

**Morningside Area Community Council  
Meeting Minutes: January 3, 2013**

Call to order: 7:11 PM

Pledge

- I. Approval of December, 2012 minutes
  - a. Minutes not available at time of meeting. Will be available prior to February meeting for review and approval.
- II. Finance Report
  - a. Balance as of 12/31/2012 \$2,713.11
    - i. Deposits (December, 2012) \$ 848.00
    - ii. Checks (December, 2012) \$1,019.06
    - iii. Interest (12/31/2012) \$ 0.04
  - b. Motion to approve by Yasmin Ariff-Sayed, seconded by Nan Pischke. Passed
- III. Committee Reports
  - a. Events – Merry Morningside
    - i. About 100 people came in total, 30-40 carolers
    - ii. Might split into 2 groups of carolers next year
    - iii. Winner of the holiday light contest: Lisa Kramer
  - b. Strategic Planning
    - i. Meeting: January 12, 9a-2p, St. Raphael's Church
  - c. Housing and Community Development
    - i. 745 Negley Ave. (Fmr. Craig Academy) – Mt. Ararat Zoning Proposal
    - ii. Field Improvement Project
      1. Paschek finalizing the report. Hope to have by the strategic planning meeting.
      2. Once received, steering committee will review options and next steps.
    - iii. ELDI engagement
      1. Councilman Dowd's office has been compiling an inventory of problem properties in Morningside, started a conversation with Kendall Pelling at ELDI.
      2. ELDI is interested in single scatter-site projects, focused in the Heths/Highview/Wellesley area.
  - d. Membership
    - i. Will be discussed at the strategic planning meeting
  - e. Communications
    - i. Michelle Belan expressed desire to leave her post as newsletter editor
  - f. Greening and Beautification
    - i. Amy Ervin moving on. Need new Chair.
  - g. Public Safety
    - i. Zone 5 public safety meeting next Tuesday, 7PM, Union Project. Detective Matt Marks will be talking about the recent rash of burglaries.
    - ii. Pittsburgh Police Citizen's Academy: learn how to be a police officer!
      1. Application deadline: January 25, 2013.
      2. Flyer attached to the end of minutes.

- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
  - a. Morningside Mile looking for volunteers. Will have an open house at the end of January to hear about the committee.
- VI. Motion to adjourn by Sandvig, second by Nan
  - a. Adjourn at 8:12 pm.



## **PITTSBURGH CITIZEN'S POLICE ACADEMY**

Twice a year, the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police sponsors an opportunity for members of the community to become closely acquainted with the roles and responsibilities of the Police Bureau. The Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy brings the police and the community close together in a setting that offers a sample of police training to each participant.

Participants receive three hours of training one evening each week in many of the varied functions of law enforcement. They experience some of the highlights of police training and are exposed to the operations of the police bureau. Participants are taught the basics of criminal law, search and seizure, patrol tactics, firearms and many other subjects. They learn about the processing of a crime scene, how police canines are used, and are exposed to many of the specialty police units. CPA participants meet and talk with many of the street officers as well as the command staff and training staff that serves them. All this takes place in a safe and entertaining training environment.

Instructors are law enforcement professionals who teach both veteran and recruit police officers. Students leave this training with a greater understanding of the police mission and with an increased ability to see how the police serve the community.

*This program is not an accredited certification course to become a sworn police officer.*

Class size is limited to 30 participants. All interested persons must give permission for the Pittsburgh Bureau of Police to conduct a background check to determine if they have a criminal record.

The next Citizen's Police Academy course will begin on Monday, February 4, 2013, at the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, located at 616 N. Highland Avenue in the Highland Park/East Liberty neighborhood of the City. The program will be held each Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for 15 weeks. Please return applications by U.S. mail or hand-deliver to the Pittsburgh Police Training Academy. The Citizen's Police Academy application can be found at [http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/police/citizens\\_police\\_academy.htm](http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/police/citizens_police_academy.htm). All applications must be received by **January 25, 2013**.

For more information on the City of Pittsburgh Citizen's Police Academy, please contact Lieutenant Jennifer Ford at:

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