



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 13, 2014
1400 Buena Vista, 7:00 p.m.**

In Attendance (40)

Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Gregory Bednarek, Heather Bednarek, Tim Bezek, Jeff Brizek, Patricia Buck, Nicholas Cafardi, John Canning, Robert Collins, Zolina Cook, Patrick Dexter, Chris Gates, Joan Gielas, Cody Harding, Tom Hardy, Regina Humphries, Roger Humphries, Arthur James, Tim Johnson, Deena Kelly, Bruce Ledewitz, Mike Mitchell, Charles Moore, Lindsey Morrow, James Pastorius, Jason Perez, Craig Reinhard, Patricia Rogers, Vincent Salvino, Bob Sechler, Sheila Sechler, Philip Snow, Douglas Sutcliffe, Patrick Sweeney, Abdul Wali, Sharon Watkins, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Matt Williamson

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, October 13, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. at 1400 Buena Vista Street. President Andrew Wickesberg chaired. Secretary Arthur James recorded the minutes.

Minutes from the 9/8/14 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Tom Hardy presented the treasurer's report.

- Received \$29,500 from CDBG/ACCBO for 2014/2015
- Still waiting to hear about the application for \$12,500 for NAP.
- Applied for \$30,000 for Neighborhood Allies (formerly PPND). Was not awarded this time. They had over 100 applicants and it's getting more competitive.
- Income fiscal YTD: \$18,047
- Expenses fiscal YTD: \$17,784

Allegheny City Market

Robert Collins and Mike Mitchell address the membership about the sale of the market from Robert to Mike.

- Condition of the sale includes a loan from the NSLC's Northside Community Development Fund (NCDF).
- The NCDF has approved the loan, but is requesting a letter of support from the community for the sale of the market from Robert Collins to Mike Mitchell before closing on the loan.
- The model of the market won't change. It will be the same hours, same employees, and same types of products.



- Mike plans to add more hot, prepared foods.
- Rob explained that two stores are too much for him at the moment.

John Canning moved:

To send a letter to the Northside Community Development Fund in support of the sale of Allegheny City Market from Robert Collins to Mike Mitchell.

The motion passed.

Development

Tom Hardy reported on development topics.

- Garden Theater
 - The water and sewer work should start next week.
 - The URA is handling the water and sewer project and gave the contractor the go-ahead.
- Masonic
 - Henry Reese is in the process of trying to purchase the whole building and has secured more funding for that.
 - The URA has made the allocation of some new market tax credits available for Henry to use.
- Other Garden Theater Block Buildings
 - The URA is evaluating the six proposals that were submitted.
 - They hope to make one or more awards at their November board meeting.
- 1423 Boyle Street
 - It has been condemned for years and we have tried to save it.
 - ACCA issued an RFP and awarded the project to Frank Quinn to stabilize it and eventually rehab it.
 - Frank Quinn is now unable to take that work on.
 - The Development Committee had also selected Paul Johnson as a candidate when the proposals were submitted.
 - Paul Johnson has agreed to take the project over.
- Great House Sale II
 - The Development Committee did a walk-through of the four houses
 - 108 Carrington
 - 206 Carrington
 - 115 East Jefferson
 - 401 Armandale
 - The plan is to sell them to people who plan to rehab and occupy them.
 - They all need complete rehabs.
 - The City is still four to six months away from clearing the titles.
 - We have a license agreement from the City allowing us to clean them out in the meantime.



ALL TOGETHER. DIFFERENT.

Safety

Andrew Wickesberg:

- Introduced Jeff Brizek and Thomas Westfall as the new Safety Committee co-chairs.
- Congratulated Boyle Street for their successful block party.

Tom Westfall reported:

- Monthly Community Public Safety Meeting
 - Instituting monthly community public safety meetings.
 - Will be held on the last Tuesday of each month, excluding December at 6pm at the Carnegie Library Pittsburgh – Allegheny.
 - The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 28.
 - Guests will include representatives from Councilperson's Levelle and Harris, Zone 1 Commander Brackney, Community Officer Larry Crawford.
- Zone 1 Monthly Report
 - Zone 1's monthly report had for reportable incidents and 10 arrests below North Taylor.
 - There was a lot of activity of Federal and North.

Street Trees

Chris Gates reported:

- There is an upcoming mulching party with Tree Pittsburgh. Mulch will be added to the cutouts for trees. 42 Pitt students will be coming in that day for Pitt Make a Difference Day. Once they are done cleaning out Mechanics Retreat and Drover's Way, they will help with the mulching.
- Has collected 53 tree request forms.
- We can continue to submit requests to TreeVitalize through Thanksgiving.
- TreeVitalize has said that we're more likely to get our requested trees if we demonstrate that we can take care of the trees that we have.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:10.

Meeting minutes prepared by Arthur James, secretary.
Minutes approved on 11/10/14.