

Morningside Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 p.m.

Leslie Middle School, Room 213

3850 Pringle Street SE

Agenda:

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

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

Police Report: The Police Department is offering free security surveys to residents of the city.

Now is a good time for those who have children to get their child identification kits updated.

There was a question asked: Is it a violation to block a sidewalk with a vehicle. The response: yes.

Several citations have been made in the 25 mile an hour zones.

There was some discussion about the Fairview fire last month. The demolition work for the day had finished at 3 PM, but no one knows what caused the fire. Investigation is still happening.

Other issues were discussed.

Compliance Services Report: There are few cases in this neighborhood, but there are two outstanding cases. One involves two dangerous buildings. These buildings are being addressed as of this meeting.

The other is the place on 12th Street where someone wanted to put up a swimming pool. There are insurance disputes in court right now concerning this property.

There is continuing discussion on abandoned shopping carts. Most felt that there have not been a lot of abandoned shopping carts in the Morningside neighborhood.

Other issues were also discussed.

Parole and Probation: Tabled.

Storm water Utility Proposal--Public Works Staff: The City is looking into changing the way storm water is billed. Rather than billing customers based on water consumption, customers will be billed based on energy units and square feet, as well as the type of surface. As a result, a residential single family is likely to pay less than a large industrial complex or a school or store. This proposal should be appearing before the City Council within the next month.

Committee Reports

Traffic: The Boone Road issue is coming before City Council on March 22. There has been some discussion from those who do not want Boone Road to be re-opened. As a result, there will be discussion about this issue at the March meeting.

Land Use: This segment focused on Sustainable Fairview. The new vacation of Strong Road has been approved. Plus, Sustainable Fairview along with Marion County and Pringle Creek watershed are planning to restore and repair the area of Pringle that adjoins Strong Road. Also, water line construction is moving along.

Jeff is hoping to ask the City to update the neighborhood plan for this area, and is wondering where they are in the process. The Chair was encouraged to write a letter to the City addressing this issue.

Parks: Water has been reported near Clark Creek Park.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council: This council has several items. First off, this group meets on the second Tuesday of the month at Painters Hall, Pringle Community Hall. New members are welcome.

A work party for planting along Strong Road is scheduled for March 6 at 9 AM.

A video explaining their Fairview Wetlands project is being released.

A work party to do maintenance of the Fairview Wetlands site is scheduled for April 24.

A new rain gardens installation guide has just been released by the Oregon Environmental Council and Oregon State University.

South Salem Connectors: The Marion County Commission on Children and Families will be revising its 6-year plan for coordination of community programs. Everyone received information about this and was encouraged to go to the Commissions web site to get more information and to fill out a survey and give feedback on the plan.

Airport Activity: Operations at the airport have been down for January. Instrument flying is lower.

Airport construction is finished.

Two noise complaints were reported in January.

The Tower contract was renewed.

The airport master plan is still in operation, as is the plan with Connect Oregon. Funding for terminal expansion has been approved.

City Councilor Report: Neighborhood amendments will get a public hearing in April. Also, budget season is coming.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: The sidewalk issue that has been discussed at previous meetings is now in the hands of Ralph Lambert, senior project engineer. Also, the basketball court at Morningside has had trouble with standing water. For now, a broom will be cabled at the site until a permanent overlay can be constructed.

Neighborhood taskforce recommendations were discussed at the January 25 City Council meeting.

Finally, there is an Earth Day weed pull on April 22.

Announcements: Newsletter articles are due by March 8.

Guest Speaker for Annual Meeting: Everyone was encouraged to think about this item. One suggestion was someone from the airport, and another suggestion was someone from Sustainable Fairview.

Letter of Invitation with Agenda to New Home Sales: Larry felt this would be a great way for new home owners in the neighborhood to get involved with the

neighborhood association. This has been tried with success in a couple neighborhoods.

Chapter 64--Neighborhood Association Program Amendments: These amendments are intended to be a code cleanup.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: The last item was a response to rumors about the fire at Fairview. Heritage School was not on fire, and the main fire valve from Battle Creek had no water pressure. The decision was to let the empty building be demolished, so the City Fire Department was directed to reduce water pressure.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary