

Allegheny City Central Association

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, February 12, 2018 Fabled Table, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (23)

Samantha Akers, Eve Alden, Patrick Banus, John Canning, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Chris Gates, Joan Gielas, Arthur James, Jeff Martin, Nichele Parker, James Pastorius, Mace Porac, Sherah Rothman, Vincent Salvino, Patrick Sweeney, Erin Tobin, Andrew Wickesberg, Cassandra Williams, Matt Williamson.

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, February 12, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Fabled Table. The meeting was presided by Patrick Dexter and recorded by Andrew Wickesberg.

Announcements/General Discussion

Erin Tobin, PPC:

Save the Dates:

- -Final Presentation of Master Action Plan for Allegheny Commons- March -8th 6-8PM, National Aviary
- -September 8th- River View Park, We are FOR Park Event
- -(FOR Friends of Riverview Park)

NSLC Starting a Bridge Action Committee to address Norfolk Southern's rehabbing of several major railroad crossings, 3 that touch the park. ACCA will have representation, Committee hoping to have a public discussion in March.

Cassandra Wilson, Councilman Lavelle

- -Housing Opportunity Fund, Lavelle working on infusing fund with cash to fund affordable housing opportunities.
- -District 6 2018 Paving: Please email or call to list your streets.
- -Lavelle working with PLI to establish new protocols for boarding abandon structures, using polycarbonate instead of plywood.
- -Lavelle starting a podcast to take questions and offer perspectives. Feel free to submit topics.

Mobile office for Jake Wheatley will be at Kaffeehaus and Federal St library (Feb 14, 4:30-6:30, March 9th-need to confirm). Free Notary, rent rebates, etc.

Molly Onofer has the flu, Dexter gave her updates

- -City Launching online budget tool, will be included in ACCA's next updated.
- -Civic Leadership Academy Applications due. 12 week program, do hands on with with all the city departments. Applications due February 28th.

Energy Audit- available to seniors and low income residents, both homeowners and renters. Allows for a free energy audit to identify ways to save on heating and cooling bills.



Snow Angels- Provides a portal for volunteering to shovel for seniors

Jeff Martin- Council District 1 Paving List is being created. Submit recommendations to Jeff Martin and Councilwoman Harris's office.

Development Update-

Great House Sale: one sold to Frank Quinn after it was damaged by a truck. Another sold on Carrington for owner occupancy. Two remain, no interest. These will now be offered to developers to be redeveloped and returned to tax rolls within the next year.

Ground broken on North End lots on Alpine, development on south side hoped for 2019. Actecon Development, Andrew Reichert. John Canning asked if the properties could be listed in the weekly update, Patrick said that could be attained. Chris Gates asked about disposition of 2 lots formerly discussed, those lots were allocated to homeowners on Jacksonian to create complete through lots.

Patrick brought up the bridge issue again, as it will be one of the most significant facing the neighborhood within the next five years. Bridge clearance must be at least 22ft, necessitating the raising of many bridges. This will affect the roadways throughout our neighborhood.

Board elections are upcoming, start thinking about running, or nominating a friend. All nominees must have attended at least two meetings prior to the election, be residents of the neighborhood, and be current on dues.

Joan mentioned that there were several email bounce backs from various domain names. If you haven't been receiving emails but wish to, please contact communications@accapgh.org.

ACCA needs to change its meeting location listing in the Northside Chronicle.

Canning asked for a Garden Block update. Currently there is a significant funding gap, but TREK remains committed to the project. Work continues on the Bradberry, TREK continues to negotiate with city and URA. It was suggested that ACCA consider advocating demolition. Vince made a motion that the ACCA support demolition of 4, 6, and 8 W. North, seconded by Dan Deis. Motion tabled by Dexter until next month.

Gielas asked about the status of the Masonic restaurant. No specific restaurant has been announced.

No new business.

