

Morningside Neighborhood Association

Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 p.m.

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 Minutes: Minutes for the annual meeting were approved as submitted.

Police Report: Our officer reported no significant changes to the latest crime statistics. He did report increasing domestic abuse calls. The police department is looking at a bond in November of 2010 to upgrade and build a new facility.

Parole and Probation Report: This discussion focused on how to find information on the Oregon State Police database.

Blueprint for Biking--Salem Keizer Top 12 List: Rescheduled to August.

Safe Routes to School: John Shepherd discussed this item. He explained that in some parts of the neighborhood, mostly Albert Drive, there are no sidewalks and the neighbors don't want them. Yet, Albert is the major street between Leslie Middle School and Commercial. Thus, students are walking to school on unsafe streets. John is hoping to get the neighbors involved in this issue.

He is hoping to form a committee this summer to look at safe routes to both Leslie and Morningside schools. The group will look at plans to address the need for sidewalks near these schools. Neighborhood Associations are encouraged to apply for a grant to fund this project.

I-5 at Kuebler Development by Management Group of Oregon - Chuck Sides: This group is working on a shopping center in this area. Questions were taken from the audience.

Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: Street name change hearing on June 24.

Neighborhood Watch: No report.

Parks: No report.

Pringle Creek Watershed council: No report.

South Salem Connectors: No report.

Airport Activity: Guard drills will be taking place during the summer. There has been some transient activity from other airports. Also, there have been nine noise complaints.

City Councilor Report: The Regional Economic Analysis will be in August or September.

Brad also reported getting complaints from a neighbor who says he's been seeing 9 school buses in his area at least three times a day. He will talk with the School District about this.

Larry thanked the City for their help on the water rates issue.

Neighborhood Liaison Report: Summer programs begin June 22. Splash fountains will begin operating June 19 from 8 AM to 8 PM 7 days a week. Riverfront Park and River Road Park splash fountains will be opening in June and July. National Night Out is scheduled for August 4. Movies in the Park begin during the summer at Riverfront Park.

Announcements: July 8 Meeting Canceled

Officer Elections: Officers will continue as they are for the coming year. Larry will continue to serve as Chair, Lloyd as Vice Chair, and Tina as Secretary.

Distinguished Service Award and Other City Awards: Larry George was nominated because of his service to the Neighborhood Association. A motion to do this passed, and Jeff will work on the letter.

August and November Meetings Location: It was suggested that the Neighborhood Association meet at Meadow Creek in August. There was discussion about whether to use that space again in November or meet at Pringle Hall. Larry will keep everyone posted.

Board Orientation and Draft Roster Presented and Reviewed

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: More details were given concerning the Simson Hills project. This 106 acre area will mostly be houses and apartments.

Open Issues: The Marion County Fair is scheduled for July 9-12.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.  
Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary

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