

**Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
September 6, 2017 Draft Minutes
VFW Banquet Hall, Morningside**

- I. Introductions and Welcome. Called to order 7:08 Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Secretary's report. Draft minutes for the June and July meetings were presented.
- III. Treasurer's Report. Henry presented his report on current finances. Checking balance is \$7,698.81. Savings balance is \$2,363.92.
- IV. Public Safety Report. Zone 5 was represented by our two community liaison officers.
 - A. Morningside has been quiet within the zone.
 - B. Patty asked about a police event with ambulance at Eddie's. The officers weren't sure.
 - C. Amy raised a question about the tone of the Nextdoor feedback regarding petty crime and "nothing to do" among neighborhood teens. She also raised the question of brazen drug use by teens in the area of Natoli Field. The police reported that photographing anyone in the act of a crime is permissible, and that they have been responding to calls on this issue. The consensus was that many of the actors are known and that the parents are not necessarily able to be engaged constructively.
 - D. There was a question regarding an abandoned car issue. It was recommended that a 311 report be filed, though the process can be long.
 - E. Next Zone 5 public safety meeting is scheduled for September 12 at 7pm at the Union Project.
- V. Elected Officials
 - A. Ernest presented for the city, he announced that the city's website has been updated for the first time since 2011. On September 22 from 10am to 2pm the city is holding citizenship day to help immigrants navigate the naturalization process. There will be a Naturalization ceremony open to the public at noon in council chambers.
- VI. Committees
 - A. Activities: National night out was a success, with good turnout at several block parties. Various other block parties have been held as well as summer ends.
 - B. Membership: New resident welcome bags have been assembled and Allison is looking for a mechanism to distribute them, that does not involve her management. It was mentioned that Highland Park
 - C. Beautification: The possibility of a fall cleanup was discussed. Pitt offers volunteers on October 21st. The benefits of the volunteers were discussed. Ryan would be willing to help manage the volunteers, he'll reach out to be the contact person for the initiative.

VII. New Business

- A. Bar Bingo was announced for September 16th and Alana offered tickets. Doors are at 6pm, games at 7pm.
- B. "Christmas Tree Mike" reported the status of his tree sales, he tentatively plans to be at the fenced lot on Butler Street next to the dog groomer with parking at the ice cream shop. Mike would like to provide information on the MACC website once his plans are finalized.
- C. Updates were provided at the groundbreaking event for the already-broken ground at the Senior housing. The developers were not able to attend the meeting tonight but will attend next month. Ben reported that the mayor was receptive to a plan to implement some of the past field study initiatives in the repurposing of the Rec Center.
- D. Fall-o-ween is theoretically scheduled for October 28, but may be rescheduled to October 14. Jenny had taken on responsibility for event planning and was not present to update.

VIII. Adjournment at 8:20pm.