



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, June 13, 2011
Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.**

In Attendance: Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Colleen Bender, Patricia Buck, Anthony Cabral, Lauren Cabral, John Canning, Becky Coger, Christopher D'Addario, Kathy Deis, Mark Deptola, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Jerome Ferrar, Elena Firsova, Joan Gielas, Jerrold Green, Tom Hardy, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Cynthia Johnston, Brian Kaminski, Barbara Kelly, Susan Larkin, Bruce Ledewitz, Joe Mansfield, Randi Marshak, Charles Moore, Janet Moore, Greg Mucha, Mark Myers, Stephani Pancheri, Neil Parham, Julie Peterson, Mace Porac, Ralph (Henry) Reese, John Rhoades, Brad Spencer, Gregory Spicer, Barbara Talerico, Ruth Tomlin, Leslie Ward, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Andrew Wickesburg, Craig Worl, Al Zanon, Randy Zotter

Meeting called to order by Chris D'Addario, President.

1. Announcements

a. "Mid-Summer Night's Music"

The Ortner-Roberts Duo will be featuring musicians who are also residents of the North Side. Saturday, June 25, 2011 at Allegheny UU Church on the corner of Resaca Pl. and North Ave. 7:00 pm Doors open. Show begins at 8:00 pm. \$15 in Advance; \$20 at Door. Tickets available at BV Coffee or KS Kennedy. Cash Bar.

b. Public Meeting Regarding the Bridge / Railroad

Tuesday, June 14, 2011
6:00 pm
New Hazlett Theater

c. Greg Mucha - **Library** supporters are asking voters to sign a petition to put a referendum question on the November ballot for a 0.25-mill special tax on all taxable real estate in the city. Estimated \$25 per year on \$100,000 of assessed value. More information available at the Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh website: <http://www.clpgh.org/about/pressroom/>

d. Henry Reese – June 23, 2011 – **Poetry Reading** under a tent. Tom Roberts will play. Street will close at 9 a.m. to set up the tent.

e. John Canning – Commons / **Allegheny City Society** will be hosting four **summer walks** in the Commons in June, July, August, and September. Each will talk about a particular section of the Commons from a historical perspective.

f. John Canning – Columbus Middle School/Propel Charter School – Over the last couple of months, the NSLC has been meeting with the Pittsburgh Board of Education. John noted that the NSLC Education Committee expects some of the schools on the North Side to be closed.

Next Tuesday, a **meeting of the Education Committee of the Conference**, at the Mezzanine in Allegheny Center. On July 14, 2011, the Superintendent of Pittsburgh Public Schools will be available to discuss with community members.

2. Treasurer's Report

Barbara Talerico reviewed the financials. New fiscal year started on June 1st. Just today, Tom Hardy sent an invoice for \$21,000 in Developer Fees to S&A Homes for Federal Hill Phase II. There should be two more installments in similar amounts through the course of this project.

Motion made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Randy Zotter. Motion seconded by Steve Adams. Motion unanimously approved.

3. Approval of the Meeting Minutes from the May 9, 2011

Motion made to approve the May General Membership Meeting Minutes by Steve Adams. Motion seconded by John Rhoades. Motion unanimously approved.

4. Introductions of the New Executive Committee of the CNNC

Chris D'Addario – President
Anthony Cabral – Vice President
Barbara Talerico – Treasurer
Colleen Bender – Secretary
Greg Spicer – Past President

5. Branding Update

Anthony Cabral provided an update. Last Friday, the Branding Committee had a conference call with North Star Destination Strategies. Duration of the engagement, over the next 16 weeks, the project will have several stages including Research, Data Acquisition, Planning, etc. Input from the Community Plan will be incorporated, stakeholders will be contacted, and there will be outreach to the community for participation. August is the target month to roll out the major outreach campaign.

Watch for announcements via the CNNC website and Email blasts to the general membership requesting input.

Chris D'Addario added that North Star provided a favorable rate for the initiative, and in exchange the CNNC members will be putting in extra work to ensure the project's completion.

6. Development Update

Federal Hill

Nineteen new homes being built for Phase II, and almost all have already been spoken for. Essentially divided into two building phases. The first units will be on the west side of Federal. Once those are completed, will move forward with the East side of Federal.

Scattered Site Development

Last year, S&A and October were the two developers to respond. Fortunately, each Developer was interested in different lots/parcels. Jacksonia Street is currently in pre-development phase (architectural plans, surveying), which should take a couple of months.

Garden Theater Block

The CNNC has requested the Developer, Wayne Zukin, to address the membership at an upcoming meeting. Tom Hardy noted that there has been a letter of intent signed for 8 West North Avenue. On the financing side, the City, through the URA, got an allocation for \$30M in New Markets Tax Credits – to be spread throughout the entire City – and we are working to secure a portion of that money. There is also \$4M through the NSLC that the CNNC is working to secure.

7. Light of Life Mission Update

Greg Spicer reported that on June 2, 2011, Greg met with major stakeholders in an effort to expanding a grass-roots campaign in pulling together various projects. Greg did not invite any politicians to the meeting, as the goal is to pull community groups together to achieve cross-community development. Light of Life indicated that they would like to expand to include services such as a job training center and a consignment shop. Could include staging market rate apartments within the development.

Would like to continue for 6-8 months with community planning before political leaders are invited to participate. Next meeting will be July 13, 2011.

Meeting attendees included: Ronelle Guy, Debbie Reid, Tim Kazin, a Deutschtown resident, but no politicians.

8. Overview of Committees, Task Forces

Chris D'Addario noted that at last week's Board meeting, Directors discussed priorities for the year, and the importance of reinvigorating the various Committees of the CNNC.

Development Committee – Last led by Dennis McAndrew. Colleen Bender will spearhead the reconvening of the Development Committee.

Communications Committee – Julie Peterson has worked on it for a long time and will continue to work with the committee. Anthony Cabral will assist her as well.

Finance Committee – Bylaws state that the Finance Committee must be chaired by the Treasurer. The Board felt that Fundraising was a natural fit to also work under this committee.

Bylaws Committee – John Rhoades has worked on the committee for over a year. Arthur James will also be working on the committee.

Safety Committee – Karina Westfall and Paco Mahone will lead the committee moving forward, assisted by past Chair David Shlapak.

Beautification Committee – John Engle will continue to steer the Beautification Committee.

Any member interested in participating may sign up via the membership sheets here today and they will be contacted. Members may also email info@cnc-pgh.org to be put in touch with any committee where they wish to participate.

9. West Ohio Street Bridge Project – Jerry Green

Jerry encouraged members to take a stroll through the Park and look at the number of trees that would be affected if the West Ohio Street Bridge is raised.

10. Old Business.

Sampsonia Way Right-of-Way Change: Chris D’Addario reported that the membership voted unanimously at the May Membership meeting to support the plan proposed by a resident of Sampsonia Way.

11. New Business.

No new business presented.

Randy Zotter moved to adjourn. Steve Adams seconded. Meeting adjourned by Chris D’Addario, President at 7:54 pm

The next CNNC General Membership Meeting will be Monday, July 11, 2011, 7:00 pm.