is at the Capital Park Wesleyan Church every third Wednesday at 11:30.

City Councilor Report: There is one more meeting in December, and then there will be a turnover at the first of the year. Brad thanked the neighborhood association for its testimony on the storm water issue. He feels that there could be a lot more unfunded mandates coming down from the federal government concerning storm water funds. The plan was explained in more detail.

There will be no increase in water rate next year. As a result, the City's budget will be affected, as cuts will have to be made in capital and operations.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: The City budget calendar is out for 2011. Also, since the storm water plan is being phased in, there will not be dramatic savings on people's water bill. However, the increased water rate in 2012 will be only for water rates.

Salem Speaks Up was scheduled for December 10, 2010.

An open house was planned for Thursday, December 16, to thank outgoing councilors and mayor for their service.

Announcements: None.

Set Annual Meeting Date: The Annual Meeting was set for Thursday, May 12 at the Pringle Community Painter's Hall.

A representative from Technology Associates came to this meeting on behalf of AT&T to discuss their proposal for a new cell phone tower. This tower would be near Commercial and Welcome Way. There is a gap in cell phone coverage in this area, which this proposal is hoping to address.

The structure was described, and questions were taken from the audience. There was some concern expressed about the visual impact made by the presence of this cell tower. Many wanted the tower to be present, but not noticeable.

There was concern that neighbors in the coverage area would not be informed of this proposal. A motion was made that our neighborhood association spend some of its communications money to give information to these neighbors before February. The motion passed.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: There is a beaver dam between the ball fields on Pringle Road. Concerns were also voiced about a mailbox structure on the east side of Commercial and Browning that is blocking the sidewalk.

Open Issues: Bob Krebs from the Transit District Board introduced himself to everyone and encouraged people to communicate their transit concerns to him as their board representative.

Pamela is hoping to make connections with businesses in the area to invite them to the board meetings.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary