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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, January 13, 2014**  
**Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.**

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## In Attendance (31)

Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Ann Canning, John Canning, David Charlton, Patrick Dexter, Kimberly Flaherty, Chris Gates, Joan Gielas, Pam Grove, Tom Hardy, Lloyd Hedlund, Rebecca Hudock, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Brian Kaminski, Deena Kelly, Charles Moore, Jason Owens, Mace Porac, Erin Powers, Henry Reese, Vincent Salvino, Bob Sechler, Sheila Sechler, David Shlapak, Gregory Spicer, Patrick Sweeney, Andrew Wickesberg, Craig Worl, Al Zanon

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## Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, January 13, 2014, 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 11/18/13 were not distributed beforehand, and so were not approved. They will be distributed before the February meeting.

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## Board Elections

Steve Adams reported on the upcoming board elections

- Board elections will be held in May.
- Per the bylaws, we can form an Elections Committee. The committee is to be 5 members, 2 of which must be board members who will not be running.
  - Deena Kelly and Brian Kaminski volunteered to be on the Elections Committee.
- In February, we will announce that nominations will be taken.
- Nominations will be taken in March and April.
- The board has need for people with the following skills:
  - Familiarity with taxes and audits. Ability to interface and manage the accounting service we have been using.
  - Grant writing – we're probably missing out on possible funding sources.
  - Security camera management – we've installed some cameras, but could use someone to ensure that they're running and accessible.

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## Bylaws

At the 11/18/2013 meeting 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 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. This occurred at the 11/18/2013 meeting
- Make the same motion at the next membership meeting and obtain a simple majority vote, which is this 01/14/2014 meeting

The motion was repeated, and a vote was taken. It passed unanimously. The bylaws will be changed per the motion.

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## Announcements

- Henry Reese invited people to participate in his project with Oliver Lake. Oliver Lake will talk with people about living on the Northside and use that to compose music and possibly a theater piece. Oliver Lake will do a two week residency. The first meeting will be on January 24<sup>th</sup>.
- David Charlton promoted the documentary “Design & Thinking” that will be present at the New Hazlett Theater by the Pittsburgh chapter of The Product Development and Management Association on January 29<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm. A panel discussion will follow the movie.

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## Treasurer’s Report

David Shlapak presented the Treasurer’s Report.

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## Development

Tom Hardy reported on development topics.

- RFP for Residential Developers
  - Gave a slide presentation of the Development Committee’s recommendations.
    - Received four proposals.
    - Recommendation – Award Arctecon exclusive option to develop 3 owner-occupied homes on the following properties: 212, 214, & 216 Alpine and 211, 213 & 215 Carrington.
    - Recommendation – Award Todd Palcic exclusive option to develop large lot at 107 Alpine (23-F-352) subject to a review of plans.
    - Recommendation – Award 1511 Arch St. (23-F-328) to October Development which will be part of next phase of his housing development. October Development owns adjacent property.
    - Recommendation – Award 223 Alpine St. (23-F-282) to Deena Kelly as a side yard for her residence at 226 Jacksonia. Parcel is landlocked and can’t be aggregated with other properties for a larger development.
    - 8 of 27 parcels in the Property Reserve would be awarded.
    - Awardees must begin work within 9 months of closing, and complete work 12 months after that.

Andrew Wickesberg moved that

*The General Membership accept the recommendations from the Development Committee and Board and award properties from the RFP to Arctecon, Todd Palcic, October Development and Deena Kelly as presented.*

The motion passed unanimously.

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## Communications

Arthur James reported on communications topics.

- Website Redesign



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- Working on writing copy.
- Would like to incorporate photos submitted from neighbors. Please send us your photos.
- Branding
  - Arthur James, Kimberly Flaherty and Greg Spicer met with the Design Center and Moore Design Associations to determine how to proceed with the remainder of the Design Center's grant from last year since the original banner idea. Will pursue developing a master plan for redesigning the Federal and North intersection
- 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.
  - Also, if anyone is aware of new neighbors, please let them know about the program.

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## Safety

Pam Grove reported on safety topics.

- Pam Grove, the Committee Chair, is still looking for more people to join the committee.
- After hearing of the mugging that occurred on Sampsonia, tracked down a camera on Sampsonia that might have capture the event. Unfortunately the camera didn't capture much detail, but the police were appreciative.

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## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.

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



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