

**Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting**  
**September 2, 2020 Meeting Minutes**  
**Conducted via zoom Video due to COVID-19**

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

II. Public Safety. No officer was present at the meeting.

III. Elected and Other Officials

- A. Magda has resigned from her position at Councilwoman Gross's office, and no representative was in attendance.
- B. No representative from the Mayor's Office was in attendance.
- C. No representative from Sate Rep Innamorato's office was present.

IV. Secretary's Report. Aug 5 draft minutes were shared in the meeting and uploaded to the website. Dana moved to accept them and Jared seconded. Passed unanimously.

V. Treasurer's Report. Jared provided his report. There was little activity this past month.

VI. New Business

- A. Jake Milofsky of Tree Pittsburgh introduced himself to the group and detailed a grant program associated with the Greenway. He outlined the limits of the greenway, and his goal of assembling a working group among the [jake@treepittsburgh.org](mailto:jake@treepittsburgh.org).
- B. Rod Schwartz joined the meeting to talk about planning for Halloween in the neighborhood. He has time and is willing to help out. He proposed that Jancey Street and Duffield Street could be closed to traffic to allow for the kids to walk through and perhaps collect candy from each block at the corner through a no-touch system. The difficulty of permitting street closures, and securing police and barricades was discussed. It was agreed that that may be too difficult to accomplish the necessary permitting. It was agreed that a more informal event would be desirable, assuming Halloween is a permitted event at the local and state levels.
- C. The zoning variance requested for new site development on Duffield was discussed. Matt detailed the hearing, contact with the developer requested by the ZBA (since none had been made), and a subsequent call on 8/18 with the immediate neighbors. MACC and the neighbors suggested that the developer explore a lower unit density onsite than the six units proposed and that the neighbors would then look more favorably on the setback variance requested and the height variance required but not included in the application or the hearing. The developer replied today to say that they would not consider changing and the neighbors are prepared to oppose the more egregious height variance.
- D. A variance has been applied for a non-conforming use of a two-family dwelling at 1689 Morningside. Matt explained that this use variance will be probably a formality if the owners can prove that the house was subdivided prior to the rezoning from R2 to R1 in about 2003 or '04. Bri contacted a neighbor who confirmed that the house has been two-unit for "as long as she can remember," so the variance request appears to be valid.
- E. Dana presented the idea of utilizing a Squarespace or Wix for a new website. Dana estimated that an annual outlay would be in the range of \$300 to \$500 for the new website, a new domain, and the use of Google Suite for nonprofits as an email and file

server. Alana made a motion to approve up to \$400 for the use of the committee to begin this work, Matt seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

- F. Ryan was contacted by the Highland Park Community Council regarding the planned redesign of the “super playground” in Highland Park. Public Works will conduct community surveys and public workshops in the coming weeks.
- G. Garbage Olympics will be held September 26th at 9am, coincident with the scheduled MACC community cleanup.

VII. Meeting adjourned at 8:51.

#### Zoom Chat Transcript

19:01:42 From Bri Saleone : Im eating dinner, then I will turn my camera on :)

19:02:39 From Morningside Area Community Council : no worries!

19:03:52 From Jared (Treasurer) : Can share the link for the agenda?

19:05:13 From Morningside Area Community Council :  
<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tPmYTn7R7iSsgoOyiAKoNBkyfP1VdKk36yR7BRGnRQQ/edit>

19:05:20 From Jared (Treasurer) : thanks

19:05:21 From Morningside Area Community Council : That is the agenda for tonight’s meeting

19:07:57 From Morningside Area Community Council : I’ll look at them right now

19:16:23 From Bri Saleone : look what is on google

19:16:24 From Bri Saleone : <https://morningside-pa.org/tag/greenway>

19:16:27 From Bri Saleone : haha

19:34:34 From Jake Milofsky - Tree Pittsburgh : [jake@treepittsburgh.org](mailto:jake@treepittsburgh.org)

19:46:06 From Jared (Treasurer) : Please finish chewing.

20:11:45 From Jared (Treasurer) : 412-736-xxxx (redacted)

20:12:09 From Jared (Treasurer) : Rod’s Phone Number

20:29:01 From Matt Diersen : The second file is the Duffield Site plan.

20:40:34 From Morningside Area Community Council : <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/highland-park-super-playground>