

Morningside Area Community Council Monthly Meeting
April 7th, 2021 Meeting Minutes
Conducted via Zoom Video Conferencing due to COVID-19

- I. Meeting called to order at 7:02pm. Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Commander Vinansky delivered the crime report. Low crime month. A bike was stolen, a wallet was stolen at the zoo.
 - A. Christine Norton had a question about stop signs at Baker and Jancey. Voiced a concern about people not stopping. Mike Lambert was also concerned about people running stop signs and speeding on 900 block of Jancey.
- III. Michael Cmar from the Zoo here to talk about the traffic issues on Baker and Butler streets.
 - A. Never had so many people at the Zoo during a weekend in March.
 - B. Have scheduled two officers to run the lights on Butler Street.
 1. Christine Norton commented that the zoo traffic meant she couldn't exit her driveway. Would like a warning about special zoo days.
 - a) Mike said he will notify MACC when there are special Zoo events.
 2. Ryan Smith asked about timed ticketing and a remote lot.
 - a) Timed ticketing is hard for RAD days because they are required to make that day free.
 3. Alana Delaney asked about the covid policies at the Zoo.
 - a) Said there are announcements and a few dedicated staff members trying to enforce mask policies. They are not planning to remove anyone who violates the masking policy. They are supposed to be trying to limit how many people are in each inside space.
 4. Jared Delaney asked about the "longer term" plans Michael mentioned in his opening remarks.
 - a) Mike said there are potholes and problems with the handicapped parking. Fix the sidewalks and repaint lines that should help with the flow of traffic into the Zoo.
 5. Michael Tracy had a question about the police detail. Asked to add parking spaces if possible.
 - a) Mike said PWSA is doing some work in the lot which has contributed to there being less spots available.
 6. Comments from the chat
 - a) Mary Ann Merranko to Everyone : Mother's Day and Rad Days are usually the two free days. I think now, with nice days, you will see more zoo traffic on most weekends because people want out.
 - b) Stacey Becker (she/her) to Everyone : The timed entry was *so* much better for those of us who live on Baker Street. If there's any way to continue experimenting with somehow limiting the flow in other ways that won't logjam you too unacceptably, please do!
- IV. Leah Friedman from the mayor's office came with some citywide announcements.

- A. Citiparks Hiring Lifeguards:
<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Pittsburgh?keywords=lifeguard%20>
- B. Learn and Earn: jobs4summer.org
- C. Recycling Webinars: www.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/recycling-blue-bins
- D. Residential Permit Parking Feedback: <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/rpp-program-update>
- E. Office of Community Health and Safety Input:
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/healthandsafetyacademy>
- F. Free mulch in the Zoo parking lot starting April 10th.
- V. Secretary's Report was delayed until the May meeting as Matt Dierson could not attend.
- VI. Treasurer's Report by Ryan Smith
 - A. 4192.32 in checking
 - B. 13571.76 in saving
 - C. Major charges are banking fees, Zoom, PO Box, storage
- VII. Events Committee Report from Alana
 - A. Scavenger Hunt has been delayed until later in 2021
- VIII. Tree Pittsburgh Friends of the Allegheny Greenway Meeting will be on April 15th at 6pm
- IX. New Business
 - A. Mike Lambert asked about the procedure to get an abandoned car removed from the street.
 - B. Yasmeen had a question about how new/potential members should get in touch with MACC.
- X. Discussed holding a "State of Morningside" meeting in May to get community feedback about the neighborhood and MACC. Date TBD.
- XI. Voted on motion to buy new web hosting for our new website. Motion passed with no opposing votes.
- XII. Ryan gave an update on Reservoir drive. Moving into phase 2. Reach out to Deb Gross's office if anyone has any concerns.
- XIII. Meeting adjourned at 8:07pm

Zoom Chat Transcript

19:00:54 From Morningside Area Community Council to Everyone : Tonight's Agenda:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1tixXoniyVaMcp7AT9NPcztTs53y-E-wBXsfka3XEiGE/edit?usp=sharing>

19:09:45 From Amber Blumling to Everyone : We have the same problem here for morningside ave and Bryant

19:12:42 From Stephen Vinansky to Everyone : Thank you Christine, Mike, and Amber for sharing your traffic concerns with me. We will have officers monitoring and enforcing the stops signs and speeding. My email address is stephen.vinansky@pittsburghpa.gov. Please feel free to email me with any additional concerns.

19:18:57 From Mary Ann Merranko to Everyone : Mother's Day and Rad Days are usually the two free days. I think now, with nice days, you will see more zoo traffic on most weekends because people want out.

19:21:15 From Stacey Becker (she/her) to Everyone : The timed entry was *so* much better for those of us who live on Baker Street. If there's any way to continue experimenting with somehow limiting the flow in other ways that won't logjam you too unacceptably, please do!

19:43:07 From Leah Friedman to Everyone : Citiparks Hiring Lifeguards:

<https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Pittsburgh?keywords=lifeguard%20>

19:43:16 From Leah Friedman to Everyone : Learn and Earn: jobs4summer.org

19:43:55 From Leah Friedman to Everyone : Recycling Webinars:

www.pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/recycling-blue-bins

19:44:12 From Leah Friedman to Everyone : Residential Permit Parking Feedback:

<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/rpp-program-update>

19:44:29 From Leah Friedman to Everyone : Office of Community Health and Safety Input:

<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/healthandsafetyacademy>

19:48:07 From Leah Friedman to Everyone : Feel free to reach out to me anytime on City related issues: leah.friedman@pittsburghpa.gov

19:48:15 From Morningside Area Community Council to Everyone : Thank you Leah!

19:55:36 From Morningside Area Community Council to Everyone :

<https://mailchi.mp/5d1958cc3849/macc-newsletter-sign-up>

19:56:01 From Morningside Area Community Council to Everyone :

<https://forms.gle/JGasSRU3H2DEqKBY8>

19:58:18 From Morningside Area Community Council to Everyone : Tree Pittsburgh Friends of the Allegheny Greenway Meeting

Tree Pittsburgh is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Friends of the Allegheny River Greenway - April 2021

Time: Apr 15, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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