

## MEETING MINUTES

### MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, January 14, 2015 5:30 pm- Land Use/Parks Subcommittee Meeting 6:30 pm- Neighborhood Association Meeting 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 implement the Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.
- Identify new and enhance existing park land per Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.
- Identify opportunities for tree planting to enhance our canopy.

### AGENDA

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Pamela Schmidling called the meeting to order at 6:40 PM. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Board members attending were Pamela, Lloyd, Tina, Chap, Geoffrey, Janet, Scott, Sam, Bob, Mckenzie, and Benny.

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

Police Report: Officer Fitzpatrick gave a brief report on the holiday enforcement that took place during December and the first week in January. This is the first year the police department is trying it.

Car clouts are up because of the winter. Everyone was reminded to take all valuables out of the car, lock it, and if possible, try to keep it in the garage.

Various comments were taken from the audience. Geoffrey voiced concerns about the transient population, which has been cleared from the West Salem area. There are now transients at the corner of Fairview Industrial Drive and Marietta at night. Geoffrey is on the Police Facility task force, and will be urging the City Council to fund the new facility.

Parks Foundation Grants--Parks Foundation Representative was not available for the meeting. The equipment, including the slides and swings for Morningside Park, has been ordered and should be installed by the City in the spring.

### Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: There are no land use applications or issues present at this time.

Parks: Scott gave everyone information about a parcel in Nottingham Woods off Kuebler and Battle Creek. There is a small piece of property along Pringle Creek that is up for sale. The home owners association would like to make this property into a small park. The property is at 4705 Battle Creek.

Chap commented on the high quality clean-up of South Village Park recently done by the inmate crew.

Finally, a parks subcommittee meeting was held prior to the board meeting. There appears to be some movement by the city in terms of developing a park on the SFA property. There may be another Parks subcommittee meeting concerning the Fairview property on February 11 at 5:30, which is before next month's board meeting.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): The council did not meet, but there is discussion about expanding its service area.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The full CERT council met to set some goals. One of these goals is to try and get the groups active. Unfortunately, there is lack of support. However, the Morningside team is still meeting.

Liquor License Applications: There is a change of ownership at the Madrona Chevron.

Transit: Bob reported that the fares for the Transit District have been adjusted. Also, there are some changes coming in some of the South Salem routes. Route 6 will combine with Rout 8. It will go up to Madrona, cross Madrona to Liberty and connect with Rout 8. Route 7 will be extended to serve the area near Wall Mart. The new service will take effect on September 8.

Finally, the Transit District will be looking into finding ways to finance 7-day a week bus service. It's likely that there could be a ballot measure going out to the voters this coming May.

Benny asked if there were any plans for a bus shelter at Pringle and McGilcrest. Bob will check the priority of this location for a bus shelter.

City Councilor Report: There are two council work sessions scheduled to discuss goals for the year.

It was felt that some discussion at the next meeting could focus on neighborhood goals.

Pamela voiced concerns about landscaping businesses and residents blowing leaves into the streets.

Geoffrey feels that the City could do more to reduce visual pollution.

Finally, the 5-year forecast will be coming out. Also, February 23 is a public hearing for the street light utility fee.

Announcements: The Oregon Youth Authority will be closing Hillcrest.

The State Hospital's north campus will be demolished with the exception of the dome building.

The Department of Transportation is working on a new diverging diamond design for the Kuebler / I-5 interchange.

Hollis Hilfiker passed away last week.

Chap finally got his street light installed through PGE.

There is an ivy pull at Brush College Park from 9 to noon on January 24.

Marion County Commissioner Carlson Request for a Presentation in March, April or May--Keizer Rapids (Regional) Park and the Big Toy Project: The board agreed that Commissioner Carlson could come to the annual meeting in May so they could have a dialog about a variety of issues.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Lloyd voiced concerns about street lights that are always on. He feels this is a poor way to manage street lights.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, Secretary