



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday March 11, 2013
Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.**

In Attendance (36)

Steve Adams, Charles Bettendorf, Patricia Buck, Paul Carson, David Charlton, JP Coakley, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Patrick Dexter, Tom Hardy, Bruce Harshman, Jeremiah Jackson, Arthur James, Jennifer Kilgore, Todd Kilgore, Cassandra Kokoski, David Kokoski, Susan Larkin, Randi Marshak, Gregory Mucha, Jason Owens, Julie Peterson, Katie Pierson, Mace Porac, Henry Reese, Bob Sechler, Sheila Sechler, Brad Spencer, Barbara Talerico, Leslie Ward, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Andrew Wickesberg, Craig Worl, Al Zanon, Randy Zotter

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Central Northside Neighborhood Council was held on Monday, March 11, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of Allegheny Tradition Academy, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting on 02/11/2013, being posted on the web site beforehand, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's report was given by Barbara Talerico, President.

- \$15,000 has been earmarked in the 2013 budget for assistance with residential façade improvements related to the historic district expansion.
- \$15,000 has been earmarked in the 2013 budget for safety initiatives.
- \$29,000 has been earmarked in the 2013 budget for cleanup and stabilization of houses that will be included in the Great House Sale.

Al Zanon moved "to approve the Treasurer's report." The motion was adopted.

Development Committee

Tom Hardy, development consultant, reported on behalf of the Development Committee.

- The building at 4 West North is being stabilized.
- Three properties; 400 Jacksonia, 1405 Buena Vista, and 108 Carrington; have been identified for the Great House Sale and will be on the Treasurer's Sale in April.
- Looking for additional properties for the Great House Sale. The properties must be vacant and 2 years delinquent on taxes. Contact the development committee (development@cncn-pgh.org) with any recommendations.
- Work will begin in May on 6 new infill homes in the 100 block of Jacksonia by October Development.
- Work will begin on the Masonic and Garden Theater buildings in late spring.

Safety Committee

Steve Adams, chair, reported on the Safety Committee.

- The budgeted \$15,000 for safety initiatives should cover the purchase and installation of about 6 cameras.
- Locations for the cameras have yet to be determined. Locations must be able to provide power.

Financial Assistance from the URA for Home Improvements

Randy Marshak gave a presentation about the various programs that the Urban Redevelopment Authority has to provide financial assistance for home improvements.

- The presentation will be loaded on the website

Financial Assistance from the ACCA for Home Improvements

Randi Marshak reported on a new program being developed by the ACCA for financial assistance with home improvements.

- \$15,000 has been budgeted for 2013
- The program will be a grant, not a loan
- Details are still being developed

Financial Assistance from the MWSS for Home Improvements

Barbara Talerico reported on a new program being development by the Mexican War Streets Society for financial assistance with home improvements.

- Paul Johnson, the MWSS president, has decided to adopt a similar plan already being used in Oakland.
- It will be a matching grant program.
- Properties within the ACCA boundaries will be eligible.
- It won't require any proof of hardship.
- There will be a committee to evaluate requests. Priority will be given to requests for properties that are highly visible or have an impact on safety.
- The MWSS hasn't voted on it yet, but they estimate \$35,000 to \$45,000 will be budgeted to fund the program.

Board Elections

Patrick Dexter reported on the upcoming board elections in May and opened the floor for nominations. No new nominations were given. Nominations can be emailed to Patrick at pdexter@cnc-pgh.org.

Branding

Randi Marshak reported on the Branding initiative.

- The ACCA received a \$15,000 grant from the Design Center that will be used to produce banners and way finding signs.
- The Branding committee met with four design companies that responded to the RFP and chose Moore Designs.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

Minutes prepared by Arthur James, Secretary, Allegheny City Central Association.
Minutes approved on 4/8/2013.

