

MACC Minutes

April 2, 2014

Meeting Called to Order at 8:02 pm by Vice President, Garrett Cooper

Pledge Allegiance Recited and Introductions

Secretary and Treasurer's Report, and Secretary Election

Motions to approve March Minutes and Treasurer's Report - Stacey; Rob; unanimously approved

Secretary - Ira Mabel unanimously approved vote (ran unopposed)

Zone 5 Safety

No crime updates

15 yo girl walking to SH and accosted Greenwood heading up to Duffield - still looking for the guy who did this

BM, around 40 yo, 5'9" (goatee; black outfit and work boots); seen loitering around Natoli Field; seen around Rite Aid; could be a homeless person

Looking for identification

Put up info on Nextdoor Neighbor (Stacey put it up)

Call 9-1-1 if you see the suspect

Traffic enforcement during morning rush; around the construction near the gas station Baker and Butler Street

Question about stop sign coming off the Highland Park bridge (Nan)

Mayor's complaint line (3-1-1); speeding in the neighborhood (Yasmeen)

Citywide April 26 - Lawrenceville (Teamster's Temple)

Heth's/Natoli Parks

Leslie talking about the process (King Ave resident) - improve both fields

Diane report out - 2 neighborhoods and local organizations and groups (i.e., HPCDC, HPCC, athletic teams, MACC, WPA Conservancy)

Process went smoother than anticipated; looked to create an organization structure

Made sure the field improvements fit into the Master Plan

The fields are highly used; improves property values and is used by children in the neighborhood

MACC leadership and HPCC was very cooperative in helping to support the process, along with the VFW for providing space for the meetings

Bobby spoke of the data collection process - benchmarking, interviews, etc. The question: how do organizations best structure themselves?

Spoke with 8 different associations throughout the state; most were setup as 501c3s, though there were some hybrid structures

Provided the committee with bylaw examples

Consultant Recommendations:

1. Hold off on incorporating 501c3s until you find your identify; lengthy process to incorporate; you can take advantage of funding that is available to different partners, while still pinning down your identity
2. Operate the organization by a formal committee structure, which includes officers
3. Create bylaws to provide structure

Summary - the final report will be posted on the MACC website and other social media platforms; provide recommendations of organizations (foundations) who may be interested in funding the field improvements. Considerable momentum and encouraging MACC and other partners to move forward on actionable items in the consulting plan.

Question - will the tennis court be modernized? In the near-term, yes; in the long-run, likely not.

Question - was a survey done of the actual users of the fields? We relied on the coaches to provide input on usage of the field. Grant spoke of Paschak process to incorporate community

feedback. Grant suggested that what we have created is a multi-disciplinary group for Heth's Run and Natoli Field improvements.

MACC and other groups are in a position to move ahead in some dramatic way.

Project 15206

Ali Mabel and Barton Kirk are the Morningside leads on this project

Gordon Marks spoke of the project and provided a context for the work. Organizations involved: PGH Community Services (community aspect), Penn State University Extension (technical work) and Senator Ferlo's office

Lisa from PSU Center Urban-Ag Extension in the old Connelly High School building

Luke Stamper provided a presentation on the new rain barrel offerings (designed to last 25 years assuming you winterize the barrel)

It is possible to customize the rain barrel

Provide members from Senator Ferlo's office with your contact information if you are interested.

Various volunteer opportunities are available to help out with Project 15206

We would like to connect to the Project 15206 page and circulate the PowerPoint through social media channels. MACC may try to connect its home page to Project 15206.

This project is linked to the Heth's Run Restoration Project and involves the Pittsburgh Zoo parking lot; the new bridge has re-opened that process.

On March 25, a number of local organization and stakeholders met at Senator Ferlo's office to re-open the Heth's Run Restoration Project.

Question - will the parking lot be permeable? There will be portions of the parking lot that will be permeable.

Revised MOU with Bulldog

Ben spoke of the MOU he negotiated with Terry that will be signed and on file with the state.

Question - what will the hours be? Until 9 pm for outside seating; weekdays and weekends.

Old Business

MACC n" Cheese event was a huge success and very profitable

Grant complimented her on the info graphic (put it on the home page)

Michael announcement yard sale

Allison McLaren spoke about tripling the MACC membership in terms of giving, yet numbers are not quite at 2013 levels

New Business

Lisa Petrilli is taking on the Beautification Committee; she's made contact with a number of organizations.

We need to find our old waiver form for Earth Day cleanup.

Spoke of Lisa Ceoffee tree program, which will be available in the fall.

Lisa from PSU Urban-Ag Extension will help identify the best places to plant trees in the fall in Morningside

Citywide innovation and DPW has a new process

MACC is looking for a new communications manager to replace Christine Cato, who has been terrific to MACC but needs to resign.

Morningside may be eligible to qualify for a "pop-up library"; Lisa Petrilli has made contact with CLP and they are interested.

Nan Pischke is looking for volunteers for the Easter Egg Hunt.

MACC lost the "Love Your Block" grant; Nan would like to replace a retaining wall for the Garden Club. Grant Ervin said he would speak with Mike Gable for ideas on how to fix it.

We are looking for a volunteer to organize the MACC Community Day.

Motion to adjourn; Ira and Yasmeen. Unanimous vote.

Meeting ended at 8:46 pm.

Minutes recorded by interim Secretary, Garrett Cooper