

Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
April 1, 2015 - Agenda
VFW Banquet Hall, Morningside

All times given are maximums. Most topics will not require the full time allotted.

- I. *Welcome & Introductions (7:09 pm)*
Begin the potluck

- II. *Treasurer's Report & Previous Minutes (Henry Petrilli, Ira Mabel)*
There were a number of reimbursement checks this month, mostly for membership related things and the newsletter. MACC's operating balance is \$1,182, savings are \$3,470.

February and March minutes were both posted on the website.

- III. *Public Safety*

A. *Zone 5 Update*

There was an unusual number of hit and runs this month, but spread out over multiple days - they may not be related.

Zone 5 now has a community response car staffed by one permanent officer, one rotating every 60 days. The community car frees up two officers to address special complaints who are not responding to the radio, etc. Their focus is on chronic issues in the community and special issues as needed.

For example, for the past few weeks the car has been concentrating on stop sign violations. They have also been working on vandalism - graffiti photographing and data entry. They have responded to complaints about someone in the neighborhood running an auto repair shop out of their garage, blocking the alley.

Karen McNeil is Zone 5's community relations officer. She will be attending future community meetings. She will also be working with every business to update emergency files and collect an inventory of private security cameras.

There was a comment that Jancey St is too narrow for the bus. People park on the sidewalk to avoid being hit, but sometimes get tickets. The police are aware of this issue and try to be understanding.

Stop sign enforcement has been at Jancey and Greenwood so far.

Please let the Zone know if there are any concerns this summer. Call 911 immediately if you notice any emergencies, or email the commander.

B. Zone 5 Safety Committee Update

The next meeting is April 22 at the Teamsters Temple.

IV. Tree Pittsburgh Application (Lisa Petrilli)

We were hoping for 20 trees from our application, but were approved for 12 trees on 10 properties. Most will be smaller, flowering trees. A volunteer tree planting on April 11th. Meet at VFW at 9am.

April 18th is the community clean up, starting 9:30 at the VFW. All equipment will be provided. Zone 5 will block of Baker Street. Greenwood Hill is particularly bad. A Boy Scout group will be attending.

Funds for coffee and donuts were approved.

V. Old Business

Membership is going well. So far we have \$1,550 and 89 members across all three levels of membership. We're planning to do a contest to design this year's t-shirt.

The Welcoming Committee has designed a tote bag. It will be filled with bus schedules, the newsletter, restaurant menus, the calendar magnet, coupons, etc. Deb Gross's office has provided a list of people who have recently bought a house.

If you notice when someone moves in, contact Allison or Teri. You can also volunteer to be responsible for your block.

Two women volunteered to help organize the Easter Egg Hunt this year. The committee stuffed 626 eggs, took 62 reservations, and served 84 cupcakes. 48 kids attended.

The weather was nicer than last year. The games were cut because they were a lot of work for not very much interest. There were also two 8th graders who helped with setup and cleanup. One father has already volunteered for next year.

VI. New Business

Forms for the yard sale are out. It will be Saturday, June 13th. Highland Park's yard sale is Sunday, June 7. St. Raphael will be accepting donations after yard sale day.

The Garden Club is having plant and bake sale May 2 at the VFW from 10-2. They are now accepting donations. The city planning department may be making us do soil testing, and charging more than normal \$5 permit.

MACC n Cheese is sold out.

There will be a spaghetti dinner at the VFW to raise funds for Relay for Life on April 18th, 4-7.

VII. Adjourn (8:23 pm)

Yasmeen motioned to adjourn, Lisa seconded, unanimously approved.

Minutes prepared by Ira Mabel, Secretary