



## Allegheny City Central Association

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, May 9th, 2016 Fabled Table, 7:00 p.m.

**In Attendance (40)** Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Anna Ahronheim, Jeff Brizek, Patricia Buck, John Canning, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Patrick Dexter, Adel Fougnes, Joan Gielas, Arthur James, Tim Johnson, Carolyn Klingman, Mark Klingman, Sandra Kniess, Joe Mansfield, Jeff Martin, Charles Moore, Ngani Ndimbie, Glenn Olcerst, Henry Reese, Andrew Reichert, Craig Reinhard, Danielle Ross, Nick Ross, David Solosko, Brad Spencer, Sally Stadelman, Jeff Suzik, Patrick Sweeney, Barbara Talerico, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Andrew Wickesberg, Matt Williamson, Krista Winslow, Steven Winslow, Bernelle Wood, Randy Zotter

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#### Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, May 9th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. at Fabled Table 1400 Buena Vista Street, the meeting was presided by Andrew Wickesberg and minutes recorded by Patrick Dexter

#### Call to Order

#### Announcements

##### **Jeff Martin - Representative from Councilwoman Harris' Office.**

Jeff has been promoted to acting chief of staff in Councilwoman Harris' office.

Councilwoman Harris continues to try to bring Stephen Pascal to the table. Jeff was not personally involved in the conference calls with Stephen Pascal and cannot speak to the details

A petition may be circulating on Sampsonia to pave the alley this year but has not been received by her office. A suggestion was made to apply cold patches to Sampsonia Way in the meantime.

CH sent a letter to PWSA instructing them to work with Allegheny Commons Initiative. CH sent a letter to Zoning urging them to limit the Verizon generator to 60-65 dB.

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Can the zoning be changed - CH office is looking into the legal ramifications of changing the zoning.

##### **Sally Steadleman - Office of Community Affairs**

Capital Budget forums will be held at 6pm on



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June 8th Kinsley Center  
June 21st Allegheny Elks lodge

Summer '16 - Mayor's office is partnering with organizations for summer programming for children. People can sign up online by googling the Summer '16 Pittsburgh initiative

Welcome Pittsburgh - A bike ride for new immigrants to Pittsburgh.

Followup on neighborhood holistic parking plan instead of block by block can be done.

### **Bernal Councilman Lavelle's office.**

After being informed by a neighbor of disrepair to Jefferson Rec Center CL found there's no money in the current capital budget. A walk through of the building with DPW and Councilman Lavelle will be happening to assess the condition.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes for the March and April minutes was made by Tim Johnson, Steve Adams seconded motion passed unanimously

### **Elections**

All members up for election provided introductions. As there were more Ballots were collected. Seats for 8 with 10 candidates

Kathy Dies  
Nick Ross  
Pat Sweeney  
Tim Johnson  
Patrick Dexter  
Matt Williamson  
Craig Reinhard  
Andrew Wickesberg

### **Bridge Music Hall**

Rich Dieter is opening a 240 seat cabaret venue in Nova Place. Music Therapy will be offered during the day. Once or twice a month there will be early night music offerings. Musicians will be provided a guaranteed fee. Expect to be open by May 2017 with the goal of having music almost every night of the week. Looking for a letter of support to be presented to developers and potential investors.

Glenn Olcerst made a motion to provide a letter of support. Joe Mansfield seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

### **Allegheny Commons Generator**

Andrew reached out to the engineering firm and to Verizon to attend. They are building a larger enclosure to replace the existing generator. It will be run once every 2 weeks for 1.5 hours at around 65dB - the same or less as the current generator.

### **Fabled Table**



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Lisa Ferguson and Mike are purchasing the building at 1400 Buena Vista. They've occupied the building for 4 years. Since the building was previously used as a church they need an Occupancy Permit for catering. The hearing is September 15th.

Steve Adams made a motion to write a letter of support to Zoning. Seconded by Randy Zotter. Motion carried unanimously

### **Open Streets Pittsburgh**

Ngani Ndimbie from BikePGH - Open Streets Pittsburgh were held on three Sundays in 2015 and will be coming to the Northside on July 31st 2016 9am to 1pm. Streets will be opened to pedestrians from Market Square in downtown across the 6th Street Bridge around the Commons down Western Ave and across the West End bridge to the West End for a total of about 3.2 miles. Cars will be able to cross the route at "permeable intersections" that are run by Open Streets volunteers and have a police officer. Actively seeking out suggestions for programming. Send suggestions through [openstreetspgh.org](http://openstreetspgh.org) Local businesses can be involved as well through marketing and engagements -at [openstreetspgh.org](http://openstreetspgh.org)

### **New Business**

Glenn Olcerst made a motion to (pending Board discussion with Trek) send a letter to the URA asking them to subsidize the buildout of the Bradbury Building so that Trek can commence development immediately. Randy Zotter seconded. No money is earmarked by the URA. Andrew Wickesberg spoke with Councilman Lavelle who sits on the URA board - Trek Development has not provided the URA with gap funding estimates.

Motions carries

Henry Reese - Grand Opening will be attended by the 2015 Nobel Prize winner in Literature followed by a month of jazz programming. Casellula is scheduled for a soft opening August.  
Monterey St garden - the gates are being repaired and will be in use by June or July.

After researching the deed office 8 W North Ave is at least as old as 1872

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30



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