

MEETING MINUTES

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, February 11, 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 6:30 PM. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Board members in attendance were Pamela, Lloyd, Tina, Geoffrey, Chap, Alan, Muriel, Al, McKenzie, Scot, Thomas and Sam.

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

Police Report: There have been a number of pedestrian fatalities in the area during the past month. Also, car clouts have decreased in this area.

Compliance Services Report: Officer Teresa Amen reported that 18 new cases have come into the office.

The officer reported on the following structures:

The house on Bluff that is derelict, but under new ownership
Damage to the property at Morningside and 12th because of the failure of the sump pump.
A property on Pioneer with a swimming pool is being cleaned up.

Chap raised concerns about the living arrangements at a house on Marshall Drive.

Parole and Probation: The department is having a recruitment fair on February 21 at the Chemeketa Community College Training Center in Brooks.

Bike Boulevard Networks--Gary Obery: In his presentation, Gary explained the purpose of bike boulevards. These streets are designed to increase the safety of bike riders by reducing the speed of cars. Cars will still be allowed on these streets, but the streets will be optimized for bikes. The board voted to write a letter in support of the group's efforts. The motion passed by a vote of 8 in favor to 4 opposed. Geof will draft a letter for the board.

Committee Reports

Traffic: The issue of the new interchange at Kuebler and I-5 came up. Geoffrey reported that there were pollution problems caused by the contractors on this project over the Martin Luther King holiday weekend. This lack of erosion control had a significant impact on Pringle Creek water quality. Salem Public Works, ODOT and DEQ have all been requested to appropriately monitor work on the site. As a result, Pringle Creek Watershed Council will be monitoring the situation.

Land Use: The chair had nothing to report.

Parks: Thomas Smith informed everyone that a new round of grants is now available through the Salem Parks Foundation. The deadline is March 27.

The board discussed 3 possible grant projects. These included the possibility of trees at South Village Park, the slide at Clark Creek Park, and a sign at Hilfiker Park. The board agreed to defer this decision until next month when more information may be available.

The board voted to formally request that Hilfiker Park be named Holis Hilfiker Park in memory of Mr. Hilfiker. A motion to do so passed.

McKenzie gave a summary of the Parks subcommittee meeting that was held before this meeting. Representatives from the City attended this meeting. This allowed committee members to ask questions and get their opinion on where things stood with SFA. They are discussing a purchase agreement for the proposed property. The process for moving things forward was outlined.

The City confirmed that this proposal would be a major amendment to the refinement plan.

There were concerns about the impact this park might have on the master plan, particularly regarding transportation.

An alternative proposal was discussed that would allow for a 25 acre park that would be located closer to the village center and further from the residential area. The alternative plan also allows for the village center to be maintained.

All parties will look over this alternative proposal and meet next month.

The next Parks subcommittee meeting will be at 5:30 PM on March 11 before the Morningside board meeting.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): Chap reported that the committee met back at Painter's Hall on February 3. They will have all future meetings at Painter's Hall.

The area wide watershed council is undergoing a reorganization.

The Pringle Creek Watershed Committee will be monitoring future activities of the contractor on Pringle Creek.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team will meet on February 17. The CERT Council will meet on February 12.

Liquor License Applications: One license is for Nancy's Burgers and Fries on 4550 Commercial Street. Southeast. The other is the B2 Tap House at 4336 Commercial Street Southeast.

Transit: The Transit District is continuing with its Moving Forward initiative. The main changes in South Salem will include:

Route 6 will become Route 8 on the other side of Commercial. This route will go to the train station. Route 7 will come down Reed Road and go to the South Salem Senior Center. Also, the new Route 8 will be on half hour service. A new transfer site for South Salem is in the works.

Finally, the transit board anticipates a new ballot measure going to the voters in November.

City Councilor Report: Tom Andersen is the City Councilor for Ward 2. He came to introduce himself to the audience.

City Manager Linda Norris will be retiring in March.

Budget discussions will be starting up in February. The Council will also be discussing its goals on February 18 with another session on February 25. There will be a public hearing on the proposed \$2.80 street light fee.

Announcements: Janet Carlson will be at the May meeting to discuss her project and any other issues of interest.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Lloyd commented that as a community, nothing is being done to help homeless individuals find places to live. Tina agreed that affordable housing is an issue and that something needs to be done. It might do well to find out what is being done in other communities across the country.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary