

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, February 12, 2014 6:30 p.m. Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall 3911 Village Center Drive SE This is an open meeting. The public is invited.

For more information, call: Pamela Schmidling, Chair, 503-585-6641

MORNINGSIDE Civic Involvement Goals

- To reinvigorate the Neighborhood Association through outreach and education.
- To revise and adopt the Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.
- Identify new and enhance existing park land per Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Pamela Schmidling called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Board members present were Pamela, Lloyd, Tina, Chap, Geoffrey, Alan, Muriel, Benny, McKenzie, Sam, and Bob.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the January meeting were approved as submitted.

Police Report: Officer Fitzpatrick noted that there has been an increase in service calls in the Peace Street area.

She reminded everyone to be aware of The Groper. This individual is targeting women from behind and grabbing their private parts.

Compliance Services Report: Two properties were addressed. The first is the property on 843 Norwood ST SE. This property has been a place for drug activity. The owner was incarcerated and was now renting out rooms. The property has been declared uninhabitable.

The other major property is 3223 12th Street SE. The property was deemed dangerous in 2009, and has since been through litigation and closures. The City is attempting to put this property before a hearing officer to ask that the property be demolished or rehabilitated.

Parole and Probation: No report.

Commercial Street SE at Kuebler Boulevard SE Intersection Improvement Project-- Aaron Edelman, Project Manager: This presentation discussed a number of proposed improvements to this intersection. The main goal of the improvements is to increase capacity, resulting in improved traffic safety. Improvements include adding a left-turn lane on all approaches to the intersection and adding a right turn lane from southbound Commercial to westbound Kuebler. There will be raised traffic medians on the left turn lanes.

Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: No report.

Parks: Pamela has filled out the application for the grant from Salem Park Improvement Fund to work on the upgraded playground equipment at Morningside Park. Various avenues for fundraising will be explored in order to purchase the possible slide or swing set.

McKenzie said she saw a slide in Sun River at Fort Rock that was identical to the slide targeted for replacement. The slide has been remounted on a new structure. Fort Rock will be contacted before the March meeting, and it is also hoped that someone from Parks will be there as well.

There has been no update on the trees around the Fairview area.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): There is a trail off of Fairview near the freeway. Could volunteer groups build a bridge on the wetlands?

The Friends of Trees planting at Clark Creek Park was successful, so there will be another event near the Roberts School on March 7 or 8.

Finally, the adverse impact of the proposed new police department building on Pringle Creek was discussed.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: The new group will be formed to work on fundraising for park funds.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team is meeting on February 18. Also, there will be a disaster drill sometime in the summer.

CERT teams were active during the recent snow storms.

Morningside 360: The plan will be going before the City Council in the near future.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: Bob discussed the possibility of restoring the bus stop at 12th and Madrona. Also, the transit mall will be re-opening within the next two months. There is also a system evaluation in the works.

City Councilor Report: The Hillfiker downgrade has been passed by the City Council and is to go before the Planning Commission.

CCTV is offering to work with neighborhoods to create public service announcements.

Announcements: None.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: McKenzie is open to starting a charter school in the downtown area. Her organization is looking for space.

Tom Anderson is running for City Council in Ward 2 as a replacement for the current councilor. He feels that he can help the City to be held more accountable to the public.

Tom's visit prompted a discussion on this question: Should political candidates come to our meetings. After some discussion, a motion was made that the board would allow political candidates to introduce themselves at meetings so the audience would get to know them. People could then find out more information in other venues.

Open Issues: Scott Schaefer was welcomed to the board as a new member. This brings our board up to a full 15 members.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary