

MEETING NOTICE

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, August 13, 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 implement the Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.
- Identify new and enhance existing park land per Morningside Neighborhood Association Neighborhood Plan.
- Identify opportunities for tree planting to enhance our canopy.

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, Geoffrey, Chap, Alan, Muriel, McKenzie, Al, and Bob.

Approval of Minutes: There were no minutes available to approve.

Police Report: Officer Fitzpatrick has learned about a scam. Callers are posing to be from the IRS. They are telling victims that they need to pay a certain amount of money. This is another version of a phishing scam that has been around for a long time.

Because it's summer, everyone is reminded to keep their windows locked. If you do need to open a window to let in air, place a dowel in the window. Questions were then taken from the audience.

Compliance Services Report: Between May and this meeting, there were 36 cases of tall grass and weeds and 13 abandoned vehicles. There were 5 derelict houses and 13 public nuisances.

The house at 3223 12th Street has been demolished and the mortgage company will reimburse the City. Questions were then taken from the audience.

Parole and Probation: Our officer discussed various types of units that handle parole and probation case loads.

South Salem Transit Center--Sadie Carney, Salem Keizer Transit District: The Transit District is working on locating a transit center within South Salem. The area under consideration is along Commercial, between Hilfiker and Baxter. The District realizes that this center could facilitate better economic development and greater transit visibility. The center would also allow for greater frequency of bus service. Potential specific sites will be discussed in October.

Another project the Transit District is working on is called Moving Forward. This project involves moving the district from routes that are “coverage” based (trying to provide service throughout the community) to one that focuses resources on the routes where the District has high ridership. This would make the Transit District more productive. The intention is to implement this model in June of 2015.

Federal Programs 2015-2019 Consolidated Planning Process--Rena Peck, Federal Programs Manager for the City of Salem: Peck is asking for community input regarding grants provided by the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The strategic plan will guide the City’s development over the next 5 years. The issues that are being addressed can vary.

The current plan addresses the following priorities: homelessness, economic development, affordable housing, and community development.

The City is collecting feedback from residents to help set priorities. On the City’s home page, there is a link to a survey residents can take.

Street Trees--Jeff Leach, Southeast Salem Neighborhood Association: In his presentation, Leach first explained the City’s tree planting program. He recognized that there was a gap between the City’s program and residents, so they set a goal to plant some trees in their neighborhood.

SESNA created a catalog to help residents and neighbors select which trees to plant. The SESNA program focused on connecting residents to the city Street Tree Program, which is focused on plantings in the planting strip between the curb and the sidewalk. Unfortunately, Morningside has few neighborhood streets with a planting strip.

Leach also talked about what SESNA learned.

Develop a Strategy for Each Goal: Since several park improvements have been discussed, board members felt that we could continue to focus on enhancing new and existing and new parks in the neighborhood. Other goals could be addressed as various opportunities arise.

Committee Reports

Traffic: Neighbor Kyle Dobbs voiced a concern about speeding on Heather. Alan agreed to meet with him to figure out the process that could be used to find a good solution to this problem.

Land Use: No report.

Parks: We have a Salem Park Improvement Fund grant in the works for which the letter of intent needs to be turned in by September 30. There is also the possibility of our neighborhood association applying for a grant in the new season. After discussion, the board felt that the new grant could be used to revitalize the splash pad or possibly to help get a bigger slide for the park.

The swing set at Morningside Park will be operational for at least two more years. Lloyd reported that the slide at Morningside School is not scheduled to be demolished until next summer.

Brad gave everyone updates on the proposed community park. He was concerned about how the park would be developed and how the sustainability goals of the Fairview Master Plan would continue to be met. Council cannot act until the city receives an application, so it is up to SFA to come forward with a more specific proposal.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connect: South Salem Connect is meeting the third Wednesday of each month. The team has forms available for grants to improve the neighborhood.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team had its first disaster exercise, the first neighborhood organized exercise in the city, which was fairly successful.

Morningside Park: See above.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: No report.

City Councilor Report: Next month there will be a focus on medical marijuana dispensaries.

Announcements

Volunteer Recognition Event September 15--Award Nominations Due by August 18:

Muriel felt that the CERT team would be a good nomination. Pamela will look into this.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: See above.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:

Tina Hansen, secretary