

MINUTES OF MARCH 3, 2009  
MORGAN PARK COMMUNITY CLUB (MPCC) MEETING

Tonight's meeting commenced at 6:30 PM with MPCC President Polly Purser presiding.

Attendees:

Delphine Michion  
Bob Ranger  
Lynne Snyder  
Shari Mortorelli  
Debbie Isabell Nelson  
Carl Nelson  
Polly Purser  
Wayne Purser  
Jay Fosle  
Peter Bagley  
Chet Johnson  
Officer Jim Rodman  
Amy Johnson  
Lyle Johnson  
Doris Toman  
John Toman  
Carol Turner  
Bill Majewski  
Samantha Follis  
Jill Eckenberg  
Darrell? Eckenberg  
Glenn Trigdell

Debbie Isabell Nelson, NHS Morgan Park Neighborhood Coordinator, led things off by passing around an example of the proposed Morgan Park neighborhood brochure for all attendees to get a feel for and offer recommendations on how to have the brochure put Morgan Park's best foot forward in advertising the attributes showing our neighborhood is a great place to live, work, and raise a family.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SECRETARY'S REPORT:** Due to Wayne's being out of town during the February meeting, Debbie admirably filled in as secretary and recorded the minutes. She read the minutes which were approved unanimously (motion Carl, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lyle).

**TREASURERS' REPORT:** Chet reported a total of \$6,903.18 in the MPCC checking account.

**GARDEN CLUB:** Amy reminded us of the \$900-plus we made at last year's Duluth-wide plant and flower sale held in Leif Ericson Park. She advises we have lots more pots available for filling with plants for this year's sale, so she's asking all Morgan Parkers to donate plants and flowers as spring allows things to start growing again. Amy also reminded us of the annual \$5 dues for those of us who are members of the Duluth Garden Flower Society. Plz give your \$5 dues to Amy by March 13.

**CRIME and SAFETY:** Pending his sending out his recurring email update, Duluth Police Officer Jim Rodman provided a verbal update on the most recent area crime incidents. He noted there were three burglaries although nothing was taken. A vigilant resident called 911 reporting suspicious individuals hanging out at the Super America around midnight one evening. The responding officer dispersed the individuals. The illegal operation of ATVs in Morgan Park and the surrounding area continues to be a problem. The ATVs near unobstructed mobility allowing the perpetrators to flee over almost any terrain makes it near impossible for police patrols to locate and apprehend the perpetrators. If you observe ATVs being operated in an illegal manner, attempt to get registration tag numbers to provide to 911 operators and DPD officers.

**SPORTS/YOUTH ACTIVITIES:** Jill reported youth hockey season is almost over. There are four fund-raiser dances planned for the remainder of this year's season. . Darrell reported the hockey association now has its own Zamboni. Softball sign up starts in April, and football sign up starts in August

**WESTERN WATERFRONT TRAIL:** Bill introduced Samantha Follis, a UMD student whose senior project is investigating the potential for extending the Western Waterfront Trail through Morgan Park. "Sam" is address land-use policy and environmental impact and will present her findings and proposal to LISC (the sponsoring organization) and MPCC this spring. Questions for "Sam" can be sent to [sfollis@lisc.org](mailto:sfollis@lisc.org).

**ANNUAL COMMUNITY CLEAN UP:** Bill announced the annual Morgan Park clean up will be on Saturday, May 2, 2009, 9:00-noon. While electronics disposal was free last year, since the supporting vendor could use the recycled parts, there will be a nominal electronics-disposal charge this year, probably \$5/item.

**BANNERSNEIGHBORHOOD COORIDNATOR'S REPORT:** Debbie hit the high points of her monthly report (see attached file).

**MORGAN PARK SCHOOL:** There will be a 6:30 Riverfront Communities meeting on Wednesday, March 18 at Morgan Park School. Agenda includes Western Middle School updates and reuse discussion when Morgan Park School closes.

**VALSPAR PAINT GRANT APPLICATION:** Polly Purser got the grant-application process moving forward to get paint for sprucing up Good Fellowship Community Center. Hurdles to clear include grant approval, Valspar recommendations on appropriate paint, city approval, permitting, etc.

**MPCC BOARDMEMBERSHIP:** There remain positions on the MPCC board, so MPCC Prez Polly Purser is accepting applications. If interested, please contact her at [pollypurser@aol.com](mailto:pollypurser@aol.com) or 218-428-3121. Prospective members will be selected at next month's meeting.

**SENIOR MEAL:** Debbie announced an opportunity for MPCC to support the senior-meal program. We'll get as many MPers as possible to attend a monthly noon meal. The first get together is Friday, March 13, starting at 11:30 AM. Suggested donation for the meal for age 60 and over are \$3.00 and \$6.00 for all the younger whipper snappers. Please call Jacqueline 218-626-4522 at least 24 hours in advance to make your reservation. The program is in need of volunteer drivers, so interested individuals may also contact Jacqueline.

**DISK GOLF:** Nick Lansing from the city will assist MPCC in getting the disk-golf program off the ground. Wayne volunteered to be the MPCC POC for this effort.

**MORGAN PARK RUMMAGE SALE:** Debbie floated the notion of a possible MP-wide rummage sale. Brenda Denton has held sales of her own in years past, so Debbie will liaise with her to assess the feasible of a neighborhood wide sale. Amy offered the potential for a food concession during the rummage sale. Lyle volunteered himself and Bob Parenteau as POC for this potential lunch.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Wed. March 18<sup>th</sup>: Morgan Park School Reuse & Western Middle School Update 6:30pm at Morgan Park School. Sponsored by Riverfront Neighborhoods.

Sun. March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Bastian & Black Concert\_plus Olive Garden Spaghetti dinner: UP Church at 3:00. \$10.

Thurs. March 26<sup>th</sup>: Citywide Crime Prevention: *"The Perception of Crime in Duluth*  
6:00pm-8:00pm. Holy Family Church. "Cookie Patrol" update.

Tues. April 7<sup>th</sup>: MPCC meeting. 6:30pm

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Sat. April 25<sup>th</sup>: UP Church Rummage Sale. 9am – 1pm

Sat. May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Community Cleanup. 9am-noon.

Sat. June 6<sup>th</sup>: *NHS Flower Fest starts at 9:00am.*

Tues. August 4<sup>th</sup>: *National Night Out – Block Parties!*

Thurs. August 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup>: *Morgan Park Community Picnic .*

Next MPCC meeting Tuesday, April 7, 6:30, Good Fellowship Community Center.

Wayne Purser

MPCC Secretary