



Allegheny City Central Association

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, September 10, 2018 Alphabet City, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (28)

Eve Alden, Phillip Battista, John Canning, Zolina Cook, Kathy Deis, Chris Gates, Joan Gielas, Matthew Grebner, Donna Green, Jerrold Green, Darlene Harris, Arthur James, Michael Mason, Deborah McCree, Bill McDowell, Deirdre Menchaca, Gregory Mucha, Darylin Nagy, Molly Onufer, Neil Parham, Stephen Pascal, Nick Ross, Dave Seiden, Patrick Sweeney, Richard Thompson, Erin Tobin, Robert Wholey, Matt Williamson

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, October 8, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at Alphabet City. The meeting was presided by Nick Ross and recorded by Nick Ross.

Announcements/General Discussion

A new community outreach liaison from Rep. Jake Wheatley introduced himself to the group and offered to take any concerns back to the office.

Councilwoman Darlene Harris attended at the request of ACCA to discuss funding issues with the West Ohio Street bridge project recently in the press. Ms. Harris is voting to reject the federal grant money in place to pay for the vast majority of the bridge on the grounds that she believes the double-stacked height can be lowered. This decision jeopardizes upwards of \$7m in engineering and construction costs that would have to now be paid for by city residents. She was unable to provide any justification for her rationale.

Erin Tobin from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy updated membership on current projects in Allegheny Commons including Lake Elizabeth and the Northeast Fountain.

Matthew Grebner, owner of the firehouse on Arch Street, returned to update membership on progress finding a tenant for use of the building. He introduced Bo Wholey of the Wholey family in Pittsburgh who approached him expressing interest in using the firehouse for a restaurant concept. Further discussion on the project was decided to take place through the development committee and Mr. Grebner was encouraged to return after those meetings take place.

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