

Morningside Neighborhood Association Meeting

June 11, 2014 – Painters Hall at Pringle Creek Community

[1] Introductions; Board Members Present: Pamela, Alan, Muriel, Janet, Sam, Geof, McKenzie, Scott, Lloyd and Bob.

[2] Approval of Minutes; May 2014 minutes were approved with the Traffic Committee report changed to read as follows:

Alan gave everyone an update on the intersection of Harris and 12th. The center stripe on Harris was moved to the south when 12th Street was widened, and there is now not enough room to park cars on the south side of Harris near the intersection. The city has agreed to correct this by restricting parking near the intersection.

[3] Police Report: No officer was present for the meeting.

[4] Potential Development at Fairview: Eric Olsen of Olsen Design and Development made a presentation on a proposal to develop 50 acres in the center of the old training site, part of the land owned by Sustainable Fairview. The subdivision, called the Fairview Addition, would include 212 lots averaging 4,500 to 6,500 square feet. Mr. Olsen emphasized that the development would include tree-lined skinny streets, front porches, flexible housing units, pocket parks and garages in the back. It would be similar to the Edwards Addition that the company has developed in Monmouth. Next steps will be to complete a refinement plan and get city approval.

[5] Madrona at 25th Intersection Improvements and Kuebler at Commercial Intersection – Aaron Edelman, Project Manager and Steve Ward of Westech Engineering; Aaron gave an update on the Kuebler project which is due to be constructed in 2016. Only change to earlier plans has been a longer left turn lane for east bound movements on to Boone Road.

Steve Ward made a presentation on the improvements at Madrona and 25th, which are also scheduled for construction in 2016. This will provide a direct four lane connection between Madrona and 25th. There is also a possibility of providing a connection of 22nd between Madrona and McGilchrist if adequate money is available. Money for the project will come primarily from bond measure savings.

[6] Morningside Park; There was much discussion about the slide that was removed from Morningside Park and possible replacements. There was frustration expressed that the slide had been removed abruptly by the city and for unknown safety reasons. There was also concern that the association was expected to pay for a replacement and that the amount of money needed to purchase the replacement was much higher than the amount the city had quoted to the association. Lloyd agreed to write a letter regarding the situation to the city.

[7] Committee Reports

- Traffic – Alan reported that a “No Parking” sign has been installed on Harris near 12th Street.
- Land Use – Geof reported that SESNA has developed a successful tree planting program and would like to form a committee to pursue it in Morningside. At this point we do not have a person able to take the lead on this project.
- Parks – Muriel reported that the city has mowed the open areas at Hilfiker Park, but trails have poison oak on them and are not being dealt with. Trees have not yet been planted at South Village. Pamela indicated that crews have done a great job of maintaining Clark Creek Park.
- Pringle Creek Watershed Council – No report.
- South Salem Connect – No report.
- Fundraiser – No report.
- Community Emergency Response Team – The committee will meet next week to finalize plans for a training session at Morningside Church on July 22nd. This will be the first training session initiated by a neighborhood CERT in Salem.
- Morningside 360 – The plan is now in force.
- Liquor License Applications – A license has been submitted for a location on Commercial south of Vista.
- Transit – Bob reported that the district is continuing to look for a transit mall location in South Salem. They are also considering new service options in West Salem and the likely need to increase fares in January of 2015.

[8] City Councilor Report; None

[9] Announcements; Yolanda, a resident along Ratcliffe, described problems with vehicles parking on Ratcliffe and high grass. Pamela indicated that she would contact code enforcement to have them review the issues

[10] Election of Officers – The existing officers were reelected; Pamela Schmidling chair, Lloyd Chapman vice chair, and Tina Hansen secretary.

[11] Develop a Strategy for Each Goal; No Action.

[12] Neighborhood Issues and Concerns; None

[13] Open Issue

Submitted by Lloyd Chapman