

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 8, 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 in attendance were Pamela, Lloyd, Tina, Chap, Geoffrey, McKenzie, Al, Janet and Sam.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the December meeting were approved as submitted.

Police Report: No report.

Parks Foundation Grants--Parks Foundation Representative: Thomas Smith from the Salem Parks Foundation explained that the neighborhood grant program for parks is now open again for neighborhoods that wish to apply for park enhancements. Applications must be submitted by (Date) and have the signatures of the Parks chair and the Neighborhood Association chair.

Lisha Conner--Property at 4356 Sunland: Ms. Conner was at this meeting on behalf of her parents. Her parents want to partition this property into two parcels by creating a flag lot. The lot is .43 acres and they are asking to create a flag lot, similar to the two properties to the southeast of the subject property. The application has not been approved, but it has been submitted.

Committee Reports

Traffic: At a previous meeting concern had been raised about pedestrians crossing Pringle Road at the Leslie Middle School Fields. Brad was asked to look into the possibility of flashers or a pedestrian activated crosswalk. Brad talked with Public Works and learned that it would cost \$30 thousand for a lighted crosswalk at the location near Leslie Middle School. Public works will investigate the possibility of providing a median island at that location.

Madrona and Fairview Industrial traffic signal - A neighbor indicated that the timing of the light had been changed to benefit Madrona and there are significant backups of traffic turning left from Fairview Industrial onto Madrona. Brad will look into this problem and report back to the board.

Land Use: There is a proposed subdivision at the southeast corner of Battle Creek and Kuebler. This is part of the PacWest development

Parks: A master plan for Hilfiker Park is needed before significant additional improvements can be made at the park. Pamela/Brad will request that the council include Hilfiker Park planning in the Parks work plan.

Given the opportunity to apply for a park improvement fund grant, there was some discussion on what to apply for. The old metal slide at Morningside Park is bound to be taken out due to its age. There is also a possible swing set replacement.

After discussion, a motion was made to apply for grants from the Salem Parks Foundation and the Salem Park Improvement Fund to install new playground equipment at Morningside Park. The motion was seconded and passed.

Clark Creek Park is having a tree planting this Saturday January 10th sponsored by the Friends of Trees. Board members and neighbors are encouraged to attend.

Sam discussed the idea of a community park on the former Fairview property. Sustainable Fairview has met with the City to get the process started. It was agreed that the Parks and Land Use chairs should serve as liaisons with Sam to provide broader neighborhood participation in the planning of this project. It is hoped that through these committees, the whole neighborhood can get behind the project. While this planning process begins, Sustainable Fairview will also need to work with the acquisitions section of the city on purchase of the parkland.

Sam also indicated that the city has some interest in future use of one or more of the buildings on the Fairview site.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team next meets in February. They are preparing for a natural disaster drill in July or August.

Morningside 360: The plan has gone to the City Council, and should be up at the end of January.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: No report.

City Councilor Report: No report.

Announcements: None.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: McKenzie noticed that there have been a number of trees that were chopped down along the west side of Fairview Industrial between Lindberg and Madrona. Why were these trees chopped down, and can they be replaced? Brad will look into it.

McKenzie learned that there is a Methodone clinic in this neighborhood. She was curious about how something like this can come into our neighborhood. Apparently, there is very limited city or neighborhood review of such changes in use.

Geoffrey asked about the connection of the Pringle Creek trails in the neighborhood and how the Department of Fish and Wildlife were to implement our neighborhood plan. How does this contribute to our neighborhood? More investigation will take place before the next meeting.

Open Issues: A board member wondered if there have been any additional cougar sightings on the Fairview site. McKenzie reported that there have not been any sightings, but that tracks had been seen.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary