



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 18, 2013
Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (51)

Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Jacob Anderson, Justin Beers, Rachel Beers, Charles Bettendorf, Patricia Buck, John Canning, Debra Caplan, Lt. Kenneth Cleveland, Zolina Cook, Christopher D'Addario, Dan Deis, Patrick Dexter, Kimberly Flaherty, Chris Gates, Joan Gielas, Randy Gilson, Justine Goode, Tom Hardy, Lloyd Hedlund, Rebecca Hudock, Regina Humphries, Roger Humphries, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Deena Kelly, Joan Kimmel, Randi Marshak, David McDermott, Gregory Mucha, Laura Pascal, Mace Porac, Barbara Russell, Craig Ryan, Vincent Salvino, Bob Sechler, Sheila Sechler, David Shlapak, Laura Smith, Patrick Sweeney, Jana Thompson, Brian Toevs, Sharon Watkins (prop owner), Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Andrew Wickesberg, Matt Williamson, Craig Worl, Randy Zotter

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, November 18, 2013, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Allegheny Traditional Academy, President Steve Adams being in the chair and Secretary Arthur James being present. The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting on 10/21/13, being posted on the web site beforehand, were approved with corrections.

Announcements

- Steve Adams reported that we received about \$900 from the Pittsburgh Day of Giving
- John Canning introduced Lieutenant Kenneth Cleveland. He is the new Co-Commanding Officer of the Salvation Army center on North Avenue.
- Jana Thompson provided an update on the status of the Food Pantry operated by the Northside Common Ministries.
 - They now have an advisory committee and a website that allows for easily donating food items via Amazon click through.
 - There were previously two other pantries serving the area. The Northside one is new serving about 1000 families per month.

Jana Thompson moved that:

The ACCA donate \$600 to the Northside Common Ministries Food Bank to cover the cost of their website for the next two years.

The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

David Shlapak presented the Treasurer's Report.

Appeal of City Council's Ruling against Expanding the Historic District

At the 10/21/2013 meeting, Greg Mucha moved that

The ACCA write a letter supporting the appeal filed against City Council's decision to not expand the historic district.

And Paul Johnson moved

For postponement of consideration of the pending motion until the November general membership meeting.

The motion to postpone passed.

At the 11/18/2013 meeting, Greg Mucha withdrew his original motion.

Allegheny General Hospital Partnership

Debby Caplan from Allegheny General Hospital reported on the AGH Partnership program with Northside neighborhoods.

- The partnership program has been going on for 25 years. It began in 1989
- The partnership agreement is up for renewal in January.
- When the program was established, AGH was in expansion mode and wanted to be involved in the surrounding communities.
- The community's representative for the partnership is the Northside Leadership Conference, but the agreement is signed by each community organization.

John Canning moved to:

Ratify a renewal of the community partnership with Allegheny General Hospital.

The motion passed.

Bylaws

David Shlapak moved that

To reflect the membership's instruction to change the organization's name, it is moved that all occurrences of "Central Northside Neighborhood Council" shall be replaced with "Allegheny City Central Association." All occurrences of "the Council" shall be replaced with "the Association." All occurrences of the name "Central Northside" shall be replaced with "Allegheny City Central."

The motion passed by a 75% majority.

The process for changing the bylaws is as follows:

- Provide 30 days notice of intended changes. Notice of the above motion was given at the 10/21/2013 meeting.
- Move to make the changes and obtain a 75% majority vote.
- Make the same motion at the next membership meeting and obtain a simple majority vote.

The motion will be repeated at the 1/13/2014 meeting, where it will require a simple majority to pass.



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Development

Tom Hardy reported on development topics.

- Garden Theater Block
 - The sale of the Garden Theater and Masonic Hall closed.
 - Work has begun on the inside of the Garden Theater.
 - The plan for the Masonic and Bradberry includes obtaining historic tax credits. Still awaiting approval from the National Parks Service on those tax credits before those can move forward.

- RFP for Residential Developers
 - An RFP for developers and residents interested in side lots was published.
 - Received 4 responses.
 - The Development Committee has looked at the proposals.
 - The Committee will present the proposals and their recommendations to the ACCA board at its next meeting.
 - The proposals and recommendations will be presented to the general membership at its next meeting in January.

- I405 Buena Vista
 - Had hoped to take it through the Great House Sale.
 - The house was demolished about 6 weeks ago.
 - Would like to see a house rebuilt there.
 - The city is taking the property through the tax sale, but the city doesn't own it yet.
 - Once that's cleared, we'll be looking for developers to build there.

- Great House Sale
 - There are four properties identified that we'll work to acquire through tax sale
 - 108 Carrington
 - 401 Armandale
 - 115 East Jefferson
 - 206 Carrington
 - Working with the URA to get purchase/rehab loans.

Communications

Arthur James reported on communications topics.

- Website Redesign
 - The redesign is moving forward. Expect to have the new site launched sometime in January.

- Branding
 - The branding committee completed the strategy with the help of Northstar.
 - We're now in the implementation phase of the rebranding effort and the branding committee has dissolved.
 - Will use the Communications Committee to follow through on the implementation.

- Welcome Neighbor to Neighbor
 - Leslie Ward, along with a number of volunteers, has done a great job with the Welcome Neighbor to Neighbor program.
 - They identify people newly moved into the neighborhood, both home owners and renters, and contact them to arrange a visit.
 - They meet with the residents and provide them with a packet of resources and information about the neighborhood.
 - Leslie would like to pass her role on to somebody else. Any new volunteers would be welcome.



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- Also, if anyone is aware of new neighbors, please let them know about the program.

Safety

Steve Adams reported on safety topics.

- Have started to install “Camera in Use” signs. Have installed 19 signs so far.
- Pam Grove, the Committee Chair, is looking for more people to join the committee.
- Has been working with Commander Brackney and Officer Hodges from Zone I to identify hot spots.
- Has been tying in with the Public Safety Council for the Northside organized by the Northside Leadership Conference.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Meeting minutes prepared by Arthur James, secretary.
Minutes approved with corrections on 02/10/2014.



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