

MORGAN PARK-SMITHVILLE COMMUNITY CLUB (MPSCC) MEETING
MINUTES MAY 6, 2008

OLD BUSINESS:

NOTE: On Monday, April 28, after presiding over a special MPSCC meeting, now former MPSCC President Debbie Isabelle Nelson regrettably voluntarily resigned her post due to the recent appointment as the Neighborhood Housing Service's Neighborhood Coordinator to the Morgan Park Community. Debbie opined and the quorum agreed her continuing in the role of club president and this new professional position could present the appearance of impropriety and may be potential future conflict of interest. The MPSCC Vice President Louise Kolthoff assumed duties as Acting President until the next organizational election. Upon assuming her new post, Louise appointed Wayne Purser Acting Secretary until the next election. All other MPSCC officers and board members remain unchanged until the next election.

NEW BUSINESS:

Tonight's meeting commenced at 6:33 PM with Louise presiding. Preceding the primary agenda, Officer Jim Rodman, Morgan Park and Far-West Duluth Community Officer, provided a brief update on neighborhood crime noting the numbers of vehicle prowls are up which is historically predictable with the warmer weather. Jim also circulated a sign-up sheet soliciting email addresses of those residents who would like recurring crime updates and statistics.

In anticipation of the final version of the Morgan Park Revitalization Plan (MPRP), this meeting was Community Development Block Grant-related and predominantly forum for the partners of the CREATING NEIGHBORHOODS THAT WORK—AT HOME IN DULUTH to introduce themselves and summarize how they can be part of the solution in helping Morgan Parks residents move forward in making this family- and visitor-friendly neighborhood an even better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Guiding the presentation and discussion for this part of the meeting was Keith Hamre from the City of Duluth Housing Commission. Keith opened by explaining the purpose of the many community-planning forums and noted

his office is preparing to address funds allocations for 2009. He then introduced Pam Kramer, Executive Director of the Duluth office the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC). Pam provided a brief overview the function of her organization (www.lisc.org/duluth) then in turn introduced other Duluth partners in attendance, including Neighborhood Housing Services, Northern Communities Land Trust, Spirit Valley Citizens' Economic Neighborhood Development Association, Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, Community Action Duluth, Housing Redevelopment Authority, Churches United in Ministry, and the Northeast Entrepreneur Fund.

Bill Majewski then briefed all attendees on the resident-approved five key goals contained within the forthcoming MPRP. Attendees then broke into three groups (Home, Business, and Community) to discuss each of the goals to give the partners a better feel for they separately and collectively can help. Keith Hamre summarized the evening's activities and noted the next step is for LISC to coordinate a follow-on meeting among Morgan Park residents and Duluth partners to begin the planning process for executing the goals with the MPRP.

In closing Louise noted the success of Saturday's (May 3) clean-up drive with almost 4,000 pounds of electronics recycled (in addition to five dumpsters of trash, two of metal, two of wood, 24 appliances, and 26 tires, including one tractor tire the size of Rhode Island). In a sidebar discussion, Chet indicated we took in \$640 gross; however we won't know our net proceeds until we pay the final WLSSD disposal cost for the appliances.

Louise also noted the annual Duluth Flower Fest will be held on June 7. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM. Meeting agenda is attached. Next MPSCC meeting will be Tuesday, June 3.

Wayne Purser
Acting Secretary