

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

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

I. Welcome & Introductions (7:08)

II. Treasurer's Report & Previous Minutes (Ira Mabel)

Henry was absent but submitted the Treasurer's Report to the board. It will be posted online along with the minutes from this meeting.

III. Public Safety

A. Zone 5 Report

Theft from vehicles has been increasing in general around the Zone, but decreasing in Morningside.

There have been no arrests for the two burglaries listed in the crime report.

Email Commander Lando (jason.lando@pittsburghpa.gov) and CC Liz Style (elizabeth.style@pittsburghpa.gov) with requests for officers for National Night Out.

B. Zone 5 Safety Update

Stacey was absent.

IV. Membership

Membership applications have slowed for the year, and the last likely batch of member cards has been mailed. We've reached the same number of members as last year, but have 43 new members that were not members last year. That also means 43 members did not renew this year.

The welcome bag has had a mixed response. Some households were very positive, some were confused. There were five or six homes sold in June, so more welcome bags will be delivered next weekend.

Please let us know if you get a new neighbor. Email welcome@morningside-pa.org.

V. St. Raphael's Bazaar

The Bazaar will be August 6-9. Nan is looking for marching bands to perform. The Obama Academy band may be active over the summer.

MACC has traditionally sponsored the bazaar at the "Benefactor" level at \$200. Do we have a motion to sponsor this year? Patty motions, Teri seconds, unanimous approval.

To volunteer for to staff the MACC table, contact Alana (alana.rykala@gmail.com)

VI. National Night Out

NNO is Tuesday August 4th, but block can have parties on another night.

It is Important to register your block party with the city (<http://pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/nno/>). The city provides marketing material, although it may include last year's dates and information. The city will waive the \$25 fee for street closures, but you have to get approval from all street residents.

MACC will be supplying block party kits again this year to the blocks in Morningside that register with the city.

VII. Old Business

Move Morningside is now MACC's official bike/pedestrian committee. They attended the city's recent capital budget meeting to make requests for paving and pedestrian infrastructure in the business district, and for repairs to neighborhood steps.

Mayor Peduto and Betty Cruz have released the Welcoming Pittsburgh plan (pittsburghpa.gov/welcoming-pittsburgh) to welcome new residents and make the city more liveable.

Highland Park is the closest cinema in the park. The Wizard of Oz and The Princess and the Frog are the movies remaining this summer.

The city has evaluated the illegal dumping site at Morningside and Baker. Installing cameras is not possible because of the traffic, but observers will be stationed there before trash day.

A service request was sent to public works to clean up debris on the Baker St sidewalk. Public works has sprayed the weeds, but they are still there and the sidewalk is blocked. Debris has also washed onto the road from the rain and needs to be cleared.

The Solarize Highland Park-Morningside-Friendship kick off meeting was last week. If you have any interest in solar power, this group will help assess your house and help find financing. Consultations are free. (www.solarizeallegheny.org)

Any news from PittMesh? We're waiting for a proposal from them.

VIII. New Business

The Morningside yard sale was June 13. 70 homes participated, raising \$500 for MACC. Expenses were higher than last year. Participants would like the date to be fixed for easier planning. Mike's preference is the last weekend in June. St. Raphael received a lot of donations of unsold items.

Comedy Night is coming up July 24. Bill Crawford is headlining. Tickets are almost sold out, and will be \$25 at the door.. There will be light food and a cash bar.

Morningside Mile (September 12) is looking for sponsors. They could also use three volunteers to be committee chairs.

ABK Learning and Development Center (day care) is now open in the old bank. The coffee shop also looks to be nearing its open.

Deadline for items in the newsletter will be soon.

The city resolved the easement on the gas station. Tse station will be undergoing renovations in the coming months.

IX. Adjourn (8:03 pm)

Allison motioned, Patty seconded, unanimous approval.

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Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2015

MACC Operating Account Balance as of 6/3/2015 \$ 1,827.70

Yard Sale	\$ 540.00	
Membership	\$ 220.00	
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Total Deposits	\$ 760.00	

Postage-membership	\$ (9.80)	Check 1964 Allison McLaren
Yard Sale	\$ (177.94)	Check 1965 Mike Hellman

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Total Withdrawals	\$ (187.74)	

MACC Operating Account Balance as of 7/3/2015 \$ 2,399.96

MACC Savings	\$ 3,470.45	
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Total Cash Available	\$ 5,870.41	