

MINUTES
MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

MEETING - JULY 9, 2014

1. The regular monthly meeting of the Morningside Neighborhood Association was called to order by President Pam Schmidling at 6:30 PM at the Pringle Creek Community Painters Hall

Introductions of members and guests. A quorum was declared.

2. The minutes of the prior meeting were approved.

3. Officer Fitzgerald of SPD was present. She asked for and received a number of concerns about traffic matters.. She promised to check into the Albert Street traffic. She received a negative response when asked about any party noise concerns recently from "The Hoop" .

4. No report about street trees due to the absence of Jeff Leach

5. Committee Reports:

a.) Traffic - no report

b.) Land Use - No report

c.) Parks -

The dialogue on the swing and slide problem at Morningside Park continued.

Linda Norris, Salem City Manager was present. She said that ongoing citywide general fund budget concerns prevented the City from providing any significant funds towards replacement of older, and deteriorated playground equipment anywhere in the City. She conceded that the "process" for notification of the neighborhoods when city crews removed playground equipment was not adequate and promised to look at that problem,m.

Board members related anecdotal stories about children's and grandchildren's use of the equipment and what they were happy with and what should be improved. Consensus was that private contributions combined with several grant promises (Spiff and Parks Foundation) totaling \$10,500, on a matching basis, would provide for adequate, up to current code, replacement playground equipment.

MOTION was made and seconded as follows: MNA put up a sign or signs requesting public donations to match grants by Spiff and Parks Foundation for the purpose of replacing a slide in Morningside Park. The sign to indicate that such donations would be to the 501 (C)(3) tax deductible foundations.

MOTION PASSED. President Pam to contact the appropriate persons to start the signage.

1. Pringle Creek Watershed Council - Use of goats to help riparian clean up knotweed and blackberry weeds along Pringle Creek being sought. A possible merger of PCWC with North Santiam Watershed Council being proposed .

e.) South Salem Connect - No report

f.) Fundraiser - No report (but see Parks above)

g.) CERT - Will have a drill at Morningside Church evening of July 22

h.) Morningside 360 - IT IS DONE - drop from agenda

i.) Liquor License - No report..

j.) Transit - Proposing 12th and Madrona stop be placed just west of School.

No new shelters available yet. Rt. 6 will be changed to a straight run down 12th Route deviation services being considered for more sparsely served areas

Open Issues - The new roster of MNA has been issued. Volunteer Recognition night is set for Sept 15. Nominations are due by August 18.

Sam Hall reported that the City is requesting a modification of the Master plan as a prerequisite to demo of four the buildings on the Loop. The buildings are useless because of age and deterioration.

Respectfully submitted

Chap Milbank - Secretary Pro Tempore