

## **Morningside Neighborhood Association Meeting of March 10, 2010**

**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 February meeting were approved as submitted.

**Police Report:** Our officer informed the audience about a new service that presents information about crime within the neighborhood. This web site [www.crimereports.com](http://www.crimereports.com) is a nationwide service. A user enters his or her address in the search field and gets a relatively current report about crime in the area.

The officer then explained that if a person is issued two license plates by the Department of Motor Vehicles, they are required to have both of them on the vehicle: one on the front and the other on the back.

Finally, with warmer weather coming, people are opening up doors and windows. Still, people are reminded to lock all doors and windows before they leave home.

**Parole and Probation:** This was an informational presentation about their services and how the department determines what offenders receive for their probations.

### **Capital Improvements Program (CIP) --CIP Staff:**

Boone Road at Cambridge Woods Closure--Kevin Hottmann: This issue has been under discussion for the past few meetings. Hottmann explained that the traffic is generally constant except for a small part of the day. He also explained that while the City would love to improve the connection and re-open up this area, the matter is complicated because of the grade change. The road is not designed for modern traffic, and the current grade is too high. It would be too costly to lower the grade, so for now, the City must be concerned about the safety of residents.

Strong Road Improvement Project--Aaron Kimsey, Project Manager: This project was first discussed 5 years ago, but it was postponed. It is now being revived this summer. This project involves building a new sidewalk on the north side of Strong with curbs on both sides of the street. There will also be wider lanes to accommodate pedestrians and bicyclists.

### **Committee Reports**

Traffic: Lloyd suggested that the neighborhood association should have a letter on the Boone Road issue as part of the information going to City Council. He will review the archives and ask Larry to write a follow-up letter to the City on this issue.

Land Use: Discussion of the plan in the Simson Hills area will take place next month.

Chap voiced concern from residents about the City placing shopping centers in residential areas. He also voiced concerns about FAA officials allowing flights all over the city. There are forums about this issue coming up in April.

Jeff encouraged everyone to attend the meetings of the Land Use Network.

Parks: Our Parks Committee chair has applied for a grant from the Salem Park Improvement Fund, and we were awarded \$2680. Matching funds for the rest of the requested amount of \$9865 should be coming from the rest of the neighborhood. There will be an article in the neighborhood newsletter.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connectors: No report.

Airport Activity: No report.

**City Councilor Report:** There is a public hearing coming up on funding for pedestrian crossing improvement projects, but none are in the Morningside neighborhood.

**Neighborhood Liaison Report:** Annie introduced our new neighborhood liaison, and announced that a new roster will be going out before the next meeting.

Budget forums are coming up. These will give residents an opportunity to have conversations with the City about what services they should fund and why. The closest one to our neighborhood is on March 29 in the South Salem High School library at 7 PM.

Unwanted or expired medications were turned in on March 13 around the state.

There were also two follow-up items discussed. First, new sidewalk development standards are being discussed. Also, there is a need for more details about traffic on Albert Street.

**Communications Funds Use:** While there will likely be some money used to print information for new home owners, it was felt that the rest of our fund should be reverted back to the fund shared by all neighborhoods.

**Finalize Guest Speaker for Annual meeting:** Allen Alexander will be on the schedule for the Annual Meeting, and he will discuss airport activity. It is also possible that Sam Hall and Mark Lowen will be able to share information about the two projects going on in this area.

**Neighborhood Issues and Concerns:** Chap voiced his ongoing concern about grass and weeds near Marshall and 12<sup>th</sup>. He is concerned that Community Enforcement, now Compliance Services, has done nothing about this issue.

**Open Issues:** None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary