



Allegheny City Central Association

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, July 11, 2016 Alphabet City Tent, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (38)

Anna Ahronheim, Jenn Albaugh, Jake Bier, Jeff Brizek, Clinique Brundidge, Patricia Buck, Alicia Cafardi, Nicholas Cafardi, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Marilyn Detwiler, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Adel Fournies, Chris Gates, Bill Gatti, Joan Gielas, Donna Green, Jerrold Green, Tom Hardy, Zach Ingoldsby, Stephanie Johnston, Charles Moore, Stephen Pascal, Mace Porac, Andrew Reichert, Craig Reinhard, Nick Ross, Vincent Salvino, Brian Shannon, Patrick Sweeney, Erin Tobin, Andrew Wickesberg, Krista Winslow, Steven Winslow, Al Zanon, Haley Chizevev

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, July 11th, 2016, at 7:00 p.m. in the Alphabet City Tent. The meeting was presided by Andrew Wickesberg and recorded by Nick Ross.

Announcements

Sally Stadelam from the Office of Mayor William Peduto announced upcoming public meetings on behalf of City Planning to present the City-wide Bike Plan for comment.

Jeff Martin from the Office of Councilwoman Darlene Harris announced several of the Councilwoman's Capital Budget Requests, as follows:

- \$100k, Sampsonia Green Alley
- \$100k, Commons lighting project
- \$100k, West Park Pedestrian Bridge

Tim Nuttle announced \$15k in grants for ongoing design of the Sampsonia Green Alley project, as well as assuring that the petition to pave Sampsonia will not impact the Green Alley project.

Stephanie Johnston of MWSS invited attendees to a "Bottle Diggers" event (date TBD) and Garden Tour on Sept 11.

Approval of June Meeting Minutes

Al Zannan moves to approve Steve Adams seconds, motion passes.

Garden Theater Block Update

Bill Gatti of Trek Development continues to explore options for moving project forward presented at previous meetings. An appeal hearing for previous zoning appeal decision is scheduled for November in Commonwealth Court. Trek has explored a



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zoning change but has not gotten traction. Recent meeting with Mayor, Councilwoman Harris and URA resulted in a requested for Trek to reduce height as much as feasible. Trek's proposed new plan maintains height of existing tallest building, but has received no response from appellant. Trek is working on agreement to move forward with Bradbury, Garden Theater and plaza in time for City of Asylum opening this Fall. Sidewalks along block are responsibility of DPW and they should be contacted with issues. One appellant was in attendance but chose not to comment. Trek is committed to continuing funding of legal battle but cannot guarantee duration.

Allegheny Commons/Lake Elizabeth Update

Erin Tobin of the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy presented several updates. No additional updates on Lake Elizabeth repairs have been issued since previous press release announcing repairs. An estimate of \$350k was given to fix the lighting issues in West Park, of which \$70k was in 2016 Capital Budget and \$100k request made for 2017 Capital Budget. Conceptual design for the Pedestrian Bridge replacement in West Park is complete and renderings are being used to fundraise for final design and construction. Monument renovation project throughout the Commons is ongoing with completion anticipated in several weeks. PPC has begun working on Master Plan update and the Stormwater Management Plan for the Lake Elizabeth area is to be posted on ACI website.

Volunteer Groups in our Neighborhood

Members from Pittserves presented their organization, which connects students to service opportunities. They are in the process of creating hub of service on the Northside. Grant opportunities also available.

Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh announced Good Deeds Day, April 2nd, 2017, which is an international day of service. Looking to expand community-wide.

War Streets Brewery Update

Jake Bier announced they've received HRC approval of exterior ADA improvements, including exterior door. He then displayed proposed architectural drawings of the improvements. WSB is submitting building permit to City this week. They envision a potential use of their side lot as a beer garden to open in 2017. Current plans are to open WSB in September.

National Night Out

Andrew Wickesberg requested volunteers to plan National Night Out event on August 2nd from 6pm-8pm. Jake/Zack from War Streets Brewery accepted request. Target has offered to help.

General Discussion

A resident requested an update on Alpine parcel that have already been allocated through the Development Committee, as well as her intentions to purchase said parcel. Steven Winslow, in support of the resident, believed that the allocation was not legal because it was not presented to General Membership for a vote. Dan Deis moved to convene special Dev Com meeting and make recommendation to Board on review of Alpine property decision, Steve Winslow seconds. Motion passed.

Finally, Nathan from City of Asylum updated group on summer programming.



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