

## MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, July 10, 2013 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.

### 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 Tina, Chap, Alan, Muriel, McKenzie, Mike, Geoffrey, and Janet.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes for the June meeting were approved as corrected.

Police Report: Officer Prager reported that there has been a rash of car thefts in the Salem area. To prevent car thefts, everyone was reminded of things they can do to prevent their car from being stolen. These included:

Keep your cars locked.

Do not leave anything valuable in plain sight.

Keep your eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood.

Keep porch lights on.

In addition, everyone should be mindful of things left out in their yards, including bicycles, power tools, and the like. These tend to go to pawn shops, so if you can mark it in some way, it can be returned.

If you're shopping, park your vehicle in a lighted area.

National Night Out is on August 6.

### Committee Reports

Traffic: Alan doesn't have a definite answer on Lansford and Commercial. It appears that one of the shrubs obstructing the view has been trimmed. It was suggested that those concerned about speeding on Albert should get a radar gun to get data. If there was speeding in that area, the City could then put the official speed measurement strips out and establish whether or not something needs to be done.

Land Use: Grace House has begun applying for a conditional use permit to use their location for resident care. Geoffrey was concerned about the parking space requirements and volunteered to correct the application.

Carl Anderson reviewed the Stockwell Rentals project which will be presented to the City Council later.

Parks: Muriel gave everyone an update on pre-development for Hillficker Park. The tree stumps where there is grassy area will be removed this summer to make way for

irrigation and seed in the fall. There will also be a gravel path near Sunland as well as an area for picnic tables and a drinking fountain. All that our Neighborhood Association needs to do is to redo the trails.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): Chap reported that there is now a sidewalk on the north side of Marshall Drive.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) Brad Nanke attended a training session at the last CERT meeting. There was also a barbecue at the church on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

Upcoming trainings, a fair at Riverfront Park, and an airport exercise are happening in September.

The CERT team now has a solar station with batteries that can be used in the event of a power outage.

Morningside 360: Jason gave a presentation on the final Neighborhood 360 Plan. After the presentation, the Board voted unanimously to adopt it.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: Bob Krebs is considering joining our board, so there will be an item on the agenda for transit at future meetings.

City Councilor Report: The Council had a presentation about a mobility study near Roth's as a potential transfer center. There is a public hearing on the Community Forestry Strategic Plan on August 12. The Parking Task Force recommendations will be discussed on July 22. Also, thanks to many e-mails voicing opposition to the new street light fee plan, it was rejected. Finally, there is a public hearing on a new chapter in the Salem Revised Code for wireless communication facilities in September and a work session on August 5 to look at a new public safety facility on the north side of City Hall, as well as a work session on the new storm water code near the end of August.

Announcements: A resident in our neighborhood has not been able to maintain their back yard and is in trouble for tall grass and a lot of berry bushes. The house is on Albert Drive. Anyone interested can work on this from 6-8 PM on Monday evening, with possible additional nights.

Goal Setting and Annual Review Due Tonight: In addition to the goals listed above, we decided to add the following: "Identify new and enhance the existing park plan". A motion to adopt this new goal passed.

Volunteer Recognition Event and Awards: After some discussion, it was agreed to nominate Geoffrey to receive the recognition. Lloyd will write a letter to that effect.

Vote on Morningside Neighborhood Plan: The vote to adopt the plan was unanimous.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns

Open Issues