

MEETING NOTICE

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, August 14, 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 Pamela, Lloyd, Tina, Geoffrey, Sam, Alan and Muriel.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the July meeting were approved as corrected.

Police Report: Our officer began by taking various questions from the audience. She also reminded everyone to look for window locks that kept toddlers in a safe place.

For this month's tip, take photos of valuable items and record serial numbers using your Smart Phone. After recording the information, store it in a safe place. That way, if an item is stolen, it can be traced.

Compliance Services Report: There are now 20 active cases in this neighborhood, including 3 derelict houses and one dangerous building. The dangerous building on 12th Street is high on the City's priority list for demolition.

Over the past year, the City has had funding for an officer specializing in cases involving grass and weeds. The funding for that position ends on August 23.

The neighbor for whom we helped clean his yard is dealing with an issue of berry bushes growing over their fence. Can we clear 10 feet from the perimeter of the yard?

The board requested that cleanup of the median on 12th Street be a high priority. Other issues were also discussed.

Parole and Probation: Everyone received a handout describing the values held by the Marion County Sheriff's Office. Also, two adult treatment courts have received grants. One of these is the court for adults with mental health issues.

Committee Reports

Traffic: Alan got an answer back from the City regarding Lansford and Commercial. There is nothing they can do in terms of relocating the sign, but one of the service stations there is trimming their bushes to improve visibility.

Land Use: The zone change on the Southwest corner of Fairview Industrial Drive and Madrona was approved.

Within the next month, Simpson Hills, along with Sustainable Fairview, hope to begin carving out a quarter mile of Lindberg Street in from Reed Road down the property line in anticipation of Simpson Hills building apartments next year.

Parks: The Board is being invited to identify a park in their neighborhood and a project to justify applying for a Salem Park Improvement Fund grant. After some discussion, a motion was made to apply for this grant to focus on tree restoration at South Village Park. This motion passed.

Storm water Services has allocated \$20 thousand towards Clark Creek Restoration.

Geoffrey had a chance to visit the new offices of the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife. While there he asked about expanding the network of nature trails along Pringle Creek. The Department voiced its concern, and also explained that they chop up non-native vegetation and put it in Pringle Creek. He felt that chopping up vegetation is not good practice, and also wishes to see the system of nature trails continue along Pringle Creek.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connect: This progress team meets on August 15. They did distribute materials for National Night Out.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team meets next on August 20. There is an exercise being done by the City on September 20, and an event at Riverfront Park sponsored by Northwest Natural Gas sometime in September. The team now has some solar panels and water containers in its cache box.

Morningside 360: First off, there is a work session with the Planning Commission on August 20 at 5:30 PM in the Council Chambers.

After the plan was adopted by the board, Carol Jones, a property owner on 4525 27th Street called because she felt her site was not properly addressed. The Board felt that it would be best if she would come to our meeting to voice her concerns.

Liquor License Applications: The City recommended granting a license to Cascadia Brokerage on Pringle.

Transit: The Transit District is looking to find a site for the South Salem Transit Center.

The Keizer transfer center opened at the beginning of July. Therefore, at the beginning of September, a number of the routes will be changing to accommodate that.

Transit Director Krebs is still working on getting a bus stop at 12th and Madrona.

City Councilor Report: No report.

Proposed Storm water Code--Robert Chandler, Assistant Public Works Director: The City is proposing a new chapter in the Salem Revised Code specific to storm water. This new chapter will accomplish two objectives. First, it will combine in one place

everything having to do with storm water. Second, it brings the City into compliance with regulations issued by the federal Department of Environmental Quality. It also clears up what is and is not allowed in the storm water system.

Announcements: Bob Krebs and Benny Yows were welcomed to the Board.

Morningside Methodist Church is doing their annual food drive again this year from September 8-15. All food will be donated to Hope Station.

On September 8, Salem in the Streets will take place from 11 AM to 4 PM. This event is designed to promote walking, fitness, and healthy lifestyles.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Pamela was concerned about the lack of information from the City educating the public about fall leaf cleanup.

John Christianson expressed interest in learning about the Clark Creek Park Restoration Project, and wishes to bring his neighborhood association, the South Central Association of Neighbors, onboard to help.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Tina Hansen, secretary