

Morningside Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, September 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.

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

Police Report: There was a recent home burglary in North Salem. This news prompted a discussion about safety of firearms, and a reminder to keep them away from guns.

National Night out was successful.

Our officer commented that we don't have nearly enough officers to cover the entire Salem area well.

With students back in school, parents are reminded to find ways to keep children safe. If children are alone, parents should keep a list of emergency numbers by the phone. They should also let children know that if they ever become lost, they should find a woman who can get in contact with the police.

Discussion also focused on sex offenses and general safety.

Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: There was a brief update on goings on at Strong Road and Fairview. A water line is being built now that will tie Old Strong Road and Strong Road. The pipe through Battle Creek has still not been put in.

The Oregon Department of Transportation is now taking over the blue warehouse on Fairview Industrial Drive.

Abbaqua School is purchasing 10 acres of the former Fairview site.

There was some discussion of what would happen to the former Albertson's store in South Salem. A Trader Joe's will be going into that space.

Other issues were also discussed.

Parks: No report.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council: No report.

South Salem Connectors: This team was able to report about their success at supporting five efforts in the area, and that they are about to release their next fund proposal. The team has about 5 thousand dollars available for funds.

Airport Activity: After some discussion, it was decided that this issue would no longer be a part of neighborhood association meetings.

City Councilor Report: No report.

There was some discussion about board members volunteering at the schools in this neighborhood. Lloyd and Sam volunteered to talk to Morningside and Leslie schools.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: Jason began his remarks by giving out information about the Neighborhood Partnership programs offered by the City. Staff is evaluating the program and looking for input from the two neighborhoods that are in it.

The City has been participating in the University of Oregon's Sustainability Initiative. The students will be helping staff on various projects. In Salem, they will be participating in market analysis, civic engagement and legal analysis, among other issues. The major project being funded by the City is the redesign of the Civic Center.

Discussion and clarification on the new storm water funding scheme followed.

Announcements: Hope Station will be hosting a block party and barbecue along with entertainment. They are also having a food drive. Information was handed out at this meeting.

Tina Hansen then gave information about the National Federation of the Blind of Oregon and its programs. She explained the fundraiser this organization is doing statewide. The Federation has purchased rooms on a cruise to several places in Mexico that has been booked for Spring Break of next year. If anyone wishes to book a room, they can call TravelFax at 503-743-3915. Also, the organization is selling raffle tickets at \$5. The raffle is for one room for two on the ship, and whoever has the winning number wins the room. The winner need not be present to win, but will be notified. More information is at www.nfb-oregon.org.

Metric System - David Pearl: Tabled.

Refine the Neighborhood Goal to Identify a Project: The overall goal is to revive the neighborhood association, and this month, the meeting ended with discussion of how to achieve it. Ideas included:

Supporting Hope Station
Barbecue at Morningside Park
Cleanup

Neighborhood Christmas party
Publicize at neighborhood events
Plant seedlings
Support community gardening project at Leslie

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: None.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary