

ANNUAL MEETING

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, May 14, 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, Tina, Chap, Geoffrey, Janet, Alan, Muriel, McKenzie, Bob and Sam.

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

Police Report: Officer Garrett reminded everyone that there is a nuisance ordinance on the books for problem houses in the neighborhood.

There was also discussion about the continuing issue of phone and e-mail scams. If you get a call from someone claiming to be from your bank of legal services, call the police. Questions were also taken from the audience.

Compliance Services Report: The house 1t 3223 12th Street will be demolished. The history of this house was discussed.

Everyone was reminded that if you see a vacant house, you should monitor it. If there is any trouble, call the police.

Questions were then taken from the audience.

Parole and Probation: No report.

Parks and Trees--City Parks, Natural Resources and Friends of Trees: Jan Staszewski, urban forester, along with Deborah Topp, natural resource outreach specialist, gave a presentation regarding removal of trees in the right-of-ways, along sidewalks, and under power lines. They distributed brochures to the audience giving further information.

They also discussed the importance of planting trees. This is where Friends of Trees can help to enhance the tree canopy. Thanks to their efforts, there were 183 volunteers on the recent Friends of Trees Clark Creek Park clean up and tree planting project.

The City has been working on the plans for the community park in this neighborhood. Sam is hopeful that the City will approve the project to create the park, and SFA will continue to hold the property off the market until the City is able to acquire the property.

Pamela explained in detail the difficulties our neighborhood association has had in working with the City on the slides at Morningside Park. She will be pursuing this issue further.

Committee Reports

Traffic: Alan gave everyone an update on the intersection of Harris and 12th. The center stripe south was removed, but there is no place to park the car.

Land Use: There is a hearing going on to approve a recycling center on the west side of the airport property.

Parks: See above.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC) Applications: Brad reported that smaller watershed councils are losing their funding. As a result, larger watershed councils will either need to expand their boundaries or extend their service boundaries.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team is still planning their disaster drill at Morningside Methodist Church in July.

Morningside 360: The neighborhood plan will go into effect on May 28, 2014.

Liquor License: None.

Transit: The Transit District is moving back into Courthouse Square. They District is doing an evaluation of the entire system, in particular, lines that are not performing well.

The Transit Board is looking into ways to fund service 7 days a week.

City Councilor Report: Former city councilor Bruce Rogers will be serving in Ward 6 to fill a vacancy until the elections.

There is a public hearing on June 23 concerning mobile food vendors. The police facility concept is still being discussed. There is a work session on this issue scheduled for May 21. This has caused a good deal of controversy within the community. Finally, there is a waste water task force being formed. The two-year utility proposals will come up in October.

Announcements: None.

Election of Board Members: All current board members were re-elected and will continue to serve. Thomas Smith was unanimously approved to fill a possible board vacancy.

Set 2014-15 Goals and Annual Review: The annual review was successfully filled out.

There was much discussion on goals and strategies for the coming year. One goal that will be added in June will be to identify opportunities for tree plantings to enhance the

tree canopy. There was also discussion about how to re-invigorate the neighborhood association through outreach and education.

Neighborhood Services--Annie Battée, Neighborhood Services Specialist: Annie updated everyone on how to contact her. Also, the new Board Guide is now available, and the web site is now updated. She also re-affirmed the City's commitment to the neighborhoods. Finally, National Night Out forms are now available.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: None.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary