

Morningside Neighborhood Association
Wednesday, August 10, 2011
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. Board members and guests introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the July meeting were approved as corrected.

Police Report: Our officer reminded everyone about summer crime prevention tips. He also informed everyone that the Police Department is raffling off a car to raise funds for the department.

Compliance Services Report: As of this meeting, there are 24 cases in this neighborhood. A major property on Oak Hill and Harris is in foreclosure, and the Compliance team is actively trying to get the property's mortgage company to send out there property preservation team to address the issue of tall grass and weeds on the site.

Another issue involved a property owner cutting down an oak tree. White oak trees can't be cut down within Salem without a permit. This tree turned out to be a red oak. Questions were taken from the audience.

Parole and Probation: No report.

Fairview Industrial Park Property, Jeff Tross, Land Use Consultant: This presentation focused on the rezoning of the former Sun West Retirement office building. The building is vacant, making it difficult to find occupants. The building is in the Industrial Business Campus zone, which was created for a specific purpose. The presenters believe that this kind of zone has passed its time and doesn't reflect the current economy. The owners wish to rezone this building to Industrial Commercial, which would improve chances for the building to be re-occupied. This issue is not unique to this area, but has been happening throughout the city.

Fairview Industrial Park Rezone--What Could It Be? This was related to the zoning issue. After some discussion, the board felt it would be good to have this be a part of the Neighborhood Planning discussions.

Committee Reports

Traffic: Allen Meyer was in Florence some weeks ago and he discovered a crosswalk with a small center island and a button that immediately worked to give pedestrians the right to cross Highway 101.

Land Use: There was some discussion about parks and park size on the former Fairview property. There was also some discussion about what would happen to the reservoir site and other new parks.

Parks: Board members agreed that Salem does not have enough parks and/or open space, as compared to other cities its size. Also, Muriel informed everyone that there was a park cleanup on August 13 from 9-noon.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council: No report.

South Salem Connectors: No report.

Airport: No report.

City Councilor Report: The Airport Master plan and Environmental update is September 19. There is a work session on economic opportunity analysis scheduled for August 22 at 5:30.

There was a work session on August 8 concerning reapportionment of the various council wards, with a public hearing scheduled for September 26.

The public hearing on the issue of neighborhood center mixed use zones will be continued on September 12. Also, the Chickens in the Yard group will be on the agenda on August 22.

National Night Out Follow Up and Survey: Pamela reported that the parties she attended were successful. She said that she had 5 more people signing up for the Community Emergency Response Team class that will begin in the fall. As a whole, National Night Out was successful.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: No report.

Volunteer Recognition Event and Awards: The Volunteer Recognition presentation will take place on September 14 this year. Pamela and others are not happy with the various changes made to this award presentation this year.

2011-12 Communication Funds: Pamela tells us that we have approximately \$1384 to spend on various projects.

Announcements: There is an OLCC application for a winery to go on Fairview Industrial Drive.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Janet is getting Board e-mails on everything, but should not be receiving e-mails at her work address.

The CERT class will be held on September 6, 8, 13, 15, 20 and 22 at 6 PM in the music room at Leslie Middle School.

Tina still has raffle tickets for sale to win a cruise to the Caribbean through the National Federation of the Blind of Oregon.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary