

MorningSide General Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, November 15, 2022

- **Meeting called to order by the President (Eric) at 6:37pm with prayer from Adrian Green**
- **Minutes:** Taken by Secretary (Sharon)

Eric welcomed everyone and talked about how we're meeting indoors now. Our last meeting at Featherstone Garden was outside and we had beautiful weather. We're broadcasting on Zoom and Nic Hall is managing the Zoom meeting. Everyone was asked to sign in. The Bylaws say you have to attend three meetings in order to vote at our annual meeting. We're going back to second Tuesdays next month, December 13th.

- **DEDICATED SENIOR MEDICAL CENTER – JEFFREY MADAK:**
 - Love on people with activities and food giveaways
 - Doctors give phone number
 - December 3rd is a tour for MorningSide
 - Have x-rays, ekgs, labs
 - Partner with Brokers to help get patients on the right insurance plan
 - Center wants to be a resource to the City and partner with churches, as well as MorningSide Community Organization
 - Will provide rides to the tour and have a physician meet with you to answer questions
 - If you have Medicare, you can be seen as a patient
 - Have been working with retirement plans and can accommodate those on Blue Cross, Priority, Wellcare, and Humana
 - Do not take straight Medicaid at this time
 - Doctors are affiliated with no hospitals because their job is to keep you out of the hospital but will coordinate with your hospital choice and specialists
- **MEDICARE MADE CLEAR – SHARON GRAY:**
 - This is the time of year that anyone who has Medicare can make a change, known as Annual Election Period – AEP
 - Every year Seniors should evaluate their health plan because carriers make changes every year
 - If you're turning 65, you should have an agent help you with the Medicare process because it can be confusing and there's many rules
 - Having a prescription drug plan is required
 - Sharon is our MorningSide Medicare Advisor and welcomes questions
 - Her services are free

- **EASTSIDE COMMUNITY NETWORK – MINYA & ERIC DRYER:**
 - Have stakeholders meeting on the first Tuesday of every month at
 - Need a MorningSide representative at the meetings
 - At the beginning stages of Mack Ave reconstruction design
 - Want to hear from the community about their concerns and what they would like to see happen on Mack Ave
 - Have surveys that will help with decision making
 - Want to know what makes Mack Ave a unique place
 - Want to make it a shared sense of uniqueness that reflects the character of the community
 - 4401 Connor, The Stoudemire, Winter Festival December 9th 5-9pm, December 10th all day

- **PROPERTY TAX FORECLOSURE – JACKIE GRANT:**
 - Works for Rocket Community Fund, Housing Stability Team
 - President of Alger Theatre
 - Hosts Tuesday & Thursday 1-4 at library and helps fill out applications to get help with tax foreclosure
 - If you owe back taxes, HOPE application approved wipes out your back taxes
 - Make an appointment and have application in by December 12th.
 - At this point, don't mail application – take it to the City County Building
 - Neighbor to neighbor – canvassing the neighborhood to reach 6500 people who owe taxes, Twiana Odom is making phone calls trying to reach people to get help to them
 - Call Jackie to make appointment – 313-720-3904
 - Fill out the HOPE application whether you get approved or denied
 - We want everyone to keep their homes and have generational wealth to pass down to their family
 - Property insurance – there's help to get insurance.
 - Alger Theatre – working to open the building. Working on getting ADA compliant.
 - Next Chapter Bookstore will be doing a pop-up 3 days a week – Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, starting Black Friday
 - Wants to see if there is an interest in the neighborhood

- **TREASURER REPORT – ADRIAN GREEN:**
 - Began the month with \$17,488.88
 - Had no expenses
 - Ending balance is \$17,488.88

- **BRILLIANT DETROIT – REGINA WILLIAMS:**
 - Provide programming for children 0 – 8 so that they can get what they need to be healthy, school ready, and stable
 - Community Thanksgiving Dinner – 313-528-7217 to register
 - Have a group support for grandparents who are raising grandkids

- **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY MEETING – DECEMBER 13TH:**
 - Having a cooking exchange
 - Caroling lead by Susan Newell
 - Bingo – looking for volunteers to run Bingo
 - Rakisha Odom has volunteered to help run Bingo
 - Holiday Lights Contest – best house, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, prizes
 - Adding best block and best business
 - Judging will be done by the Board and prizes will be presented in January at the meeting
 - Gateway Park – putting solar lights on the Blue Spruce tree
 - Happy Hour – December 9th at Warren Café 6-8pm

- **BLIGHT ISSUES:**
 - Side streets are a particular problem and GFL does not pick up on side streets
 - We are in communication with Dennis Perkins, our Neighborhood Manager
 - We have complained to the City to get Dennis help and it's not working
 - The City just says to put on SeeClickFix
 - Maybe we'll have a meeting in January that's dedicated to blight
 - The Blight Task Force came out for Dorothy Johnson after she called several times
 - John Talfort – Chandler Park Field House – contact Chandler Park Conservancy

- **ALEX – FROM NOTTINGHAM:**
 - Building a boarding house and first renter is Ukrainian
 - Would like to know how to get help for other Ukrainians that are coming

- **AJ WHITE:**
 - Holiday Lights special announcement
 - An extra \$300 is being given to the business who has the best lights

The next meeting will be at Bethany Lutheran Church on December 13, 2022
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm by Eric