

Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
June 4, 2014 - Minutes
VFW Banquet Hall, Morningside

I. Welcome & Introductions (7:07 pm)

Pledge of Allegiance recited. Group introductions.

II. Treasurer's Report & Previous Minutes

Yard sale income was \$440, making total deposits for the month \$560. The largest expense was \$272 for 20 membership t-shirts. The current operating balance is \$2,474. If the Neighborhood Needs grant is included, there is ~\$6000 available.

Mike motioned for approval of Treasurer's Report, Allison seconded, unanimously passed.

III. Public Safety

A. Commander O'Connor Update

Commander O'Connor was not present.

B. Zone 5 Safety Update (Stacey DiRenzo)

The Zone 5 Safety Meeting is next Tuesday (6/10) at The Union Project.

National Night Out will be August 5th this year. More information will be posted on the City's website and the MACC website. Most blocks have block parties, but different blocks do different things. Everyone is encouraged to turn on porch lights from 5-8pm.

The question was raised whether MACC can provide an incentive for participation. The City has provided kits in previous years. MACC will provide National Night Out kits (including bottled water, snacks, balloons, MACC information like new member applications, Mile registration, etc.) for registered blocks. Stacey, Allison, and Alana will coordinate preparation of the kits.

A bike was stolen from a front porch on 1700 block of Duffied St. earlier this month. The perpetrator was chased off and later spotted in the neighborhood with another bike.

IV. Housing Committee Report (Matt Diersen and Ben Kelley)

The URA is preparing to release an RFP for redeveloping the school and is looking to MACC for input. MACC will provide input on the RFP process, such as proposal requirements, scoring, and including neighborhood input. A more broad public process is likely during the proposal evaluation phase.

The convent on Jancey St has been purchased and will, most likely, remain residential.

V. *Yard Sale Recap (Mike Hellman)*

67 homes registered, resulting in \$670 in revenue. Expenses were \$138. Profit for MACC is therefore \$532.

St. Raphael's had a successful collecting for the bazaar.

VI. *Morningside Mile Update (Alana Delaney and Emily Keebler)*

This year's honoree is Francis Colletto, a Gold Star Mother. Her son was killed in the line of duty in 1969, and she has volunteered for the VA for ~30 years. She passed away recently, but her family is happy for her to be honored. The beneficiary will most probably be Gold Star Mothers.

This year's Comedy Night fundraiser will be July 25th at the VFW. Volunteers should contact Alana Delaney.

The Mile is September 13th at 9am. Interested sponsors should contact Emily Keebler.

Community Day will follow the Mile at 10am.

VII. *Vice President Appointment & Nomination (Ira Mabel)*

Ben Kelley has been appointed interim Vice President for the remainder of Garrett Cooper's term (through December 2014).

The board is accepting nominations until the next general meeting (7/2) for Vice President. The election would take place the following meeting (9/3). An announcement and position description will be placed on the MACC website.

VIII. *Old Business*

The Carnegie Public Library is interested Morningside as a location for a pop-up library. Ron Costas's space is a possible location. Partnerships with the senior center and youth looking for community service hours are possible.

IX. *New Business*

The Beautification Committee is planning to apply for a grant from Treevitalize for neighborhood trees. It was noted that the trees by Rite Aid on Morningside Ave may need care.

It is MACC tradition to not hold one general meeting during the summer. A discussion concluded that a July meeting would be useful for additional planning for National Night Out and Morningside Mile. A decision was posed to hold a general meeting in July and possibly skip the meeting in August.

Matt motioned to approve the minutes from May, Lisa seconded, unanimously approved.

Grant Gitlen reported on events from the Mayor's office:

- The new Public Safety Director started this week. Community input will be

required during the search for a new Police Chief. Input will be organized through the zone public safety councils.

- The Mayor has reinstated graffiti task force in the police department.
- The Act 47 team released an amended fiscal recovery plan. Some controversial recommendations are property tax increases, cuts to City departments, and a freeze on City salaries. The Mayor is opposed to a property tax increase.
- The Intergovernmental Cooperation Authority wants the City to make a 20% reduction in spending but offered no suggested cuts.
- The Mayor's second Night In is next Tuesday (6/10).

X. *Adjourn (8:04 pm)*

Motion to adjourn, unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by Ira Mabel, Secretary