

Morningside Area Community Council Executive Meeting
February 3, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Conducted via zoom Video due to COVID-19

I. Called to order 7:04. Pledge of Allegiance.

II. Public Official

- A. Commander Vinansky reported two crimes in the last 30 days in Morningside: a theft by deception and theft from a vehicle. He reported a rash in thefts from vehicles elsewhere in the zone.
- B. Eric Williams from the mayor's office announced an emergency program through the Action Housing and the city and county. Two info sessions will be hosted on registration to the new state insurance exchange "Penny," dates and times in the link. 412 Food Rescue round two of restaurants pledged to provide foods to those in need, the 50,000 book in the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library has been mailed in Pittsburgh. Snow angels is still accepting applications. He updated on plowing and salting and the use of the snowplow tracker.
- C. James Murray from Deb Gross' office was present. He introduced himself and spoke briefly on the city farms program and starting city-supported agriculture in the neighborhood, ideally on city-owned sites in the neighborhood. There will be an informal Zoom meet and greet on February 15, details to follow.

III. Old Business.

- D. The history of the Duffield hillside site development was discussed. A status report was given and a discussion of next steps. James and Deb continue to flow up from the

IV. Secretary's Report: January draft minutes were presented. Jared moved to accept and Alana seconded, the motion passed unopposed.

V. Treasurer's Report: Jared presented his report, the net profit on the low-activity 2020 was around \$500.

VI. New Business.

- A. The delayed elections were discussed and Ryan officially announced his intent to resign as President and to run for the position of Treasurer. Dana will then step into the role of President as the by-laws dictate, vacating the office of Vice-president. Ryan opened the floor to nominations for that position and Alana nominated Michael Tracy Jr, who was present, accepted the nomination, and introduced himself and his long history in the neighborhood as a native.
- B. Membership initiatives were discussed as well as a tentative planning for tentative event dates, with the possibility for a scavenger hunt within the neighborhood.

VI. Meeting adjourned at 8:20

Zoom Chat Transcript

9:03:45 From Jared to Everyone : I motion to approve meeting minutes.

19:04:59 From Wife of Former Treasurer to Everyone : I second

19:14:22 From Stephen Vinansky to Everyone : Have a good evening everyone, and Stay Safe. If there are any questions or concerns, feel free to email me at stephen.vinansky@pittsburghpa.gov

19:16:54 From Eric Williams - City of Pittsburgh to Everyone : Snow Angels: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/snowangels>

Updates to Snow Operations: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4591> Snow Plow Tracker: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/weather/snow-plow-tracker>

PENNIE Educational Session: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/office-of-equity/>

Mayor Peduto's Year in Review: <https://mailchi.mp/9f344c2356a9/mayor-pedutos-newsletter-looking-back-on-2020?fbclid=IwAR16XojHWUG8LVMuG00IBDhAK5YSRa9dRvIClwolz6ZY-YloKcUdWhQ90FU>

City and Cross Guards reach Agreement: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4614>

Zoning Changes to Reduce Sidewalk Curb Cuts: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4627>

Christmas Tree Recycling Program: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/xmas-tree-recycling>

Public Safety Cultural Competency Training: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4561>

Receives \$7.5 Million in State Redevelopment Grants: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4580>

19:17:07 From Eric Williams - City of Pittsburgh to Everyone : Reforestation Hubs Initiative: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4589>

Appointments Project: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/mayor/appointments-project>

Clean and Lien Team: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/press-releases/press-releases/4409>

For Housing Assistance:

<https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us>

<https://www.ura.org/pages/housing-opportunity-fund-programs>

<https://www.phfa.org/pacares/>

Workshops on How to do Business with the City: <http://entrepreneur.pitt.edu/events/bids-for-pgh>

URA Covid-19 Business Resources: <https://www.ura.org/pages/covid-19-business-resources>