

Allegheny City Central Association

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, July 08, 2019 National Aviary, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (28)

Lukas Bagshaw, Beth Boroumand, Kelvin Calhoun, David Charlton, Laurie Charlton, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Patty DiGuilid, Joan Gielas, Arthur James, Todd Kilgore, Gary Lilly, Marty Lilly, Bill McDowell, Deirdre Menchaca, Gregory Mucha, Laurie Nicholl, Glenn Olcerst, Molly Onufer, Nichele Parker, Stephen Pascal, Nick Ross, Dave Seiden, Patrick Sweeney, Barbara Talerico, Richard Thompson, Robin Weber, Bobby Wilson

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, July 08, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the meeting room at the National Aviary. The meeting was presided by Patrick Dexter and recorded by Nick Ross.

Announcements/General Discussion

Molly Onufer from the Office of Community Affairs made a number of announcements including the launch of financial empowerment sessions, free one-on-one financial advice. Also, new street sweeper order is delayed but still in the works. More consistent maintenance will occur once new sweeper is added.

Stephen Pascal asked that clarification be added to the May minutes. In response to a question about why development on the Garden Theater block had stopped, Dexter responded that the questioner could ask Chris Gates – who was sitting behind her at the time – since Gates successfully appealed to stop the development. The minutes will now reflect that it was Pascal, not Gates, who appealed the zoning variances. Wickesburg motioned to approve; seconded by Dave Charleton.

Lori Nicholl and Robin Weber from the National Aviary made a presentation of the proposed expansion of their facility.

- The Aviary is proposing to replace their existing temporary outdoor tent space with a permanent structure of similar size in the same location.
- Nicholl explained that the existing footprint of the Aviary will not be expanded.
- Current capacity: 170 people, future capacity: 200 people.
- Number of days per year that the Aviary will host events is projected to increase.
- Project is currently scheduled by the Aviary to finish design award a construction contract in fall 2019 with construction finished by fall 2020.

Nick Ross motioned to provide letter of support for the Aviary's expansion plans; seconded by Kathy Dies. Motion passed.

Patty from Conservation Consultants, Inc presented on a number of home energy efficiency programs and ideas for the neighborhood. CCI provided Energy Audit services for the successful program run by ACCA. Visit SoundHomePlan.org for more information.

