



Central Northside Neighborhood Council

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, May 14, 2012 Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Michele Adams, Steve Adams, John Augustine, Colleen Bender, Pat Buck, Anthony Cabral, Lauren Cabral, John Canning, Jessica Carson, Paul Carson, David Charlton, Laurie Charlton, JP Coakley, Christopher D'Addario, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Jerome Ferrar, Joan Gielas, Pam Grove, Tom Hardy, Bruce Harshman, Kent Hensley, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Brian Kaminski, Don Kosy, Susan Larkin, Tom Little, Paco Mahone, Scott Mathis, Mark Myers, Lindsay O'Leary, Jason Owens, Neil Parham, Julie Peterson, Katie Pierson, Marirose Radelet, Karen Rasmussen, Henry Reese, John Rhoades, Kristi Russo, Vincent Salvino, Diane Samuels, Bob Sechler, Sheila Sechler, Belinda Shlapak, David Shlapak, Brad Spencer, Gregory Spicer, Neill Stouffer, Barbara Talerico, Ruth Tomlin, Leslie Ward, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Andrew Wickesberg, Craig Worl, Randy Zotter

Meeting called to order by Chris D'Addario, President.

1. **Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the April 9, 2012**

No amendments were made to the April 2012 minutes.

Motion made to approve the March General Membership Meeting Minutes by Steve Adams. Motion seconded by Randy Zotter. Motion approved.

2. **President's Report**

The President prefers to defer to the individual Committee Chairs.

3. **Elections – Casting Ballots – John Rhoades and Neil Parham**

John Rhoades reviewed the elections process and procedures. Neil Parham read the names of the Elections Committee: Ruth Tomlin, Julie Peterson, Neil Parham and John Rhoades.

Each candidate took 60 seconds to review their areas of interest and why they would like to serve on the Board. Chris D'Addario spoke on behalf of Randi Marshak, who had a work conflict this evening.

Ballots were collected. John Rhoades announced the ballots officially closed. The Elections Committee exited the room to count ballots.

4. **Development Committee Updates – Tom Hardy**

Garden Theater Block Update

1113-1115 Federal structural work underway to stabilize the buildings, as well as work on the mansard roof is underway. In conversations with the developer, 1113-1115 Federal should soon have a signed lease/tenant. Craig Totino of Collaborative Ventures is scheduled to provide another update next month.

Scattered Site RFP Project Update

The Development Committee recommended to the Board two awardees of two separate pieces of the RFP, and the Board adopted those recommendations. Todd Meyer was the selected developer of the Alpine/Sampsonia properties and Frank Quinn will redevelop the Saturn Properties.

Land Bank

A list of all properties available in the CNNC Property Reserve will be posted to the CNNC website.

Boyle Street Properties

1423 / 1413 Boyle were slated for demolition, but the Development Committee has been working to save the properties. Colleen Bender added that May 30 is the date whereby if no developer for the properties is found, then the buildings will be demolished by The Bureau of Building Inspection.

Great House Sale

The Development Committee is working to develop a Great House Sale proposal, with the goal of taking vacant properties and selling them to those interested in owner-occupied home ownership. A proposal will be brought forth to the membership once prepared in coming months.

5. Safety Committee – Paco Mahone

National Night Out

Informational fliers were distributed. Scheduled for Tuesday, August 7, 2012. Request made for volunteers to help with planning the event; interested parties can email safety@cnn-c-pgh.org. Local resident and jazz legend Roger Humphries has offered to lead a drum line as part of the evenings events.

Police Detail

The safety committee is still working toward the goal of rolling out this initiative in June. Planning continues and a proposal, including budget, will be brought forth to the membership for approval prior to implementation.

Excessive Speeding in the Neighborhood

Citing that drivers in the neighborhood often ignore stop signs and speed limits, the Safety Committee is working on an initiative for addressing the problem. Ideas include additional signage, clearing away trees blocking signage currently in place, and having police officers ready to ticket in trouble areas.

6. Election Results – John Rhoades

John read those who won Board seats for the 2012-14 term:

- Brian Kazminski
- Steve Adams
- David Shlapak
- Patrick Dexter
- Randi Marshak
- Craig Worl
- Andrew Wickesberg
- Colleen Bender

John thanked everyone who has been involved in the community.

