

**Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting**  
**September 4, 2019 Draft Minutes**  
**Citiparks Healthy Active Living Center Plaza, Morningside**

I. Called to order 7:04. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Safety. Our new zone commander, Stephen Vinansky, Officers McNeill and Crawford outlined current issues, including various scams, some targeting younger people. They have been targeting traffic enforcement. A “traffic box” has been placed on Morningside Avenue to study traffic flow and speeds. Officers have been monitoring stop signs as well. MACC proposed an announcement on Nextdoor on the increased presence.

III. Elected Officials

- A. Ernest presented from the Mayor’s Community office. He brought our feedback to DPW for the old Rec Building at Natoli Field. The concern from their end was the cost of heating and cooling the space. They’d like a proposed use schedule and spaces that would be utilized. Questions on what the facilities include were discussed. Questions were asked about the possibility of programming, whether some role could be taken on by MACC to alleviate some of the load on Citiparks. Gavin raised the example of McKinley park Rec center which is run primarily by a group called Voices Against Violence. Other announcements he made included: the Pittsburgh Garbage Olympics, 9/21, a career fair for city employment will be held on 9/14, Welcoming Pittsburgh is hosting World Square on Fridays 9/6,13, and 27 in Market Square, eWaste disposal, URA Funds, the Dolly Parton Library, Housing opportunity resources from the URA.
- B. Abby Rae from Deb Gross’ office presented and introduced Brian Ralston, the city DOMI’s Utility Coordinator. DOMI wrote 18,000 permits last year, 7,000 of them for openings in the street. He described the lead replacement work in Pittsburgh as a “debacle.” Some of the bus routes are not following the posted detour (as we saw during the meeting), but rather using Chislett when it is not closed. The paving will include Chislett, Jancey, and possibly Morningside. DOMI will have another session next month.
- C. Rachel from Rep. Innamorato’s office made announcements including that they now have the ability to issue 4-year senior bus passes at their offices at 5154 Butler Street, all you need is a photo ID. They are having a Veterans’ resource fair at the end of the month at Duquesne University on 9/29.
- D. Gavin from the Parks Conservancy gave a preliminary presentation on the “Parks Plan” which is the result of the Parks Listening Tour. He offered to return prior to the November ballot initiative on the ½ mil increase for park funding

V. Committee Reports

- A. Treasurer reported a \$1,500 YTD income over expenses. There is an upcoming event: Made in Morningside that will represent some expenses. Total cash in the bank is currently 14,864.59.
- B. Events. Made in Morningside event will be Sunday October 20th, to promote local businesses in the neighborhood. The street to be closed was TBD.

VIII. Ryan moved to adjourn at 8:09, passed unanimously.