

Morningside Neighborhood Association  
Wednesday, September 9, 2009  
6:30 p.m.  
Leslie Middle School, Room 213  
3850 Pringle Road SE

## AGENDA

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

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

Police Report: None.

Parole and Probation: Everyone is aware that the Marion County Sheriff has resigned, but the neighborhood association was assured that the Parole and Probation office is still on the right track.

Recycling--Marion County Environmental Services: Our presenter introduced himself and explained the Earthwise program. He also informed everyone that Marion County is leading the way in recycling. There are many opportunities in Marion County to educate the public on the value of recycling, and because of these opportunities, we are ahead of Metro and Portland. Questions were taken from the audience.

12th Street Cutoff at Commercial Street Variance Requests: As a result of concerns our neighborhood association expressed at the August meeting, the developer and architect is rethinking its plans for this area. The hearing is being continued.

Sustainable Fairview now has passable soil. They hope to continue their project and maintain their relationship with the neighborhood association.

## Committee Reports

Traffic: Lloyd has learned about a proposal coming from SCAN. This proposal would allow northbound turns eastbound onto Fairview. He has no information about this proposal.

There was also an update on the conditions of some of the streets in the Morningside Neighborhood.

## Land Use

Commercial Building and Proposal on 13th south of McGilchrist: Presenter Jean Fifer began by informing everyone about some his accomplishments within Salem and the surrounding areas. He then described the location of the proposed development, an expansion of the complex housing Care Medical. This location would enhance their name

recognition and allow them to be closer to the hospital. He is concerned, though about the impact this development would have on Clark Creek.

They are asking for a variance on the East side of the property so the building can be set back about 8 feet. Plus, they want to work around the trees in the area.

Parks: Fire up at Clark Creek part caused by bark dust.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connectors: They will have their annual meeting on September 29 at Pringle Hall at 5:30. They are looking for new members.

Airport Activity: 15 noise complaints were reported from two houses. Some were caused by activity related to the State Fair, and others were just from people who didn't know what was going on.

There is still some airport construction going on.

The first phase of the airport master plan is being updated.

Drill weekend for the National Guard was scheduled for the weekend of September 11-12.

Minimal night flying is planned for September.

City Councilor Report: No report.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: Six different streets are being completed since the bond measure passed.

Salem Public Library will resume Sunday hours beginning September 13.

Salem Park Improvement funds are available for anyone to take advantage of. The deadline is October 30.

Announcements--Proposed Changes to Salem Liquor License Process--City Council Public Hearing on September 28: This was mainly to shorten the time it takes for businesses to apply for the licenses.

Set 2009-2010 Civic Involvement Goals: Various ideas were discussed. These included:

- Removing improperly located signs in the neighborhood
- Educating the public about invasive plants
- Removing weeds from the neighborhood

Pam moved that our civic involvement goal would be to make the public aware of the importance of sign removal and the impact improperly placed signs have on the neighborhood. Tina seconded, and the motion passed.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: A proposal was brought before the group asking for an improvement at the 12<sup>th</sup> street cut off and Ibson. This intersection is not indicated in some way; there is no traffic signal, curb, or island. This is dangerous for both drivers and pedestrians. The presenter has discussed this with the City's traffic department, but has gotten no results. For this reason, the presenter wishes to have this safety concern addressed with any developments in this area.

There are sidewalks on most of 12<sup>th</sup> street except for the park and this area.

Tina Hansen asked: What do people think of the new transit system? She then encouraged everyone to get new bus schedules downtown.

Open Issues: Dan said that he has been walking along a street where there are several houses, but no sidewalks. He wondered why a partition lot like this is treated differently than a sidewalk in other areas. He has been discussing this issue with the City, but has had a difficult time making anything happen. There is a committee that should be working on this issue, but the committee is not active.

Why not write a letter to the City Manager asking for movement on this concern. The argument is that property owners should pay for their own sidewalk instead of having someone else pay for it. Whatever happens, there needs to be some movement on this issue.

Tina moved that the Neighborhood Association write a letter to the City asking for resolution of this problem. Lloyd seconded, and the motion passed.

Another audience member asked about the traffic flow at Kensington and Boon. Why is the area at the top of Boone closed? Larry explained that it was a sight issue, and since the City's projects are coming in under budget, this would be a good time to address this issue.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.