

Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
February 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Citiparks Healthy Active Living Center Plaza, Morningside

I. Called to order 7:06. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Safety. Zone commander, Stephen Vinansky, Officer Froelich, Sgt. Maddox and Officer Crawford were present. They outlined current issues, no felonies in the past 30 days. There were two reported thefts from vehicles, one was a spare key left in the car, the other may have been a home health aid known to the owner. Some questions were asked, including follow up on the Rite Aid robbery. On Tuesday 2/11 a Zone 5 Council meeting will be held at the Union Project at 7pm.

III. Elected Officials

- A. Magda from Deb Gross' office presented and introduced herself. She mentioned that she was available after the meeting for any constituent inquiries.
- B. Michael Cmar was present from the zoo. There will be a glass recycling event in the parking lot on April 18, from 10am to 2pm. Sen. Lindsay Williams is coordinating. There is a blood drive on February 20, Michael reported that it will be held in the education building that day.
- C. Mollie from the Mayor's Office presented news. Applications are open for the civic leadership academy, and 11-week crash course in city government. 40 applicants are accepted. It is held on Wednesday afternoons. Applications are being accepted for the student police academy, a 10-week course for high school students held at the JCC in Squirrel Hill. Snow angels are still being sought for this winter, the weather notwithstanding. Affordable housing task force (housing opportunity fund) has \$10 million each year administered by the URA. There are assistance programs for repairs, improvements, and closing costs. Census information was provided, and the importance of reporting was stressed. The financial empowerment centers, which began last year, offer free financial counselling to adult city residents. On March 12, an informational event will be held for WBEs at Pitt. The Dolly Parton library was mentioned again. 17,000 books have been delivered thus far. The city premiered a commercial during the Super Bowl, stressing the importance on "Minutes Matter" during a medical emergency. Mollie is now the Assistant Director of Communications for the Mayor's Office.

IV. Treasurer's Report. \$3,320 net was added to MACC revenues in 2019.

V. Secretary's Report.

VI. New Business

- A. The need to have an election for the position of President and Secretary was discussed. Pat moved to hold the December 2019 election for President and Secretary two months from this meeting, per the by-laws, at the April general meeting. Alana seconded and the motion carried unanimously.
- B. The option of becoming the City's registered community organization for Morningside was discussed, and the pros and cons were weighed. Bri moved to begin the process and Pat seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Committee Reports

- A. November bar bingo was the most successful ever.
- B. The 7th Annual MACC and Cheese is scheduled for
- C. Matt moved that \$300 be allotted for the annual Easter egg hunt event, Henry seconded.
Motion passed unanimously.
- D. Membership updates were provided.
- E. The old Rec building is still being assessed for possible reuses but has now become a temporary storage site for the city.

VIII. Pat moved to adjourn at 8:14, Henry seconded.