

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

DATE&TIME CHANGE IN MAY ONLY Wednesday, MAY 15, 2013 7:00 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.

AGENDA

Call to Order and Introductions: Chair Pamela Schmidling called the meeting to order at 7 PM. Board members and guests introduced themselves. Board members in attendance were Tina, Lloyd, Chap, Geoffrey, Larry, Alan, Muriel, Al, Keith, Mike, Sam and Janet.

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

Police Report: Officer Ferrill gave everyone some information about Distracted Driver Awareness Month. With technology as it is today, it's easy for drivers to get distracted. Drivers can be distracted if they are eating, drinking, grooming, using their cell phone while driving, and even reading a book. Drivers are encouraged to turn off their cell phone while driving.

With summer coming up, everyone was reminded about the curfew for young people. If the youth is under 16, the curfew hours are 10 PM to 6 AM. For youth 16-17, curfew hours are from midnight to 6 AM. The exception is if the youth is with a parent or guardian.

Finally, there was discussion about the use of strike plates that would strengthen your doors.

Compliance Services Report: This summer, there is a part-time officer focusing on tall grass and weeds.

There was a complaint about a vision clearance issue on Dianne Avenue. This was looked into and determined not to be a vision clearance issue.

The City has had a good many chicken licenses over the past year. Chickens should be contained within a chicken coop, a chicken run or some other facility.

There was one public nuisance. In 2012, there were two, and in 2013, there are 12. The one closest to this neighborhood is at 3223 12th Street. The insurance claim on that property is settled.

Things are expediting with the foreclosure processes. Examples in this area included one on Madrona and one on Ewald. The place on Madrona was in compliance within 10 days.

Various questions were taken from the audience.

Options for Funding Streetlights and Street Maintenance in Neighborhoods--Public Works Staff: A presentation was given on this topic. The presenter began by explaining the current funding system, most of which involves state gas tax, registration fees and other highway funds, as well as funds from water and sewer bills. In 2000, there was a loss in revenue, which had an impact on funding the street maintenance program. Franchise fees were instituted, but then the economy crashed.

Projections didn't match actual revenue, resulting in greater uncertainty relating to the amount that the City's street maintenance program.

Business costs are going up everywhere, and this is having an impact on the City's ability to maintain the aging infrastructure of the streets.

The presenter gave the audience information about the order of priorities. Traffic signals and good lighting were high on the list, while sidewalk repair was lower down.

Given the instability of the economy, a proposal for funding street lights and maintaining streets in acceptable conditions was discussed. A new fee on utility bills would fund street lights and maintenance, while updating the lights to LED's and paving streets. The combined fee would cost around \$4 for single family residential establishments to \$16 for commercial establishments.

This is not set in stone, so there was some feedback from everyone in the meeting. While some supported the proposal, the majority felt that the funding was not equitable and didn't match the neighborhood's priorities.

Committee Reports

Traffic: Alan said that the neighborhood association has accomplished a lot during the past year, including a commitment to the widening of Reed Road and raising of the speed limit on Pringle.

Land Use: There is a new Norpac facility planned for Madrona and 25th, which is fairly close to our neighborhood. There is also another zone change of a parcel to Industrial Commercial on Fairview Industrial Drive.

Parks: No report.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connect: This community progress team has had a great year. They have run many youth engagement programs at Leslie, including parenting classes and activities with elementary students. The Just Walk group has been strengthened over the year with four walks a week. The team distributed \$30,000 to various programs in South Salem.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team met last month, and the next meeting will be coming up soon.

Morningside 360: Discussed below.

Liquor License Applications: There is one up for approval at South Salem Food and Gas on Commercial.

City Councilors' Report: The Streets and Bridges Bonds Committee met at lunch before this meeting to discuss what to do with an extra \$19 million from the 2008 bond measure. Some of this money will be used for the intersection of Madrona and 25th in conjunction with the Norpac expansion. A public hearing will be held to discuss what to do with this funding. Much of this will be discussed in the fall.

There has been no word on the Hillfiker reclassification.

Announcements: None.

Bylaw Changes and Grant Agreement: The proposed bylaw changes that were discussed at previous meetings came up for a vote. It was moved and seconded to accept the proposed changes. The motion passed.

Election of Board Members: Mike, Lloyd, Al, Alan, Muriel, Geoffrey and Larry were up for re-election to the board. Alan volunteered to change to a one-year term, and Larry announced that he will be leaving the Board as of this meeting. All other board members agreed to continue to serve and were reelected to the board. There are now two vacancies on the board.

Neighborhood Services--Annie Battée, Neighborhood Services Specialist: The new Board Member guide is now on the web site. Also, two neighborhoods South Salem and Croisan-Illahe, will be merging.

Annie also reminded everyone on how to contact her. If you need help from her office immediately, please let the person on staff know of your concerns. Otherwise, please let her know.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Jason gave everyone an update on Morningside 360. At the last meeting, there was discussion on the Kuebler/15 issue. There has not been a consensus on this area. There is a good deal of concern about the traffic that will be generated in this area.

The next meetings will focus on getting the draft of the neighborhood plan in place and possibly adopting it. The next public meeting will be scheduled for May 29 at 6:30 PM in Painter's Hall.

In June, there will be another meeting. On June 12, our next Neighborhood Association meeting, there will be another public meeting to finalize the plan and possibly lead to its adoption.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Hansen, secretary