

Morningside Neighborhood Association  
Wednesday, June 9, 2010  
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 April and May Minutes: Minutes for the April and May meetings were approved as submitted.

Police Report: Crime statistics show that in June, the majority of crimes were larceny or theft.

Our officer reminded the audience about steps they can take to prevent car theft. These included a new Combat Auto Theft program. In this program, an owner registers their car with the police department and displays the program's label on their vehicle. If someone is driving the vehicle between midnight and 5 AM, the police can stop the vehicle and get in touch with the owner.

In addition, there is a similar program for bike owners.

## Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: Geoffrey gave an update on developments on 12<sup>th</sup> and Commercial, as well as Fairview.

Lloyd asked about a community living project planned by Nathan Good in the Fairview area. James suggested that he get more information about this from Mr. Good.

Other issues were also discussed.

Parks: Muriel reported that she was unable to get the grant for her Hillfiker Park project, and wanted to know how much fund raising our neighborhood would need to do. Various fund raising suggestions were discussed.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council: During their last meeting, this group received information about a project that a group of high school students are doing under the direction of Oregon State University's Sustainable Communities program. This group, Caretakers for the Environment, is doing an initiative called One for One, which has set a

goal of planting one tree for every Oregonian. There was also an update on the Boise Cascade property.

South Salem Connectors: This team has been funding several projects, including books for several elementary schools, as well as family nights and mathematics software.

Airport Activity: None.

Commercial Street Paving from Mission Street SE to 12th Street SE--Public Works Staff: This project is part of the bond voters passed in 2008. The pavement will go from Mission to 12<sup>th</sup> Streets, with additional work on Liberty, Oxford, and Superior. The pavement project was explained and questions were taken from the audience.

Hope Station--Jerry Stevens: This was an informational presentation about this organization and how it arrived in this neighborhood. This is a nonprofit organization that helps those who have a job, but are still unable to pay bills. Clients pay a monthly fee of \$25 and volunteer with the organization. Clients receive groceries and clothing in exchange for this monthly payment and service.

Since this organization exists to help people become self sufficient, they are asking for donations from the community. They will be hosting an open house in September along with a food drive, which anyone can contribute to.

City Councilor Report: No report.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: The final budget was scheduled to go before the City Council on June 14.

There was some damage to Clark Creek Park in April.

National Night Out is scheduled for August 3

Annual Public Works Day was scheduled for June 17 at Riverfront Park.

The Salem Art Fair is taking place in July, and they are still looking for volunteers. For the first time this year, they will be charging admission, but anyone volunteering for neighborhood associations will get a free pass to enter.

The City's newsletter will be arriving via e-mail and in print.

Announcements:

Distinguished Service Award Final Decision: Larry recommended Muriel Meyer to receive the award. Tina seconded the motion, and it passed. Larry will write the letter.

Officer Elections: A number of board members have decided either to resign from the board or simply not run for office. Several people were nominated, and all declined.

After discussion, it was suggested that the neighborhood association have elections at the August meeting. Larry decided to send a general e-mail to the board encouraging everyone to consider running for office, as well as to help find others to serve on the board.

2010-2011 Goals and Annual Review: Since the year has ended for this neighborhood association, there was some discussion about how to do the annual review. Larry will work on the forms between now and the August meeting.

Roster Review and Board Orientation--Annie Battée, Neighborhood Services Specialist: The roster is being updated, and everyone was encouraged to contact Annie to correct their information. Also, the board orientation packet is being updated.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Lloyd commented that he felt the relationship between the City and our neighborhood association is not as strong as it could be. He feels that the City is not responding to the concerns of the neighborhood. He argued that the meetings should be focused more on the needs of the neighborhood. Annie reminded everyone that the Neighborhood Associations are recognized by the City, but are independent organizations. Annie reminded everyone that even though the City can't give answers immediately, the voice of the association is still being heard.

Open Issues: Chap voiced his concerns about the sidewalk near where he lives on Marshall Drive. Annie promised to put him in touch with the right people.

James wondered if these concerns were part of a larger issue: the neighborhood association feeling that their concerns were not valued by the City. Geoffrey felt that there was the need for a cultural change.

Next Meeting: Because the schools are closed in the summer, the next meeting will take place at Painter's Hall in the Pringle Creek Community Center on August 11.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Tina Hansen, secretary