

**Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting**  
**August 5, 2015 - Minutes**  
**VFW Banquet Hall, Morningside**

*All times given are maximums. Most topics will not require the full time allotted.*

*I. Welcome & Introductions (7:10 pm)*

*II. Treasurer's Report & Previous Minutes (Henry and Ira)*

Two checks - one to sponsor the St. Raphael Bazaar, one for insurance. MACC's operating budget is \$1,781.96.

July minutes were posted online.

*III. Public Safety*

*A. Zone 5 Report*

There were no major crimes in the neighborhood. Thefts from vehicles are down. Officers enjoyed visiting the national nights out events; Zone 5 had enough staff to cover all of them.

The city has been getting a lot of mayor's complaints for parking at Natoli field. After investigation, it seems to occur during senior events. When football and soccer play, they open the gate and park on the field next to the building. Why can't the seniors do that?

There were witnesses of illegal dumping on Villanova Rd, who sent the vehicle's license plate to Cmdr Lando. If you see illegal dumping, also contact Melissa Rosenfeld in DPW.

*B. Zone 5 Safety Update*

There will be no August Zone 5 safety meeting. The next meeting is Sept 8.

*IV. Zoo News*

The Zoo is renovating the "Top of the World" area, which houses the bear den, the primates, the large restaurant, and the care center. In 4-5 years there will be 19 new exhibits. Phase I, the Jambo Grill, is complete. Phase II, The Islands, is recently complete. Phase III is in the design phase, and will probably follow a jungle theme. Phase IV is the solarium, indoor exhibits, and a new orangutan outdoor exhibit.

*V. National Night Out*

There were two events in Morningside last night. Two more will happen on other nights later in the month.

*VI. Old Business*

Comedy Night is coming up. There will be three new comedians. 130 tickets have been sold, totalling about \$3200. These fundraising events make more money than the Mile. The Mile Committee is looking to grow the Mile, but they need more support. Growth has been steady but small year over year.. Please tell your friends and neighbors, we are trying to grow as a community event.

Thanks to the Morningsiders who helped with the recent tree mulching, and to Tree Pittsburgh. Pitt Serves is coming with a bus load of freshman for the fall clean up again. We missed the spring application for trees, but we'll try for the fall.

PHFA did not approve the school project for funding this year. The developer will try again next year.

Forbes Management Company has bought the stagnos building.

The Bookshelf Cafe has started training staff.

Ben Kelley and Matt Diersen did a walk through of the neighborhood with PLI in May looking for building violations. We have not seen any response to the complaints.

The owner of the Bulldog has been notified of the illegal beer signs. No action has been taken yet.

No significant updates on the Heth's Run. WRT was chosen as the landscape architect. They had the most impressive presentation by far. The project is just now getting started. The community should be involved early in the process.

*VII. New Business*

Applications are due this Friday for the Civic Leadership Academy.  
[Pittsburghpa.org/servepgh/cla](http://Pittsburghpa.org/servepgh/cla).

Applications for love your block program are due November 2nd. The max grant is \$1000. There will be 20 grants.

Overgrown steps and sidewalks is a recurring problem in the niehgborhood. Maybe coordinating with the zoo and the city and the love your block program can be a catalyst for turning around Baker St.

Michael Smith (in attendance) is the neighborhood planner from the City.

*VIII. Adjourn (8:11 pm)*