7. Treasurer’s Report – Barb Talerico

Barb Talerico reviewed the Treasurer’s Report. Barb noted that the full Treasurer’s Reports are available at the CNNC website and posted every month. A copy of the Treasurer’s report may also be requested by emailing treasurer@cnn-c-pgh.org. Barb reviewed the P&L for the period April 10 – May 13 as well as the Balance Sheet. Fiscal Year starts June 1, and the Balance Sheet was reviewed.

Motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report made by David Shlapak. Motion seconded by Kate Pierson. Motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Bank Grant Applications

Still no news from Citizens Bank. May hear a response in July.

PPND Grant Application Update

The CNNC worked with Tom Hardy to apply for a grant for a Technical Consultant to help with a multi-neighborhood planning effort. If awarded, the Technical Application is worth \$25,000 toward hiring a consultant to build a larger proposal submission to PPND. CNNC submitted a proposal with the Perry Hilltop Neighborhood, the California-Kirkbride neighborhood, the Children’s Museum, the New Hazlett Theater, and YMWAHA. It was noted that the NSLC submitted a separate application from the CNNC application. The CNNC was informed that the CNNC’s application was fast-tracked and no formal review required to award the Technical Assistance piece. More information for next steps are expecting in the coming weeks.

8. Kaboom! Update – Julie Peterson – Build Day is Tuesday, June 19, 2012

With 35 days to go, we have been getting a lot of support from Kaboom. Weekly conference calls are held, and much work is being done.

The Northside Institutional Church of God in Christ has provided a large amount of outreach assistance on the project. The Church is also donating a stage and a PA system.

The Kaboom Food Committee must feed up to 400 volunteers a continental breakfast and a bagged lunch over the course of three days. Donations and support have been pledged by the North Shore Deli, BV Coffee, Councilman Lavelle, Giant Eagle, and others.

9. Old Business

Welcome Wagon – Leslie Ward

Leslie Ward has spearheaded efforts to produce a Welcome Kit for new neighbors. The welcome kit includes information on local attractions, as well as gift certificates / discount information for various vendors, including Tom Fridays, Rita's Ice, Doug's Market, Just Ducky Tours, the YMCA and others have been very supportive and contributed. The Carnegie Library donated the bags in which to put everything. The kit also includes a one-year free membership to both the CNNC and the MWSS.

Welcome Kits will begin to be delivered to both renters and homeowners in June. A soft launch approach will be used, requesting feedback from recipients and modifying the kits accordingly.

10. New Business

Residential Parking Permits – Arthur James

Arthur James attended the information session, which was open to the public, on May 3, 2012. The packet of information provided at that meeting, including the work plan timeline, was scanned and will be posted at www.cnnc-pgh.org.

The multi-step process goes through City Planning, then City Council, followed by the Dept. of Public Works. The Parking Authority enforces the process if implemented. City Planning handles the initial phase. The City first has to determine if enough interest has been expressed. Essentially, a minimum of 10 block faces or 100 parking spaces must be at play. The City believes that based upon requests over a number of years they have enough interest to pursue next steps. Then there is a petition process, whereby 70% of the households (for the whole area, not block by block) must vote in favor of the permit program. A parking survey is also performed during what they deem as peak hours (typically between 11 am – 1 pm). During these peak periods, at least 75% of the legal on-street parking spaces must be utilized.

Cost of a Permit is \$20 per year. Must prove you are a resident and own a car for a permit. There is also one guest pass per household available, at \$1 per year.

There is a grace period for people visiting businesses in the neighborhood, but again the neighborhood can determine some for those parameters.

Other parking permit areas surround the Central North Side, including Allegheny West and East Deutschtown.

There is plenty of opportunity to make your voice heard in this process. If you want to be in the permit parking district already proposed but would like to be, contact Ashley Holloway at 412-393-0162 or ashley.holloway@pittsburghpa.gov.

11. Announcements

None

Motion to adjourn made by Andrew Wickesberg. Motion seconded by Anthony Cabral.
Meeting adjourned by Chris D'Addario, at 8:52 pm.

The next CNNC General Membership Meeting will be Monday, June 11, 2012, 7:00 p.m. at Allegheny Traditional Academy.