

## MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, April 9, 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, Alan, Muriel, Janet, Geoffrey, Bob, McKenzie, Al, Sam, Benny, and Scott.

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

Police Report: Corporal Lisa Garrett wanted everyone to be aware of graffiti and report it to the police department. In addition to the phone hot line at 503-371-4264, you can now report graffiti on the City's web site.

Also, everyone is urged not to carry Social Security cards on them in order to prevent identity theft. It is a good idea to get a copy of your credit report to make sure that there are no unusual transactions on your account.

Other issues were also discussed.

### Committee Reports

Traffic: Alan reported that the Hilfiker reclassification as a part of the Transportation System Plan has been approved. Also, he has been in communication with the City regarding parking on Harris where it intersects with 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Land Use: No report.

Parks: Muriel is waiting for an announcement on the grant from Salem Park Improvement Fund.

Pamela noticed a sign asking for sponsorship in front of Wilson Park and thought it could be a way to conduct fundraising for Morningside Park. The city indicated that they would make a sign for Morningside Park.

Clark Creek Park had another tree planting that went well. Pamela felt that in the future, Friends of Trees may want to ask the neighbors what types of trees they prefer.

Sam next gave members an update on Fairview Community Park. The Land Use and Parks subcommittees have met with the City and Sustainable Fairview to discuss the idea.

There was considerable discussion about issues related to park development, particularly the intensity of development.

The board was interested in proceeding with the possible purchase of the property and full neighborhood involvement in planning and developing the site.

A motion was made that the Morningside Neighborhood Association Board support the City moving ahead with the concept of acquiring land for a community park in the Fairview area with the understanding that the neighborhood be involved in every possible way. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): Chap brought up concerns about four developments that would have an impact on Pringle Creek. First is the new medical clinic on 12<sup>th</sup> Street.

Second, on Edwards and Madrona, there are new lots being developed that will go up to the creek.

Third, at the new Norpac facility at 25<sup>th</sup> and Madrona where there is a new truck lane.

Finally, there is another threat from additional parking being proposed at the Kettle Foods plant.

Chap feels that the development on Edward Street is bound to have the most impact, since it could lead to flooding and will make the dream of a Pringle Creek trail impossible.

Lloyd reported there is evidence of beaver in the wetland area further south.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: See Communications Fund below.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team is meeting on April 15. Also, there will be a disaster drill on July 22 from 4-9 PM.

Morningside 360--City Council Public Hearing April 14: Everyone is encouraged to attend this hearing to support approval of the neighborhood plan.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: The buses are now back on the Transit Mall at Courthouse Square. The Customer Service center and waiting room are now open, and transit administrative offices will be moving back into the building by April 21.

The Transit District received a green award for its Keizer Station facility.

Now that the Courthouse Square saga is over, the Transit District is looking at how to get additional funding to expand service on evenings and weekends. Bob feels that if the Transit District were able to put a tax levy on the ballot, it would pass, but there would be no additional funds due to compression thanks to property tax limitations.

Finally, Bob is advocating for a stop on 12<sup>th</sup> Street and Madrona near Morningside School.

Tina took the opportunity to give Geoffrey credit for pushing the restoration of Courthouse Square.

City Councilor Report: No report.  
Announcements: None.

Final Decision on Communication Funds: After much discussion, the board decided to spend the Communications Fund money on fundraising for Morningside Park.

Final Plans for Annual Meeting: After much discussion, it was decided that at the Annual Meeting, the focus should be on parks, trees, and the neighborhood plan.

Follow Up on Tree Removal along Fairview Industrial: There is nothing that can be done about this, since the trees are on private property.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: The Hoop is looking for additional parking spaces. They are thinking of the area across the street from Lindberg to the south of the School District food service building. They are also looking for additional parking, and The Hoop could possibly use business parking spaces during the evening.

There were concerns about the lack of light coordination at 12<sup>th</sup> Street downtown. There is no way to adjust the lights to facilitate better traffic flow because of the train tracks, the need for pedestrians to cross the street and the decision to emphasize east-west traffic over north-south traffic. An alternative is to go down Commercial.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary