

Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
June 3, 2020 Meeting Minutes
Conducted via zoom Video due to COVID-19

I. Called to order 7:05. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Safety. Zone commander, Stephen Vinansky was unable to join the call due to technical difficulties. On 5/12 there was a bike theft on Chislett, and on 5/9 there was an overdose on Jancey with the victim being revived using Narcan.

III. Elected and Other Officials

- A. Magda from Councilwoman Gross's office mentioned that Deb is encouraging anyone who has experienced any instances of police misconduct during the recent protests and unrest, they should reach out to the Citizen's Police Review Board
- B. Leah Friedman from the Mayor's Office introduced herself and announced that the public info sessions on the budget OMB (pittsburghpa.gov/omb/cip) will begin tomorrow with Infrastructure projects tomorrow June 4 at 6pm, followed by community June 8 at 6pm, and recreation June 10 at 6pm. Participants need to register in advance to participate in Zoom or may watch the meetings live on the city's YouTube channel. The 2020 paving list is out and can be reviewed on the city's website. New this year is a paving schedule on a weekly and daily basis. <https://pittsburghpa.gov/domi/paving-schedule> The city has released guidelines for community gardens during COVID-19, Yasmeen confirmed that they were posted on site. A question was addressed to the status of the parks and equipment reopening during the green phase of reopening. There was a question relayed from an elderly neighbor with tenants who are unable to pay rent about programs or assistance to tenants. <https://www.ura.org/news/city-launches-online-housing-assistance-resource-portal-harp-for-housing-needs> was recommended as a resource. He has additional issues with language and leases. It was recommended that he contact 211 which will be able to provide robust services to seniors.

IV. Secretary's Report. May 6 draft minutes were shared online. Jared moved to accept them and Ryan seconded. Passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report. Jared provided a report.

VI. New Business

- A. The recent protests and police actions in East Liberty and throughout the city were discussed. Opinions were voiced.
- B. The yard sale was again discussed and the logistics of holding the event soon or to postpone or cancel was discussed at length.
- C. The website was again discussed.
- D. The community garden was updated. Additional plots have been created and the waitlist has been contacted. Contact Megan Yarish's office at the city if you wish to be added to the waitlist.

VIII. Dana moved to adjourn at 8:23, Yasmeen seconded.