

**HPCC
Monthly Community Meeting
September 21, 2017
St. Andrew's Church**

Meeting Called to order at 7:04 pm by Jake Pawlak

Police Zone 5 Update- Commander Jason Lando

Residents are reminded that the Zone 5 Weekly Crime Report is available via email, with 5,000 current subscribers. Sign up by sending an email to Commander Lando.

The commander answered questions and introduced Community Outreach Officers and a Zone 5 detective who were in attendance. He announced that each City police zone has selected three neighborhoods for a new neighborhood-based program, which uses three embedded officers in the community. Zone 5 selected Homewood, East Hills, and Lincoln-Lemington based on need. It is hoped that the program will eventually expand to add other neighborhoods.

A resident reported speed issues on Farmhouse Rd. Commander Lando indicated that residents should call 311 for ongoing issues such as speed enforcement, sidewalk blocking by basketball hoops and cars. The more neighbors calling, the better the response and results. Call 911 for crimes in progress.

Residents can help out Zone 5 by providing donations of food to specific police/community events organized for youth outreach and community building.

Citizen's Climate Lobby-Ray Roberts, Pittsburgh Chapter Founder

Ray Roberts started the Pittsburgh chapter of the national organization. The mission of Citizen's Climate Lobby (CCL) is to create the political will to address climate change. The group believes a policy solution is needed to address this issue. They favor an approach is non-partisan, and they practice a non-violent approach of interacting with both sides of the aisle. The CCL has participated in Bipartisan Climate Solutions Caucus to develop a policy that taxes fossil fuels at the source, places a fee on carbon emissions, enacts a border tax adjustment, and pays a dividend to all U.S. citizens on a monthly basis. The Pittsburgh City Council agreed unanimously to endorse policy last year.

Meetings of the Pittsburgh chapter of the CCL take place the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 PM at St. Andrews Church in Highland Park. All are welcome at the meetings. Information about the organization can be found at www.citizensclimatelobby.org website.

Let's Go Fishing!- Deacon Edward Caldwell, Jr.

Deacon Caldwell shared the history of a ministry called *Pancakes and Jesus* that works to enrich the lives of urban youth in the region. What began as breakfast for urban youth, expanded to include fishing derby/lessons at the Conway Sportman's

Club in Zelienople. Eventually the initiative grew to include children from the East Liberty area. The group began seeking a local lake to allow the kids to continue fishing. All nearby neighborhoods use Highland Park, and Lake Carnegie was identified as a good prospect. Volunteers, in partnership with PWSA, installed aerators in the lake to allow fish and plants to grow and to eliminate the need for flushing. There are still many issues with the lake including a crack in the foundation, and the area around lake is damaged and dangerous with cracked concrete and broken stairs. Deacon Caldwell requested neighbors to support effort by talking to politicians requesting improvements to Lake Carnegie so that the passion of fishing to be shared with youth of the community.

Mayors Office- Corey Buckner, City of Pittsburgh

Corey Buckner announced that tomorrow is Citizenship Day at City Hall with new Americans being naturalized. Legal assistance is also available for potential citizens at 10:00 AM tomorrow.

The Pittsburgh Civic Leadership Academy is currently underway. At the end of February, applications for next year's eleven-week course will be available. The class meets from 6:30-8:30 PM on Wednesdays, and participants must be 18 year old or older.

Meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM by Jake Pawlak.