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Morningside Neighborhood Association  
Wednesday, December 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 6:35 PM. Members and guests introduced themselves.

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

Police Report: The Salem Police Department is going through a staff turnover. Five new police officers are being hired, and others are leaving. Over 30 officers are eligible for retirement, but most are staying on.

There has been a rash of people shooting paint balls out of cars over the past month. Those responsible have admitted their wrongdoings.

Parole and Probation: This month's presentation focused on conditions that people on probation must comply with

## Committee Reports

Traffic: The first issue discussed was the configuration at the intersection of Stroh and Keubler. The expectation was that

it would be right in and right out, but there have been medians to allow left turns on that intersection. There is a feeling that Boone Road should be opened. There is some additional funding being made available to allow for projects like this. A neighbor volunteered to work on this project and follow up with the right people.

Lloyd moved that the board write a letter re-affirming its position that Boone Road should be opened, and that money from the 2008 bond measure be approved to fund that. This motion passed.

Lloyd next discussed improvements at railroad crossings. The construction at railroad crossings can be done so that trains need not blow their whistles in the early morning. There is a committee being formed to investigate this issue. Dan volunteered to serve on this committee and Larry will follow up.

Land Use: Larry gave everyone an update on the refinement plan that was discussed at the November meeting regarding Fairview.

Parks: The Salem Park Improvement Fund has met with Muriel, and will fund trails and picnic tables at Hillficker.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council: No report.

South Salem Connectors: This community progress team hosted a meeting in November. They have been reviewing the four goals they hope to accomplish, as well as what they've been doing in the past year.

Future directions were discussed.

They wish to focus on various topics, including children, health, nutrition, hunger, financial literacy, and other topics.

They will be laying out strategies to accomplish these and other goals.

**Airport Activity:** Airport operations were down for November, which is normal. Also, 9 noise complaints were reported. The City has applied for a grant to return air service to Salem.

**City Councilor Report:** No report.

**Neighborhood Liaison Report:** There is a position on the Planning Commission open, as well as one for Ward 5 on the budget committee.

Next month will be Tony's last in this position.

**Announcements:** None.

**Pedestrian Crossing Safety Projects or Missing Sidewalks and Bicycle Lanes to Schools and Parks Proposals Due by December 31:** As a part of the November 2008 bond measure, 1.644 million dollars was allocated to address bike and pedestrian safety needs. The City is looking for recommendations on what projects should be addressed.

Various projects were suggested including:

Sidewalks at Marshall and 12<sup>th</sup> near Morningside School  
Lack of a bike lane on Madrona from Pringle to Commercial

Lack of a bike lane at two locations where 12<sup>th</sup> cuts to Commercial

Lack of a bike lane on 13<sup>th</sup> where it leads to Mission

Using Pringle Creek as a pathway for travel into downtown

No sidewalks on Peck

Long pedestrian crossing at Madrona and Commercial

After discussion, the group agreed that the projects needing the highest priority would be those on Marshal Drive and Peck, since these are near schools. Lloyd will write a letter on behalf of the board concerning these projects.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Members of the group noted a variety of other traffic concerns.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary