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General Membership Meeting
March 14, 2016 @ 7:00pm
New Hope United Methodist Church
1400 Buena Vista Street

In Attendance (40) Steve Adams, Patricia Buck, John Canning, David Charlton, Lara Croce, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Patrick Dexter, Adel Fougnes, Chris Gates, Bill Gatti, Joan Gielas, Donna Green, Jerrold Green, Arthur James, Tim Johnson, Brian Kaminski, Deena Kelly, Carolyn Klingman, Mark Klingman, Heather Kniess, Susan Larkin, Joe Manojlovich, Joe Mansfield, Jeff Martin, Al Meyers, Jan Meyers, Charles Moore, Gregory Mucha, Tim Nuttle, Christopher Nygren, Glenn Olcerst, Nick Ross, Sheila Sechler, Brad Spencer, Sally Stadelman, Patrick Sweeney, Barbara Talerico, Erin Tobin, Lydia Yoder

I. Call to Order **7pm**

II. Announcements

- Henry Reese shared an update about the Masonic renovations and the name of the restaurant coming to the City of Asylum project, *Casellula* www.casellula.com
- Jeff Martin from Councilwoman Harris's office presented information on upcoming sessions sponsored by the Councilwoman's office at the Carnegie Library on Federal: Money Management Skills, Pizza and pop. He also stated that the project at 1500 Arch street went through. Proposed uses include a Tea room, Bookshop and Ice Cream
- Development Committee – Tim Johnson
Written criteria being developed for future developers to follow. This will happen at DevCom meeting this Wednesday, March 16
- Permit parking discussion. Must be resident driven 25 signatures to get Ashley Holloway to come for a meeting.
- Affordable housing meeting information presented by Sally Stadelman from Mayor Peduto's office:

Please join the City of Pittsburgh in a discussion about affordable housing. The City is hosting four Deliberative Forums on the Affordable Housing Task Force's mission to provide a more robust way

for community members to give feedback to city officials and Task Force members. These meetings are an opportunity for the community to provide input on affordable housing issues, specifically relating to policies, programs or initiatives designed to increase the supply of affordable housing in the City of Pittsburgh.

Affordable Housing Task Force Deliberative Forum – North Side

When: Wednesday March 23, 2016, 6-8:30 p.m.

Where: Letter Carrier's Union Hall, 841 California Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

Each forum will include a brief overview of the Affordable Housing Task Force and Affordable Housing in Pittsburgh, small group discussions of priorities recommended by the task force, and a Q&A with panel members. All forums contain the same presented content, and are open to every resident of the City of Pittsburgh. Families are encouraged to attend and participate. Participants are asked to RSVP online in advance. Please call Sally Stadelman at [412-255-4773](tel:412-255-4773) or email sally.stadelman@pittsburghpa.gov with any questions. Walk-in registration will be available on the day of the forum.

III. Approval of February 8, 2016 Meeting Minutes

IV. Treasurer's Report

A. 2014-2015 Audit

- Tom Hardy reported on the audit. The audit is available on-line. Edie York is our new auditor/accountant. Hardy explained current funding stream has wound down (ACPO) because the neighborhood has a more diverse income bracket than we once did.

V. Development Update

A. Garden Theater Block, Guests—TREK Development Group & Q Development

• Bill Gatti – Update

TREK was awarded a zoning variance in the fall that was Appealed by 2 neighbors. One dropped out and one remains. Trek is trying to meet with the individual to talk but has not had any luck. There was a pretrial hearing in December with Judge James. The Appellate's attorney was present, and the Jan 7 appeal was presented. Gatti feels that the Judge is leaning in "our" favor

Gatti thinks that we will be hearing something within the next 30 days, and there is the possibility of additional appeals even after the Judges decision. Trek has acquired the Garden Theater, and URA refurbishment of the Garden Theater Sign is moving forward. TREK continues to field inquiries from possible Restaurants and commercial groups. On the subject of the Bradbury, TREK considered moving forward with that but it proved to be too difficult for the investors without the rest of the block. At present, the URA owns all buildings other than Garden Theater. Buildings are in terrible shape. Trek has secured parking for the apartments from the Parking Garage owner on Federal Street.

- Glenn O. asked Gatti to move forward with part of the block to ease the construction noise and dust that might be a nuisance to City of Asylum.



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- Gatti responded that his investors will not commit to any construction at this point.
- Henry Reese responded that he knows that it isn't easy to get funding as one would think and is ok with how Trek is handling it. City of Asylum was awarded grants for construction.
- Susan Larkin made a motion to get neighborhood lawyers together to see if we as a community group have standing and can sue the appealer. Deena Kelly seconded the motion. Motion passes. One "no" vote –David Charlton
- Glenn asked that Steven Pascal be given notice that we are investigating suing him. No discussion on this suggestion.

B. Community Response Tool

VI. Election Committee Update

Dan Deis asked for all those present who wished to run for the board to please stand. Present and willing to run are:

Nick Ross
 Joe Mansfield
 Pat Sweeney
 Kathy Deis
 Tim Johnson
 Patrick Dexter

Others planning to run that are currently on the board and were not present:

Tom Westfall
 Matt Williamson

VII. Allegheny Commons Initiative Update A. Erin Tobin, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Update: Lake Elizabeth - partially fill the lake this week weather permitting. Will look for the leak and go from there. If the leak is at the bottom of the lake DPW will come in and asphalt the bottom.

Watershed Meeting April 4

Dog Park - temporarily relocate to let the ground "heal."

Park Ranger for Allegheny Commons – Northside and downtown CommonSquare

The Commons Fountain is the next project for the Conservancy.

Erin urged all present to contact 311 about the Light issue at the park. the short under the driveway of the Aviary – Public safety issue. We need to put pressure on DPW.

Erin asked that ACCA send a letter as other groups have.

VIII. Sampsonia Green Alley Project Update & Feedback

Tim Nuttle presented the ongoing Community Plan for the Central Northside storm water plan. Alcosan's current plan is for 3-4 billion gallons of runoff to be treated by gray infrastructure, including new treatment



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tunnels and plants Redirection of storm water through Green Infrastructure is encouraged, and to that end the neighborhood has developed a conceptual design. This would be the first green alley project in Pittsburgh, and would serve as the model for elsewhere in the city.

The next step is for the ACCA to support the project with the city.

Greg Muccha made a motion and Barb Talerico seconded. Motion passed One “no” vote – David

IX. Guest Introduction

- A. Mike Woycheck, Alloy 26 COMING IN APRIL
- B. Lydia Yoder, GTECH Strategies

- GTECH – land issues. Buhl and One Northside are working to connect all 18 neighborhoods on the Northside. Looking to see who is interested in helping with this connection. Lydia brought a sign-up sheet

X. Pitt Serves Event (April 2, 2016)

- Asking for ideas for from the community.

Mtg adjourned at 9pm



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