

MEETING MINUTES

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, September 10, 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. Members in attendance were Pamela, Lloyd, Tina, Geoffrey, Alan, Muriel, Benny, Janet, Thomas, Sam and McKenzie.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the July and August meetings were approved as submitted.

Police Report: Officer Fitzpatrick began this segment by reminding everyone that because school has started, they should be aware of school zone signs.

Tina warned everyone about a phone scam she has been made aware of. The caller claims to be from Microsoft tech support and says they can help you fix your computer. If they call you, hang up.

Lloyd raised the question of whether someone can be fined because they are not wearing their seat belt when the officer approaches the car. Benny voiced concerns that someone he knew was harassed about having their purse with their ID in the back seat of their car.

Committee Reports

Traffic: Alan followed up on the issue of speeding on Heather. He was able to contact someone at the City and gave the neighbors the information needed concerning speed bumps.

Land Use: No report.

Parks: Muriel began with an update on Hilfiker Park. The gravel path leading to the picnic table has been completed.

Splash pads sought for Morningside Park are no longer installed by the city.

We are unable to apply for another grant until we can obtain at least \$400 in matching funds for the previous grant.

Muriel gave everyone a recap of the grants received both from the Salem Parks Foundation and the Salem Park Improvement Fund. These grants were:

2011 \$5365 Hilfiker Park
2012 \$10,000 Hilfiker Park
2012 \$7500 Morningside Park
2013 \$5500 Morningside Park
2013 \$5000 Morningside Park
Total \$33,365

After much discussion, it was decided to use the grant funds to replace the burned portion of the slide at Clark Creek Park.

Muriel will also investigate other grants that could help with park improvements.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): No report.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The team will have a booth at the Volunteer Recognition event on September 15. Also, on September 20, Get Ready Salem, a disaster preparedness event, will be hosted at Riverfront Park.

Morningside 360: No report.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: No report.

City Councilor Report: Councilor Nanke was not present, but the City has developed a new app that allows residents to enter their address and locate their nearest neighborhood association.

Announcements: none.

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: Sam showed the board a new visualization of the layout for the Sustainable Fairview property including a community park. It is important to the board that this new vision not only focus on the community park, but on the continual implementation of the Sustainable Fairview master plan. After much discussion, a motion was made that a letter be written confirming our support for a community park on the property as consistent with the master plan and requesting continuing discussions between SFA and the City on the issue. The motion was seconded and passed. Lloyd will draft the letter and McKenzie and Geoffrey will review it.

Open Issues: None.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary