



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 14, 2010
Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Colleen Bender, Kimberly Bracken, Patricia Buck, Kirk B. Burkley, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Joan Gielas, Robert Harkey, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, James Lawrence, Joe Mansfield, Randi Marshak, Dennis McAndrew, David McMunn, Jan Meyers, Janet Moore, Gregory Mucha, Neil Parham, Ralph (Henry) Reese, John Rhoades, Gregory Spicer, Betsy Swager, Barbara Talerico, Ruth Tomlin, Leslie Vincen, Dan Wintermantel, Craig Worl

Meeting called to order by Greg Spicer, President.

1. Announcements.

A. Deadline for Garden Theater Block RFP

Proposals due June 14, 2010.

B. Poetry on North Side Streets

June 24, 2010, Monterey Street

Reservation required but free and open to the public

C. City of Asylum / Neighborhood Residents Handwriting Project

Henry Reese showcased a sample from the metal grate that will display handwriting from neighborhood residents at the site of the former Manteca bar on Monterey. Henry welcomed neighborhood residents to submit handwriting samples to be incorporated into the project. Henry noted that the drawings for the building at the former Manteca site are more or less complete and just working on the finishes. Henry continues to talk with foundations to support fundraising efforts. City of Asylum is a finalist for the Ford Foundation's Supporting Diverse Art Spaces award.

D. Mexican War Streets Historic Photos Display

June 15, 2010, 7:00 pm at the Unitarian Church on North Avenue

E. Bistro Soul

Soft opening Friday, June 18th

Official opening in one to two weeks

F. Summer Street Party

Sunday, July 18, 2010, 4:00-8:00 pm, Randyland

G. Edible Allegheny – Online Food Magazine

<http://www.ediblecommunities.com/allegheny/>

Magazine is featuring an article on the local farmers' market.

H. Friends of the Library

Next meets the second Saturday in July, July 10th, at 9 am at the library on Federal Street.

2. Treasurer's Report – Barbara Talerico, Treasurer

Barb Talerico presented updated financials.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report made by Jan Meyers. Joe Mansfield seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Membership Meeting Minutes from May 10, 2010

Jan Meyers noted a correction to Sherwin Williams Doors project. Motion was unanimously approved.

Kirk Burkley noted that there was a Development Committee report.

Jan Meyers moved to accept the May meeting minutes with two amendments. Greg Mucha seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

4. President's Report – Greg Spicer, President

The CNNC needs to increase membership. The CNNC Board is requesting community input and help for ideas about how to build community member participation.

The CNNC office has moved from Arch Court. CNNC is looking for space. The Medical Office Building at Allegheny General Hospital may have space available for Board of Director Meetings. The CNNC is also considering a space on Federal Street. Ideas from the membership welcomed.

CNNC New Address: PO Box 6255, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

CNNC is currently interviewing for a Program Consultant – the CHDO grant of \$10,000 to hire support staff for a part-time position to assist in community development. Ads were placed in the City Paper and Dewey & Kaye. Three finalists were interviewed last week.

5. Crime Problems on Garfield/Saturn/Jacksonia Area

Hired constables of Northside Associates do not appear to be easing the situation of repeated property damage, loitering, drug dealing, and other crimes. Residents of that area are becoming increasingly concerned; tension is greater than a year ago when a man was shot and killed on Garfield. Two of three known trouble tenants are in the process of being evicted from Northside Associates housing. There is a call to the General Membership of the CNNC and to all residents of the Central Northside to support our neighbors on Jacksonia St. and above where crime appears to be most prevalent at this time. CNNC members are urged to continue to call 911/311 as appropriate for any crimes witnessed so that records are kept in a publicly available database. There is concern that situations addressed by Northside Associates constables are not public record and therefore shielding statistics from true crime records in the neighborhood. Cameras were suggested as one solution to help curb crime in that corridor. Additional recommendations welcomed; please email them to info@cnn-c-pgh.org. Also, members are encouraged to participate in the Northside Public Safety Council (NSPC) Meetings, held the at 5:30 pm the first Thursday of each month at Four Allegheny Commons, Mezzanine Level. Commander RaShall Brackney and Officer Forrest Hodges of Zone 1 attend the NPSC meetings.

6. BRAT Task Force

The Brighton Place Neighborhood Coalition sent a letter to the CNNC asking the CNNC to annex them. The original CNNC Articles of Incorporation include Brighton Place in the CNNC boundaries.

7. Columbus Middle School

Parents Against Violence (PAV) presented their proposal to the CNNC Board of Directors for proposed use of Columbus Middle School. PAV's proposal includes catering, a daycare center, youth center, etc. There is a concern as to the financial viability of PAV's proposal for the school. The BRAT Force is researching smaller spaces that could better accommodate PAV.

8. Committee Reports

Development Committee (DevCom): Dennis McAndrew reported that he has been elected the new chair of DevCom. Kirk Burkley (former DevCom chair) will co-chair DevCom. **Garden Theater**

Block (GTB) RFP: Tom Hardy of Northside Tomorrow has received four proposals; deadline was today for responses. A summary of GTB proposals to the GTB website: www.gardentheaterblock.com Two local developers (Barron Commercial Real Estate and Aaron Stubna) and two out of area firms

(Wells and Co. from Spokane, WA and Zukin Development Corp. from Philadelphia). In about a month, all four entities will be invited to present their proposals to the community. By August, Northside Tomorrow to present a recommended proposal to the URA. **Empty Lots/Vacant Structures RFP:** Two proposals submitted – one by S&A Homes, the second by October Development. The next step is a meeting at Astorino's offices (downtown) this Wednesday, June 16th. DevCom will bring recommendations to the July CNNC General Membership Meeting. **Toula's Hot Dog Building on Federal:** Toula's closed about 6 weeks ago and the building has been condemned. If the building is torn down, there will be a 'missing tooth' affecting the east face of the Federal Street façade. The CNNC is working with the NSLC to bring in a contractor and evaluate the viability of saving the building.

Communications Committee: Greg Spicer reported that the CNNC has a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Mexican War Streets Society to join each organizations current newsletters. Advertising would be shared and the goal is to add more advertisers. Details are still being worked out.

Beautification Committee: Greg Spicer reported that the City feels that the West Park Pedestrian Bridge is unsafe and must be torn down. The Allegheny Commons Initiative is trying to refute the City's claims that the pedestrian bridge is unsafe. The Commons has been working on this issue on their own; however, the CNNC will be taking this to the North Side Leadership Conference.

9. Old Business.

No old business presented.

10. New Business.

No new business presented.

Meeting adjourned by Greg Spicer, President at 8:45 pm