

MEETING NOTICE
MORNINGSIDE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Wednesday, November 14, 2012 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 Geoffrey, Alan, Muriel, Keith, Tina, Lloyd, Chap, Al, and Janet.

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

Police Report: Officer Dawson said that crime stats are just about average for this time of
year.

His topics at this meeting were burglary prevention and wet weather driving. Now is a
good time for neighbors to trim back bushes and shrubs so that potential burglars don't
have a place to hide. This, along with good lighting, can reduce your chances of being
burglarized.

Now that wet weather is here, there is a greater chance for accidents. Drivers are
encouraged to slow down and increase their distance as a way to prevent accidents and
crashes.

Brad said that at the last City Council meeting, there was discussion about a grant for
another lidar unit that reports speeds and distance between vehicles.

Compliance Services Report: Since August of this year the majority of cases cited were
tall grass and weed violations at 55. Junk violations are at 50, and solid waste violations
are at 14. Everyone was also reminded that raking leaves into the streets is a violation for
which you could be cited. If you see anyone doing this, you can contact Public Works at
503-588-6333.

There was some discussion concerning parking on the sidewalk along Marshall Drive.
The compliance officer will continue to monitor this situation.

Alan said that Sunland Street doesn't get swept as often as it could be and wondered why
that was. You can call the Public Works number listed above, and you can get
information on when your street is scheduled to be cleaned.

What about the abandoned house on 12th Street across from Heather? It was to have gone before the attorneys in October, but there has been little progress. Teresa will get back to us on any developments on the property.

Parole and Probation: This office is going in a somewhat new direction. They are focusing their resources on high risk offenders. The lower risk offenders are still on supervision, but they are being directed towards prevention, education and employment so they don't become high risk offenders. The hope is that these people will take greater responsibility for their actions.

Thanks to grants and federal funds, the department is looking into housing and resources to help offenders who are just getting out of prison and transitioning back into the community.

Neighbors Request for a Bus Stop at the corner of 12th and Madrona, next to Morningside Elementary School: In the past, there was a bus stop on the corner of Madrona and 12th Street in front of the school. Complaints from the school led to moving the stop to the east side of 12th Street. When the routes were redesigned a few years ago, no stop was placed in front of the school. Over the summer, a group of neighbors had been circulating a petition to bring the stop near the entrance of Morningside School. The Principal of Morningside School was concerned that a stop at the entrance to the school would create the same problems that had occurred earlier and not be safe for the students.

As a result, there will not be a stop at that location. However, there are still options that could allow for a bus stop near the school but possibly on 12th Street.

Lloyd moved that the Neighborhood Association go on record in opposition to the siting of a bus stop on Madrona at 12th Street in front of the entrance to Morningside School. The motion was seconded and passed.

Keith asked: Why isn't there a bus stop near Painter's Hall? If there was a bus stop on Old Strong Road, it would be a real help to the community. Unfortunately, there is no pedestrian infrastructure, and that street is not ADA compliant.

Hilfiker Park: Muriel informed everyone that her letter of intent was accepted, so the next step for filling out the paperwork is beginning. Her proposal for Hilfiker Park includes grading and seating, as well as more trails around the park and a hard surface for the benefit of anyone going up to Trader Joe's.

Our park has a \$10,000 donation, and the project could use \$10,000 from the Salem Park Improvement Fund.

Muriel was concerned that there is nothing in the Parks Master Plan on the process for developing an undeveloped park, prior to a formal parks plan being adopted. What are the steps needed to make it happen?

Also, there is no easement between the park and Hilfiker Lane. If the trails were built, where would they take people?

After much discussion, a motion was made that Morningside Neighborhood Association support the formation of a fundraising committee that would focus on this or other neighborhood projects. The motion was seconded and passed.

Committee Reports

Traffic: Brad gave everyone an update on the downgrading of Hilfiker to a collector. The latest we could see the downgrade would be early in 2014.

Land Use: At the last meeting representatives from a retail store had proposed it at the site of the former Mongolian Grill. There was concern that the driveway from Albert Drive should stay open so the neighbors could use it. Opening the driveway would require a variance from the city and the developer has decided not to open the driveway. However, there is an entrance at Lansford on the south side of Commercial.

There was more discussion about the new Unified Development Code. It is hoped that a document can be created to explain the code in terms the public can understand. All the land use chairs will meet in two weeks to discuss this.

There has been no news on Fairview Hills.

Parks: No report.

Pringle Creek Watershed Council (PCWC): Chap learned that Clark Creek is in this watershed, and the watershed council is getting no help from Leslie Middle School or Morningside School. However, South Salem High School is helping to plant native plants in the concrete channel east of the school.

South Salem Connect: No report.

Airport: There have been public hearings on this issue. The next hearing is scheduled for November 20.

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT): The next meeting is at the Morningside Church on November 27 at 6:30 PM.

Lloyd reported that Morningside Methodist hosted the emergency preparedness fair on October 27 for Make a Difference Day, which was successful.

Morningside 360: The October 31 draft was an early draft of the plan which did not include all chapters. Two more chapters have been added to this next draft of the plan, which will go out to the board members.

Geoffrey expressed concerns about the zoning along Keubler from I5 to Battle Creek. The next land use committee meeting will be November 29 at 6:30 PM at Painter's Hall.

Liquor License Applications: None.

City Councilor Report: There are 3 public hearings on December 3. One is a continuation of the hearing on unsolicited written material, specifically from the Statesman Journal. The other issues are the unified development code and transportation plan amendments.

There is a work session on November 28 concerning the river crossing. There is also a work session about the City's long term budget.

The increased water rates have been approved. This is a two-year rate increase of 6 percent for each year. The new bills will be coming out in February.

Announcements: Fall Leaf Haul Volunteer Sign Up--Saturday, December 1, 9am - 3pm – Sprague High School (2373 Kuebler Road S)

Neighborhood Issues and Concerns--Communications: There is a cell tower on Commercial that looks like a tree. Muriel was impressed.

Open Issues: None.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Tina Hansen, secretary