



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 14, 2011
Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Steve Adams, John Augustine, Colleen Bender, Kimberly Bracken, Patricia Buck, John Canning, John Engle, Bruce Harshman, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Warren Keyes, Joan Kimmel, Susan Larkin, Joe Mansfield, Jacqueline Marshall, Dennis McAndrew, David McMunn, Al Meyers, Jan Meyers, Charles Moore, Janet Moore, Neil Parham, Julie Peterson, Brad Spencer, Gregory Spicer, Neill Stouffer, Barbara Talerico, Jana Thompson, Ruth Tomlin, Dan Wintermantel, Michele Adams, Dennis Bell, Jean Binstock, Anthony Cabral, Lauren Cabral, Justin Cassel, Becky Cogger, Nathan Davidson, Mark Deptola, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Elena Firsova, Randy Gilson, Tom Hardy, Cory Hart, Regina Humphries, Roger Humphries, Cynthia Johnson, Barbara Kelly, Paco Mahone, Gregory Mucha, Stephanie Pancheri, Mace Porac, John Rhoades, David Shlapak, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Al Zanon

Meeting called to order by Greg Spicer, President.

1. Announcements

- a. **Dennis McAndrew** – Friend of the Library – for \$5 you can become a Friend of the Library.
- b. **Dennis McAndrew** – Carnegie Library, Allegheny Branch – First Friday of every month have a ‘conversational salon’ at the library. It’s not a work-study group or a book group, but simply any topic of the day chosen at that time. All are welcome.
- c. **Jan Meyers** – **Hearts in the Park – Saturday, May 14 (day before the Pittsburgh Marathon)**
- d. **John Engle** – **Neighborhood Clean-Up Season 2011 – St. Patrick’s Day – this Thursday** – meeting at John Engle’s home to develop the list of priorities for this season. Kathy Deis of the MWSS will also be in attendance and the MWSS / CNNC will be combining efforts this year.

2. Membership Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2011

Motion made to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer’s Report

Monthly Financials

Barbara Talerico reviewed the financials.

Motion made to approve the Treasurer’s Report. Motion seconded. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Brady Communications

Brady Communications was selected by the CNNC Branding Task Force as the finalist to manage the CNNC’s rebranding efforts. Unfortunately, in February 2011, the founder of the organization passed away, and just today the CNNC was informed that the company is being dissolved.

Greg Spicer reviewed the rebranding effort process thus far as well as the overall goal of the project. Karen Bryant, Communications Consultant for the CNNC, added that we are evaluating Branding firm alternatives.

5. President’s Report

Jake Wheatley

Greg Spicer and Neil Parham met Friday, March 11, 2011 with Jake Wheatley’s office.

Conservatorship

The project continues to progress.

Federal Hill – Residential RFP

Tom Hardy, CNNC Development Consultant, is working on credit counseling/options to assist potential buyers.

Creation of New Historic District

Greg Spicer reported that the CNNC Board of Directors voted to approve the new district per the neighborhood boundary, including empty lots.

Motion made for the CNNC Board of Directors to continue to support the new historic district and to set up a public education meeting for the membership, which includes participation of City representatives. Motion seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

6. Reports from Committees, Task Forces, Joint Ventures, Subsidiaries:

a. BRAT Force – Greg Spicer, President (Randi Marshak , BRAT Chair, absent)

Greg Spicer reported that the task force is still moving forward. During the meeting at Jake Wheatley's office, Greg expressed concern around the lack of planning for the Brighton Road area.

b. Safety Committee – David Shlapak, Safety Chair

Twitter

Announced that the CNNC Safety Committee is now on Twitter: "cnncsafety". The committee will use this online forum to push small amounts of safety-related information to Twitter users. Members are encouraged to participate.

c. Development Committee – Dennis McAndrew, Development Chair and Tom Hardy, Development Consultant

Garden Theater Block (GTB)

One of the difficulties of marketing the space to tenants is the current state of the buildings. Therefore, there is a plan to develop 6 West North Avenue, which used to be a single family home, and that the developer will use as their offices.

GTB Tenant Recruitment

East End Food Co-Op continues to be interested but is moving cautiously. We believe that the EEFC is close to signing on as the anchor tenant.

Casino Funds – Jan Meyer, NSLC Representative for CNNC

\$40,000 has been awarded from the Casino funds for work on Toula's and the Federal Hill Street Face Program, as well as a Federal/Henderson study for a Gateway Welcoming area.

7. May Elections

Jan Meyers and Neil Parham, Election Committee Chairs, recruited volunteers to participate on the election committee. Jan reviewed the bylaws and noted that nominations will be taken only at the April membership meeting. Neil Parham reiterated that the CNNC Board and Membership wants a diverse group to make up the board and encouraged people to consider running for a board seat.

8. Old Business.

No old business presented.

9. New Business.

Drover's Park

Randy Gilson noted that Drover's Park at the corner of North Taylor and Brighton is for sale.

Meeting adjourned by Greg Spicer, President at 8:40 pm

The next CNNC General Membership Meeting will be Monday, April 10 2011, 7:00 pm at the Allegheny Traditional Academy.