



Allegheny City Central Association

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, May 14, 2018 Alphabet City, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (47)

Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Eve Alden, Lukas Bagshaw, Patrick Banus, Amir Boroumand, John Canning, Paul Carson, Maggie Connor, Zolina Cook, Kathy Deis, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Dan Duffy, Heather Fletcher, Joan Gielas, Matthew Grebner, Donna Green, Jerrold Green, Beth Hackney, Bob Hudock, Arthur James, Brian Jensen, Barbara Kelly, Todd Kilgore, Sandra Kniess, Don Kosy, Jeff Martin, Ryan McNulty, Susan McNulty, Deirdre Menchaca, Charles Moore, Glenn Olcerst, Molly Onufer, Neil Parham, Rachel Rampa, Danielle Ross, Nick Ross, Julie Segner, David Solosko, Patrick Sweeney, Barbara Talerico, Cindy Thompson, Bob Weimar, Andrew Wickesberg, Al Zanon

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Alphabet City. The meeting was presided by Patrick Dexter and recorded by Nick Ross.

Announcements/General Discussion

Andrew Wickesberg motions to approve April meeting minutes; seconded by Steve Adams. Motion passes.

Jeff Martin from the Office of Councilwoman Harris

Molly Onufer distributed map of the 2018 paving list for the ACCA area and described how to find a schedule of paving online. The spring yard waste pickup is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. Learn and Earn program for young people is accepting application for the 2018 summer and the deadline is until May 18th.

Bob Weimer from PWSA discussed new initiatives and projects. Mr. Weimer acknowledged agency struggles in 2017 around system failures and lead pipes. Internal staff has been instructed to begin more of a focus on planned maintenance instead of addressing only urgent issues as they arise. The agency has undergone a number of recent audits. Annual funding will increase from \$15m-\$20m to \$250m per year over the next five years. Mr. Weimer discussed rate increases and programs available to assist payments.

Member questioned Norfolk Southern Railroad's use of water and sewer infrastructure conflict as means for raising Northside bridges for double stacking and requested accurate maps from the agency. Mr. Weimer addressed the comment and said that he would assign an employee to follow up on the request.

Another member asked if PWSA released a list of infrastructure at the end of its useful life and also asked for comment on recent council board appointment legislation. Mr. Weimer responded that the agency does publish a list of infrastructure, however, warned that it was found through experience that urgent needs superseded planned repairs.

Another member requested for expedient installation of aerators in Lake Elizabeth. Mr. Weimer responded that PWSA was ready for installation, but the city refused due to requests from community members for a long term repair. The aerators were then installed elsewhere in the city.



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Dan Duffey from PWSA then presented on the lead line replacement program. The agency is under mandate to replace 7% of lead lines per year until levels fall below threshold. Mr. Duffey then discussed the planned work within the Central Northside, extended from O'hearn Street to Sampsonia Way.

Members asked if disturbance of lines could increase lead levels and if PWSA will be doing follow-up testing. Mr. Duffey said that no adjacent lines would be affected and that tests can be requested from the agency.

Member asked how work area for replacements was set and if other parts of the neighborhood were in need of lead replacement. Mr. Weimer said that residents can check an online database to check if their property contains lead lines.

Member asked about schedule for replacements in our area. Mr. Weimer said that the sooner the agency received signed agreements from homeowners the sooner they will begin replacements and that only 40% of residents have been responded. PWSA will send 45 day notices in July with work anticipated to begin in September or October.

Dexter announced 2018-2019 Board Elections; with less candidates than seats, membership voted to accept all nominations.

Matthew Rebner announced update on firehouse. Mr. Rebner was requesting support for seeking change to occupancy use for an artist studio and/or restaurant and asked for comment from members. A member asked if Development Committee could be involved in vetting the decision and recommending a response. Dexter explained that in the past there has been an effort to open decisions up to general membership. A member asked for clarification on permit change; Rebner responded that he's only in preliminary talks but that a potential restaurant use would be included. A member requested more information on potential restaurant use before moving forward. Mr. Rebner prefers more flexibility but offered the organization to present potential restrictions. Dexter agreed to convene a Development Committee meeting to discuss use and report back to general membership as soon as possible.

Dexter gave a brief update on Bridge Committee activities and announced that ground has been broken on AGH Cancer Center.



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