



Allegheny City Central Association

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, January 11th, 2016 Fabled Table, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (38) Steve Adams, Patricia Buck, Randy Burns, John Canning, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Mark Deptola, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Chris Gates, Joan Gielas, Tom Hardy, Arthur James, Tim Johnson, Brian Kaminski, Carolyn Klingman, Tim Nuttle, Glenn Olcerst, Katie Pierson, Mace Porac, Erin Powers, Marirose Radelet, Henry Reese, Steven Regal, Andrew Reichert, Kyle Smith, Patrick Sweeney, Barbara Talerico, Al Zanon, Steven Hawkins, Jacob Hanchar, Jeff Suzik, Diane Samuels, Sally Stadelman, Erin Tobin, Jeff Martin, Mac Howison

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, January 11th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Fabled Table 1400 Buena Vista Street., the President being in the chair the secretary recorded the minutes.

Call to Order

Meeting at 7pm on 09-14-2015 at 1400 Buena Vista Street Pittsburgh PA 15212. President Andrew Wickesberg presiding.

Announcements

Marirose Radelet- packages being left by UPS, FedEx etc. Looking for volunteers to investigate ways to stop this practice. Call 412-322-1188 to volunteer

UU Church Saturday January 30th. Workshop on authentic diversity where all voices can be heard. \$30 registration from 9-4

Jeff Martin - Councilwoman Harris's Office - Willing to facilitate meeting between appellant Steven Pascal and Trek if needed. War Streets Brewery zoning hearing went well. Working with DPW on Lake Elizabeth to reopen this summer.

Sally Stadelman - Mayors Office. Introduced herself as our new contact.

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Approval of Minutes

Steven Adams made a motion to approve. November minutes approved unanimously.

Tim Nuttle and Brad Hazelwood - Sampsonia Way

A project to transform Sampsonia from Sherman and Monterey into a green way per the Community Master Plan. Received a \$10k grant from the Sprout Fund to conceptualize the project.

Divert storm water from sewage system to alleviate combined overflows.

1. keep water onsite to seep into ground and evaporate
2. Delay the water so as to not overwhelm the sewage system

develop a desired approach to add Green Infrastructure (GI).

Identify preferred vision of the alley - including GI, creative placemaking, and art.

perform a basic study in potential volume of water in order to determine a cost effective approach

create a tool that can be used citywide

begin conversations with property owners to discuss GI options.

Is the salt used on the roads in the winter a problem for GI?

No - it's not a problem for the pervious pavers and GI can help to disperse the salt.

Will the pavers hold up to garbage trucks traveling on the street?

Yes - they are rated for truck traffic.

Meeting on January 19th with DPW, PWSA, and Alcosan.

send comments to Sampsonia Green Alley Facebook page or

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Rick Belloli Q Development/Trek - GTB

Thanked everyone for the help and support during this long process. Legal briefings due today - Trek submitted theirs to the court. Waiting to hear whether the appellants filed as well. Judge James has 6 weeks to decide. December 18th Trek closed on the Garden Theater. Trek believes that the best process is to do construction on the entire block at once to make more efficient use of resources. If after 90 days the legal process is still ongoing they may look at breaking the project into two phases.

Erin Tobin - Allegheny Commons Initiative

Lake Elizabeth - In May of 2015 it was determined by PWSA that Lake Elizabeth had many leaks and therefore wasting potable water. The PWSA, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy, the Allegheny Commons Initiative and the City of Pittsburgh Department of Public works began exploring short-term solutions to repair the lake so that the lake can be filled and enjoyed by the community in the spring and summer months of 2016. The ACI Steering Committee did not support the most recent proposal by the PWSA at the ACI meeting in November. The ACI sent a letter to the PWSA asking them to work with water hydrologist Ian Lipsky from eDesign Dynamics and PPC to come to a compromised solution that will allow for Lake Elizabeth to be filled in spring 2016.

Northeast Fountain - Construction documents are near completion for the Northeast Fountain project. Further investigation (required by the PWSA) into the sewer and water lines at the corner of Cedar and North Avenues has been completed. The PPC is working with the PWSA to confirm that the sewer is in good enough condition to tap into for the fountain. The PPC is in the process of applying for the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. This permit is a 6-month process ensures that the project achieves water quality standards. DPW/City of Pittsburgh need to determine



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their in kind contributions to the project in order to complete the construction documents. Once construction documents are completed, state and local permits will be obtained. While fundraising for the project is ongoing the Northeast Fountain project is this year's focused fundraising capital project for the PPC.

Storm water Management Plan - The Allegheny Commons Storm water Management Plan (funded by the Buhl Foundation) is almost complete. The plan focuses on the area of the park near Lake Elizabeth. One of the main focuses of the plan is to redirect storm water run off from nearby structures to Lake Elizabeth. A deliverable of the plan will be recommendations for how to manage the storm water issues in and around the park as well as construction documents for one implementable project. A community meeting to present the completed plan will take place in late February/early March.

Pedestrian Bridge - The Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh reached out to the Allegheny Commons Initiative and the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy to collaborate on the fundraising and design for a new Pedestrian Bridge. The bridge committee of the Allegheny Commons Initiative that formerly focused on the West Ohio Street Bridge will now turn their focus to the Pedestrian Bridge.

Looking for letter of support from ACCA and individual members in support of compromise plan.

John Canning moved that ACCA write a letter of support to PWSA to work with Ian Lipsky on a compromise solution. Tim Johnson seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Jacob Hanchar - 1500 Arch

Hosted a design party at Mattress Factory last month and is looking for additional feedback from ACCA. Seeking a zoning change for a first floor commercial space but is open to keeping it residential. Possible uses include dry cleaning drop off or barber shop. Building was used for commercial activity in the past. Going before zoning on March 3rd.

ACCA will put design drawings on the website and solicit feedback and plan on a vote at the February meeting.

Mission and Vision Statement Discussion

Motion to accept the new Vision Statement was made by Al Zannon - seconded by Barbara Talerico. Motion passed.

Board Elections

Election Committee is made up of 3 members from the general membership and 2 board members. Steven Adams, Al Zanon, Dan

Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm



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