



General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, February 10, 2014 Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance (34)

Michele Adams, Steve Adams, Patricia Buck, John Canning, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Joan Gielas, Grant Gittlen, Pam Grove, Ray Hayes, Lloyd Hedlund, Kent Hensley, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Brian Kaminski, Deena Kelly, Jason Owens, Julie Peterson, Vincent Salvino, Bob Sechler, Sheila Sechler, Belinda Shlapak, David Shlapak, Carol Srokose, John Srokose, Ebony Taylor, Brian Toevs, Karina Westfall, Thomas Westfall, Andrew Wickesberg, Matt Williamson, Craig Worl, Al Zanon

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, February 10, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium of Allegheny Traditional Academy, President Steve Adams being in the chair and Secretary Arthur James being present.

The minutes of the regular monthly meetings on 11/18/13 and 01/13/14 were approved.

President's Report

Steve Adams reported on the following:

- City of Asylum project with Oliver Lake
 - Steve Adams and Kimberly Flaherty along with about a dozen other people met with Oliver Lake, who interviewed them about life on the Northside. Oliver will compose a music piece based on these stories.
- Agreement with AGH
 - Steve Adams and Sheila Sechler attended an event celebrating the resigning of the neighbor partnership agreement with Allegheny General Hospital. The agreement was first signed 25 years ago. The original signatories from 25 years ago were present. Many Northside neighborhoods were represented and many politicians and executives were present including the CEO of Highmark, Mayor Peduto, Allegheny County Executive Fitzgerald and Tom Murphy. The NSLC was present and recognized for their hard work.
- Pittsburgh Community Reinvestment Group (PCRG)
 - Katie Hale from PCRG contacted Steve. We will continue to build that relationship.
 - PCRG is evaluating the land bank bill proposed by City Councilwoman Deborah Gross and they're looking for our input. There will be a hearing on it downtown on February 20.
- Executive Director
 - We're looking for someone to be our executive director. The position would be part-time at about 30 hrs/week.
- Board Elections
 - Coming up in May.
- Old Security Camera Equipment
 - We have some camera equipment that was donated to us by Giant Eagle a few years ago. It's mostly obsolete and not to be used. We're looking for suggestions for what to do with it.

- Mexican War Streets Society
 - There are two organizations in the neighborhood (MWSS and ACCA) with some duplication of effort.
 - We're exploring working more closely with the MWSS. Ideas being considered are joint projects, joint meetings, or possibly even a merger.

Treasurer's Report

David Shlapak presented the Treasurer's Report.

- Net assets are down to about \$278k.

Budget Overview

Steve Adams and David Shlapak presented the operating budget for 2014 as a slide show.

- Some funding streams that we've relied on for the past few years are drying up. In particular, we'll stop receiving developer's fees from the Federal Hill project.
- Will step up our efforts to get other funding sources.
- There will be a projected -58k cash flow this year, and that's not including the expense of an Executive Director.

Development

David Shlapak reported on development topics.

- Garden Theater Block
 - The back part of the theater is on track to be demolished.
 - Info has been resubmitted to the National Parks Service regarding the historic tax credits for the Masonic.
 - The URA will issue an RFP for 1113 and 1115 Federal in the first quarter.
 - Steve Adams, David Shlapak and Tom Hardy meet with the URA every couple of weeks.
- RFP for Residential Developers
 - Have begun the process of buying 12 properties from the reserve.
 - Arctecon will do 3 row houses on 6 lots on Alpine. 5 of those lots are in the reserve, and the 6th is controlled by the URA. Turning over that 6th lot will be on the URA's agenda at their next board meeting.
- Jacksonia Street – October Development Phase I
 - 2 of the 6 houses have been sold

Communications

Arthur James reported on communications topics.

- Website Redesign
 - Working on writing copy.
 - Would like to incorporate photos submitted from neighbors. Please send us your photos to ajames@accapgh.org.
- Branding
 - Forging ahead with the Design Center grant and will be working with Moore Design & Associates to develop a master plan for Federal and North. A steering committee will be formed to guide MDA in this first phase



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Safety

Pam Grove reported on safety topics.

- Will post safety tips and topics about once per month in the weekend update email subscriber list.

Bylaws

Andrew Wickesberg reported on bylaws topics

- The bylaws have been amended with the new organization name (Allegheny City Central Association). Will post them on the website.
- Looking for comments or suggestions for any other changes to be made to the bylaws. Send email to bylaws@accapgh.org.
- Working to file the appropriate forms with the state to change our registered address from the organization's original address at the Unitarian Church rectory, to our new Certified Registered Office Provider (CROP).

Board Elections

Brian Kaminski reported on the upcoming board elections

- Nominations are being taken for the election in May.
- Email elections@accapgh.org

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05.

Meeting minutes prepared by Arthur James, secretary.
Minutes approved on 4/14/14



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