

Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
March 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Ka-Fair Coffee Shop, Morningside

I. Called to order 7:03. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Safety. Zone commander, Stephen Vinansky and officers were present. They outlined current issues, no felonies in the past 30 days. There were reported thefts including some construction equipment. Some questions were asked, including follow up on the Rite Aid robbery. On Tuesday 3/10 a Zone 5 Council meeting will be held at the Union Project at 7pm, Chief Bickerstaff of Special Investigations will be the special guest speaker. Saturday June 13th will be the Zone 5 open house, save the date.

III. Elected and Other Officials

- A. Mollie from the Mayor's Office was unable to attend but Dana presented news she had sent. Snow angels are still being sought for this winter, the weather notwithstanding. On March 12, an informational event will be held for WBEs at Pitt. The "Buying program" was detailed.
- B. A discussion was begun about the old Rec Center, and what form a community use could take. Gavin had some perspective on community/nonprofit partnerships at other city parks, but stressed that it may be a heavy lift to make such an arrangement.
- C. Magda introduced herself and offered to listen to constituent concerns.
- D. Gavin presented the new Watershed Task Force for Heth's Run. It is one of many created throughout the city and will have a kick off meeting, Wednesday March 18, from 6-8pm at St Andrew's Church in Highland Park.

IV. Secretary's Report. November of 2019 and February 2020 Draft Minutes were presented. Dana moved to accept the minutes and Alana seconded.

V. Treasurer's Report. Approximately \$2,000 has been collected for MACC and cheese to date. The operating account balance stands at \$18,592.73.

VI. New Business

- A. The coming elections were announced and the floor was opened for nominations to the office of president and secretary.
- B. The website was discussed and a general appeal was made to any available, interested individuals to take on a minimal manager role for the website.
- C. The status of the floor in the new Senior Center was discussed and the nature of the repairs being made by the landlord's contractor. Ryan had received an update from the landlord directly and understands that the work will be done in the coming weeks.
- D. Dana reported on the city's "Minutes Matter" initiative which offers community CPR training. Rates become more competitive as numbers increase.
- E. A question was raised about the St Raphael campus and its facilities.
- F. The idea of a community compost initiative was discussed, similar to what has begun in Stanton Heights.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Membership: Allison presented on membership levels and initiatives.

B. Events:

- a. Easter Egg Hunt is held on April 4.
- b. MACC and Cheese is happening this weekend, Saturday 3/7. It is sold out and the only way to get in now is by volunteering. 7:30-9:30. Volunteers may also help Friday night 3/8 from 7:30-8:30.
- c. A Festival Grant Application is due March 31, and it had been discussed that this might be used for Made in Morningside. The viability of a second edition of that event was discussed. A date was set aside

VIII. Jared moved to adjourn at 8:17, Allison seconded.