

**Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
March 7, 2018 Minutes
VFW Banquet Hall, Morningside**

I. Introductions and Welcome. Called to order 7:06. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Secretary's report. Matt presented January meeting minute drafts for review. Laura moved to accept the minutes and Stacey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

III. Henry reported that the Checking balance is \$8,833.88 Savings balance is \$3,557.79.

III. Public Safety Report for Zone 5 was presented by Stacey, as no community liaison officer was initially present at the meeting.

- A. Zone 5 Citizens' Public Safety Council is meeting next Tuesday 3/13 at 7pm at the Union project.
- B. The citywide public safety meeting will be held at the Teamsters Temple on April 18 at 6pm.

IV. Committees

A. Events:

- 1. March 10 will be the MACC and cheese event. The event is sold out and volunteers are still needed.
- 2. March 24 is Easter Egg hunt. A motion was made to approve \$200 conditionally for use by the organizer. There may be sponsorship money available.

V. Elected Officials

- A. Molly Onufer and Leah Friedman from the mayor's office were present in Ernest's stead as he returned to grad school at night.
 - 1. Two new tools are available at the mayor's office, on regarding budgeting models and tax fund utilization.
 - 2. EMS will provide car seat check at 22nd and Liberty from 10am-1pm tomorrow.
 - 3. April 2-8 is Inclusive Innovation Week. weinnovatepgh.net
 - 4. Student police academy is accepting applications through Friday.
 - 5. Citiparks is hiring summer lifeguards. Hourly wages start at \$10. and training s offered at the Oliver Bathhouse.
 - 6. Yasmeen had a question regarding the schedule of patching for potholes, especially on Morningside Ave. Molly reported that the opening of the asphalt plant is expected shortly and street repair will improve.
 - 7. Citizen's Leadership Academy information sessions are available on YouTube.
 - 8. Nan had a question regarding hillside runoff, Molly will follow up.

9. Matt asked about condemnation inspectors at PLI, specifically related to certain vacant properties on Butler Street. Molly suggested calling 311 and reporting PLI has a monthly community forum. Julianne Ashula is the public liaison for PLI, and Cori Merkle. Building eye lists open actions and history.
- B. Mik Pappas reflected on his first few months as District Magistrate and the unique conditions of the neighborhoods under his jurisdiction. In Morningside, many of the cases are 311 violations and owner-contractor disputes. Many of the 311 property violations are for elderly or otherwise disabled individuals who are unable to maintain their property, and unable to find assistance. He would like to be able to have a method of referring needy homeowners to community groups and members such as MACC via PLI inspectors. New schedules have been created for specific varieties of hearings. Mik stressed his open-door policy, and he continues to be present in Morningside, through 2019, at least.

VI. Committees Part II

- A. Events: No one is currently administering the Annual Yard Sale and a volunteer administrator is needed if it is to continue this year.
- B. Membership is prepared to print magnets. Allison confirmed that she can purchase the magnets and be reimbursed. After the retreat, it was asked that strategies for membership outreach be developed. Issues come down to manpower. The possibility of extending the reach of the magnet schedule to a general postcard mailer regarding MACC. The idea of involving nonprofits in the monthly meeting was discussed and an avenue for outreach was discussed. Ryan talked about the “sub-communities” within Morningside: St Raphael, VFW, senior center, scouting, sports teams, etc. How do we reach out those smaller communities through MACC. May meeting is “bring a friend” dessert potluck.

VII. Motion to adjourn by Laura, seconded by Henry at 8:25.