

Morningside Neighborhood Association  
November 11, 2009, 6:30 pm  
Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall  
3911 Village Center Dr SE

CHANGE OF LOCATION WAS FOR NOVEMBER ONLY

**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 were approved as corrected.

**Police Report:** Officer Dennis Keena began with an update on the noise issue from October. There was also follow-up on the issues around the athletic field at Leslie Middle School.

The issue of the cruisers is seasonal, so the police department will continue to monitor this activity.

The new cell phone law will take effect in a month and a half. In essence, this law states that drivers should be using their cell phone only in hands-free mode while driving.

**Compliance Services Report:** Grady Rogers reported that there have been no dangerous buildings in the Morningside neighborhood.

Compliance Services is taking over the enforcement of violations related to right-of-way-side signs. They are also taking over the ordinance against shopping carts being taken from the stores. There is a system in place now that allows people to call the City and they can ensure that shopping carts can be picked up in 72 hours.

Sustainable Fairview Update--Sam Hall: Sustainable Fairview now owns some of the property that they sold four years ago. They are now submitting a refinement plan to the City. Ten of the 40 acres will be used to preserve the auditorium of a school building that will be built around.

There will be very little single-family residential in this space. Most of it will be a flexible village center with a mix of retail, office space, and apartments. SFA hopes to go to the Planning Commission on December 15.

### **Committee Reports**

**Traffic:** Lloyd reported that the City Council approved the narrowing of Commercial downtown. This would be achieved through the use of Sharos, where there would be two narrow outer lanes surrounding a wide center lane.

**Land Use:** Larry read a letter from Mark Lowan regarding Simpson Hills. Mark will be at the December meeting.

Jeff reported that neighbors on Doris Loop. The City will restore that name to the area.

Jeff also gave everyone an update on the office building that was discussed at the August meeting. The majority of board members are supporting the new plan. He was pleased that the architect heard the feedback from our Neighborhood Association and responded. Among the changes made, the building size is smaller, and there will be less off street parking.

Lloyd moved that the neighborhood association write a letter expressing our appreciation for the actions of the architects. Tina seconded, and the motion passed.

**Parks:** Tony Whittler informed everyone, via a letter, that the Hillficker project has been approved in the preliminary application phase for park improvement funds. Muriel will meet with Tony to discuss formal applications.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council: No report.

South Salem Connectors: No report.

Airport Activity: Most of the improvement projects scheduled for summer and fall have been completed, with more in the spring.

More noise complaints were noted, one of which turned out to be activity from National Guard.

Leading Edge will be doing Christmas operations, and Graham Aviation will be doing some DFR flying.

**City Councilor Report:** None.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: The next meeting of neighborhood association chairpersons will be November 30 at the Anderson room in the Salem Public Library on Monday, November 30.

\*The following is no longer happening at this time.\* Salem Community Connections will be going away, but it will be combining with the newsletters from the Parks Department and the Police Department.

There is now money available through the Community Development Block Grant. Rena Peck is the contact person.

The City also has received 385 thousand dollars for neighborhood stabilization funds.

The Union Street Bridge will be closed for six months.

The downtown advisory board's meeting has changed from noon to 2-3:30 PM in their same location.

Changes at Minto Brown were also discussed.

**Announcements:** Pedestrian Crossing Safety Projects or Missing Sidewalks and Bicycle Lanes to Schools and Parks Proposals due by December 31

**Set Annual Meeting Date:** The annual meeting will be May 19, 2010.

Fall Leaf Haul Volunteer Sign Up, Saturday, December 5, 9 am - 3 pm, Sprague High School (2373 Kuebler Road S)

**Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:** Lloyd talked to a neighbor who was concerned about people parking at a corner on Ipson and leaving trash. He talked with the neighbor about this issue.

There was some discussion about a group of young people out at 3:00 in the morning near Morningside School. A teacher reported that they're there two hours before she arrives at the school at 5 AM.

**Open Issues:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary