

## MorningSide General Meeting Minutes, Tuesday, January 10, 2023

- Meeting called to order by the President (Eric) at 6:37pm and Pastor Bodly said the prayer
- Minutes: Taken by Secretary (Sharon)

Eric welcomed everyone to our first 2023 meeting. He announced that we meet every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 6:30 – 8:00pm. We're broadcasting on Zoom and those online will ask questions in the Chat. Nic Hall will relay those questions.

- **COMMANDER BRIAN HARRIS, MANAGER AT THE 5<sup>TH</sup> PRECINCT:**
  - Want to stay engaged with community and have open dialogue
  - Appreciates the community involvement
  - Encourage neighbors to get involved
  - If you have incidents happen, please send an email
  - Brian Harris, 313-498-2741, [harrisb314@detroitmi.gov](mailto:harrisb314@detroitmi.gov)
  - If it's a life threatening event, call 911 first
  - The NPOs are Sargent Turner, Officer Sol, Sargent Maxey
  - Have open positions and looking for candidates
  - Every officer is an NPO in theory
  - If anyone is having a problem with abandoned vehicle, Thursday, all cars will be tagged and towed
  - As far as cars sitting in back yards, nothing can be done about it because a warrant is needed but can be cited for blight
  - When you see something, say something, call 911 because it is a crime to be dealt with
  - They have doorknockers to leave at homes that will serve as a warning. If that person does not call the number on the doorknocker, they will be issued a citation
  - January 23 6-8pm is coffee and conversation with the Commander
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month is the Community Relations Zoom meeting
  - Use SeeClickFix to report issues
  - There is no limit of how many vehicles a neighbor can have as long as it's not a blight issue
  - Officer Maxey shared pictures of a robbery in EEV. Our NPOs want to work with us and keep us informed.
  - The information from the community allowed the police to find the robbers and get them off the street
- **COUNCILMEMBER LATISHA JOHNSON:**
  - Her office was already on the case of the shooting on E. Warren and reached out to Assistant Chief Ewing
  - Howard owned the building previously and never had an incident

- The new owners did not properly complete necessary paperwork and Latisha reached out to Chief Ewing to address it
  - The goal is to listen to District 4 and do what's important to the community and responding to those concerns
  - D4 has the most vacant lots
  - Personal goal is to identify and attract developers to District 4
  - Working with the fire department, handing out smoke detectors and connecting with more people
  - Gary Gray is a neighbor and her Chief of Staff. They're reaching out to developers
  - Dennis Perkins is now Deputy Chief of Staff
  - Be sure to inform the office of our desires
  - Introduced Councilman Young
- **NEIGHBORHOOD DEPARTMENT MANAGERS:**
    - Caprice Jackson - 313-236-3518, [caprice.jackson@detroitmi.gov](mailto:caprice.jackson@detroitmi.gov)
    - Worked with Brenda Lawrence, state legislature
    - Will be working with the D4 Councilmember's office
    - Eboni – long life East Sider, 313-236-3520, [eboni.deberry@detroitmi.gov](mailto:eboni.deberry@detroitmi.gov)
    - Welcomes calls, text, emails. Reach out with any questions
    - ERIC – we have issues so please reach out. We have an ongoing issue with dumping on side streets
    - Call before it gets out of hand. Call 911 because it's illegal dumping
    - Latisha – will knock on doors because some people are uninformed
    - Can call her office where bulk is being placed continually
    - Can also call Councilman Coleman Young's office at 313-224-4248
    - Education first, then cite and ticket
    - Eric – Landbank needs to be involved as well
    - There's a program that makes renting a dumpster cheaper
- **HOLIDAY LIGHTS CONTEST:**
    - Had a contest for the best Christmas lights – Nic Hall headed up the contest
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> year in the row
    - Sends a message to the community in November, so they have a heads up to put up lights
    - Had 30 nominations and 5 judges
    - There were 3 prizes for the best house
    - An addition was best block
    - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 4835 Devonshire, not here
    - 2<sup>nd</sup> place – Bill Ridella 13124 E. Outer Dr., presented gift card and certificate
    - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 4818 Beaconsfield won last year, then moved to Buckingham, winning first place - Nicole Bryant

- Best block – 4300 block of Bedford between Waveny & Munich, presented certificate to one of the neighbors
- The new tree at the MorningSide gateway was decorated
  
- **PASTOR BODLY – BETHANY CHURCH:**
  - Development at Bethany – residents shared 9 years ago about things that are important
  - The church is In the process of having a sewing group for women 18 and over
  - They get trained at WCCC and come to Bethany for a sewing station
  - Will work Mon – Fri, 9-4
  - Jobs for Life was an 8 week training, 2 nights a week, computer literacy, employers present
  - People were having difficulty if they were returning citizens so more needed to be done
  - Looking to have a re-entry program. Purchasing the house across the street to use for training, connecting with housing network, education – WCCC is partnered with that, will help with employment
  - Have a child development center and Ron Brown across the street so very sensitive to this being a safe program
  - Welcome input from the community – will be called Operation RISE – Recovering from Intense Spiritual Encounters
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in January – having a jazz service at 12 noon
  
- **Eric – Treasurer Report:**
  - Adrian was called away to an emergency meeting at his church but left the report
  - MorningSide info card is available which shows the map of the neighborhood – 190 blocks, meeting info, website, phone, email, bulk pickup schedule, etc.
  - Pass out to your neighbors
  - Adrian is chair of the CAC – Community Advisory Council. Scotty Boman is also involved and gave info
  - CAC is a way the community can be heard. Localized, smaller, and share info with City Council
  - City Council can tell CAC what's going on to get info to community
  - Three active CAC in the city – meetings are every 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month at 7pm
  - Location of the meetings change to move around the district
  
- **HABITAT FOR HUMANITY - BRITTANY:**
  - Program Director – there's a new building on Maryland
  - Also just bought a new house on Maryland,

- Habitat Detroit is coming to MorningSide in the spring
- Looking to open the critical home repair program in the fall
- Fiscal year begins in March and plan to rehab 4 houses and purchase houses through the landbank,

First time visitors stood up

Remaining gift bags from Christmas party

- **OTHER INFO:**

- Tim Killeen is present and brought calenders
- Newsletter – Jeff is the editor and always does a fantastic job
- Our newsletter gets out in a timely manager , and includes important phone numbers
- Ideas are welcome – call 313-231-1114
- Text Eric with ideas for meeting
- We have a popup bookstore at the Alger
- First time visitors stood up
- Remaining gift bags from Christmas party were offered for take home gifts

The next meeting will be at Bethany Lutheran Church on February 14, 2023

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm by Eric