

Central Northside Neighborhood Council

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, July 16, 2012 Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (41): Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Colleen Bender, Kimberly Bracken, Patricia Buck, Randy Burns, Lauren Cabral, David Charlton, Christopher D'Addario, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Nancy Ewing, Jerome Ferrar, Joan Gielas, Tom Hardy, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Brian Kaminski, Barbara Kelly, Bruce Ledewitz, Randi Marshak, Al Meyers, Jan Meyers, Glenn Olcerst, Lindsay O'Leary, Jason Owens, Julie Peterson, Mace Porac, Ralph (Henry) Reese, Vincent Salvino, Sheila Sechler, David Shlapak, Brad Spencer, Gregory Spicer, Barbara Talerico, Robert Weis, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Craig Worl, Al Zanon

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Central Northside Neighborhood Council was held on Monday, July 16, 2012, at 7:00pm 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 6/11, being posted on the web site beforehand, were approved.

Closing Remarks

Chris D'Addario, having just been succeeded as President by Barbara Talerico, gave his closing remarks highlighting the organization's accomplishments over the past year for which he served as President.

Announcements

The floor was opened for announcements.

- Julie Peterson provided a recap of the success of the KaBOOM! Playground build in the Allegheny Commons park.
- Glen Olcerst announced the kick-off of the Art in the Ally project.
- Harry Johnson (from Councilman Lavelle's office) reported that the council redistricting is still in progress and that Councilman Lavelle and Council President Harris are hoping to find a solution that would not split our neighborhood among two districts.

Treasurer's Report

Reports were given by David Shlapak, Treasurer. Jan Meyers moved "To accept the Treasurer's Reports". The motion was adopted.

Development Committee

The development report was given by Development Consultant Tom Hardy on behalf of the Development Committee. Topics reported included:

- Todd Meyer to develop the two condemned properties at 1413 and 1423 Boyle Street. Both will be developed as owner occupied properties.
- A new letter of intent received from Wellspring Whole Health, currently located at 502 W. North Avenue, for 6 W. North Avenue in the Garden Theater Block.
- Initial concept phase and work being done for a Great House Sale project.
- Work continues with the Mexican War Streets Society on the expansion of the city designated historic district.

Branding Committee Report

Reports were given by Randi Marshak, Co-Chair, on behalf of the Branding Committee. Topics reported included:

- Upcoming community meeting on August 8th at 7:00pm in the Children's Museum to present the proposed branding.
- A vote will be called before the regularly scheduled CNNC membership meeting on September 10th at 7:00pm at Allegheny Traditional Academy.

Safety Committee Report

Reports were given by Steve Adams, Chairman, on behalf of the Safety Committee. Topics reported included:

- Working on upcoming National Night Out event on August 7th.
- Encouraged contacting him directly at sadams@cnnc-pgh.org if interested in assisting with the safety committee.

City Council Redistricting

The current plan proposed by the city council's Reapportionment Advisory Committee for re-drawing the city's council district splits the Central Northside among two districts along Sampsonia Way. North of Sampsonia Way would be in District 6 (currently served by Councilman Lavelle), while south of Sampsonia Way would be in District 1 (currently served by Council President Harris).

Gregory Spicer **moved**, "That we vote to support the board of directors' decision to oppose redistricting". Rather than amending, the motion was defeated after debate so that a new motion could be made.

Arthur James **moved**, "that the CNNC membership vote to state its position of opposition to splitting the neighborhood into two districts." The motion was adopted unanimously after debate.

Parking Permit Program

- The petition period will end on September 1st.
- A means to contact the petitioners will be published.

Welcome, Neighbor to Neighbor

- Leslie Ward is running the program
- 12 people have received welcome packets since the program's inception two months ago.

New Business

The floor was opened for new business.

 Harry Johnson announced an upcoming resource fair at Point Park that Councilman Lavelle and State Representative Jake Wheatley are sponsoring.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:30

Minutes prepared by Arthur James, Secretary, Central Northside Neighborhood Council. Minutes approved at the September 10, 2012 membership meeting.