

MEETING MINUTES

MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, November 13, 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.
- Identify new and enhance existing park land per 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, Chap, Geoffrey, Janet, Al, Alan, Muriel, McKenzie, Bob and Benny.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the October meeting were approved as submitted.

Police Report: No report.

Compliance Services Report: Since the last meeting, there have been 82 new cases in the Morningside neighborhood. These include 6 new derelict structures, with 3 of them claimed as public nuisances. In addition, there have been 36 cases where junk was kept and should not have been. There have also been 26 cases of tall grass and weeds violations.

Two highlights in the neighborhood include:

There is still a derelict structure at 1185 Morningside, which is being continually broken into. There was also an abandoned vehicle on the property. The vehicle was actually tagged as being involved in a hit and run accident, and the vehicle is now gone.

Another derelict property in the neighborhood was at 4235 27th Avenue. This property has been demolished.

Other issues were also discussed, including the dangerous building on 12th Street. That building should be demolished by February.

Parole and Probation: No report.

Hilfiker Park: Pamela got a letter from the Meyer Family Trust asking specific questions that she was unable to address. She has forwarded the letter to the Parks Department, but has not gotten a response. It was suggested that the questioner meet with Hollice Hilfiker

to discuss these issues. The staff from the Parks Department will be at the December meeting.

Committee Reports

Traffic: No report.

Land Use: No report.

Parks: Muriel was encouraged by Parks staff to change the project that could be done with Salem Park Improvement funds. The Morningside Park is in need of a new slide. After some discussion, Lloyd moved that the board change our grant proposal to focus on a new slide for Morningside Park and proceed with a free tree planting program for South Village. The motion was seconded and passed.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): There will be a tree planting with Friends of Trees at Clark Creek Park on December 7 from 9 AM to 3 PM. There is also interest in what is happening across Pringle Creek from Gilgamesh.

South Salem Connect: The team will meet on November 20.

Fundraiser: No report.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): This team will be meeting in December.

Morningside 360: The hearing before the Planning Commission has been pushed back to Tuesday, December 3 due to complex problems with the Unified Development Code.

Liquor License Applications: No report.

Transit: The Transit District has been researching alternative stops at Commercial and Liberty by the library. They are considering moving the stops to the right side of the street to minimize the need for buses to move across lanes of traffic. Also, the South Salem transit station is being worked on.

City Councilor Report: Brad Nanke was not able to attend the meeting. Muriel wanted to know what was going to happen to the Neighborhood Association's suggested pedestrian projects from the Streets and Bridges bond measure.

Announcements: In the last two weeks, there have been 3 cougar sightings, two on Pringle and one on Fairview. Also, the gate between Leslie Middle School and the southwest corner of Pringle Creek has been cut and will soon be replaced.

Fall Leaf Haul Volunteer Sign Up - Saturday, December 7 - 9am - 3pm --Sprague High School (2373 Kuebler Road S)

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns: None.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary