

MorningSide General Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, October 11, 2022

- **Meeting called to order by the President (Eric) at 5:39pm with prayer from Adrian Green**
- **Minutes:** Taken by Secretary (Sharon)

Eric welcomed everyone and mentioned that we are experimenting with having our monthly meeting at the Morningside Community Garden with Motor City Grounds Crew as our host.

- **CHRISTIE LASTER - GREATER PENTOCOSTAL TEMPLE:**
 - Community Liaison for BCBSM – trunk or treat event on October 30th, 2:30 – 5:30pm on corner across the street from Sanders Cleaners
 - Bring your cars and decorate to pass out candy
 - BCBSM is sponsoring and buying the candy
- **JOSH – MOTOR CITY GROUNDS CREW:**
 - More gardens coming in the future
 - Fall festival October 22nd – will have fire pit, s'mores, etc.
 - The first time in 11 years that they have invested right where they reside
 - Usually are supporting other organizations
- **FEATHERSTONE GARDEN – ANNIE & TWIANA:**
 - Involved with the community garden
 - Started in Jefferson Chalmers and moved to MorningSide in 2020
 - Runs a farmer stand during the summer
 - Gave away garden seeds to anyone who wanted to try their hand at farming
 - Twiana sponsors programs for the Seniors and the disabled
 - Volunteers are welcome
- **CURRENT & FUTURE MICHIGAN STATE SENATOR – STEPHANIE & PAUL:**
 - Stephanie congratulated everyone who was recognized at the ECN Extravaganza
 - People are welcome to still call her office even though she's leaving
 - She introduced Paul and mentioned he really understands voting rights because he has been leading the efforts to make it happen for so many people
 - Paul – redistricting has changed the boundaries and he will have Sterling Hgts, Warren, MorningSide, etc
 - Stephanie has been working hard and he is supporting Stephanie to be our State Senate Leader

- Proposal 1 would give legislatures 12 years to serve and will give us the opportunity to have good leaders serve longer
 - November 8th is election day and we are encouraging everyone to get out to vote
 - 866-our-vote is the number to call if you see anything happening at the polls that intimidates the voters
 - Eric – Will not have our meeting on November 8th but November 15th at Bethany Lutheran
- **COUNCILMEMBER LATISHA JOHNSON - CARLEENA:**
 - Shot Spotters expansion was approved today – the boundaries changed and will include MorningSide, EEV, and Cornerstone
 - Our Councilmember voted in favor because she listened to the community. Many residents asked her to vote yes privately and she received many letters asking her to vote. She stands behind the technology
 - Phase II with Renew Detroit, Apps opened on October 1, there are requirements
 - Info went out in the email blast
 - Water Affordability Plan – enrollment sessions will be October 21, 3-7pm at Grace Community
 - Office event – October 15 is community shred day at 9th Precinct, 5 office size boxes per household is the limit
 - Monthly meeting in partnership with Fire Department
 - Raffling emergency kits, must register
 - Coffee hour – Friday Oct 21, New Smoothie Place, 11040 Whittier Ave
- **COLEMAN A YOUNG**
 - Thanked everyone for their support of Shot Spotters
 - October 18th is his 40th birthday – having party at Northwest Activity Ctr at 6pm
- **EAST WARREN DEVELOPMENT COMPANY – JOE RASHID**
 - In the process of a 8 million dollar street scape on E. Warren
 - 120,000 have gone back into the community
 - Supporting local businesses
 - Food truck rally is Friday with local food trucks 16835 E. Warren
 - Commercial kitchen being built to help support local food-based businesses
 - Everyone please come out to support – 15 opened since 2017
 - 50 million coming into the corridor, housing & commercial buildings are coming in the future
 - Cadieux stage – new owner is rehabbing the facility (Cadieux & E. Warren)
 - Project just shifted from the South side to the North side of the street
 - Just gave 13,000 grants to several businesses to help them through the street scape

- New sidewalks on the North side should be completed by end of the year
 - East Warren Community Studio is in the East Warren Tool Library where people can get a video or podcast done.
 - It's at Cadiex and E. Warren behind the gas station
 - It's run by many talented people
- **ACTIVITIES IN MORNINGSIDE – NIC HALL:**
 - Last bike ride is scheduled for October 15th
 - Last happy hour was fun and had a great turnout
 - Will continue monthly happy hour
 - Bike ride will be Saturday 10-12, at Three Mile Park
- **TREASURER REPORT – ADRIAN GREEN:**
 - September – 17,493.88 beginning balance
 - Ending balance - 17,488.88 –
 - \$5 statement charge
- **BLOCK CAPTAIN MEETING MONTHLY – NIC HALL:**
 - Changing the name to be Block Rep
 - Split the work between Board Members
 - Report findings given at the Block Rep meeting
 - Have trash picker uppers for anyone who signs up to participate
 - It will keep us connected throughout the winter
 - The idea is to communicate our concerns and get them resolved by using SeeClickFix, contacting District Managers, getting knowledge at the monthly meetings, etc
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- **AARON SMITH:**
 - Received an award for best employer
 - This area was blight and has since been turned into a community area
 - Harvest Fest – October 22nd
 - Has been hired by the City to clean the blight in our community
- **OTHER:**
 - Gary Gray – Motor City Grounds Crew and the City Procurement Dept come to our area – small companies to do clean out and establish relationships with the City
 - Next month – trying to get authority from the Landbank to attend the meeting

- 80% of the vacant houses are owned by investors and the Landbank has been going after them through the Nuisance Abatement Program
- ECN - Stoudemire – free classes for crocheting, knitting, zumba, etc.
- New resident John – church is on Connor and doing clothes distribution October 22nd at 9am
- Susan Newell – 18 people running for the school board, WDET will do a forum this Thursday, 5:30-7:30pm Register on their website
- Greening of Detroit is giving free trees on 13000 McNichols October 14th at 3pm - Lilac, Autumn Blaze Maple
- Eric – awesome newsletter coming out this month. Gave kudos to Jeff & Susan
- Ulysses has voter registration forms for those who are registered

The next meeting will be at Bethany Lutheran Church on November 15, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 6:54pm by Eric