



Central Northside Neighborhood Council

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General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday January 14, 2013 Allegheny Traditional Academy, 7:00 p.m.

Members in Attendance (70): Steve Adams, John Augustine, Dennis Bell, Colleen Bender, Olivia Benson, Jeff Brizak, Patricia Buck, Randy Burns, Anthony Cabral, John Canning, Paul Carson, David Charlton, Christopher D'Addario, Dan Deis, Kathy Deis, Patrick Dexter, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Nancy Ewing, Jerome Ferrar, Joan Gielas, Randy Gilson, Tom Hardy, Bruce Harshman, Kent Hensley, Arthur James, Paul Johnson, Brian Kaminski, Barbara Kelly, Jennifer Kilgore, Todd Kilgore, Cassandra Kokoski, David Kokoski, Don Kosy, Pat Lewis, Tom Little, Joe Mansfield, Randi Marshak, Dennis McAndrew, David McMunn, Dan McNamara, Todd Meyer, Patrick Miner, Charles Moore, Gregory Mucha, Glenn Olcerst, Jason Owens, Sarah Ozouf, Sara Parr, Julie Peterson, Marirose Radelet, Steven Regal, Craig Reinhard, Robbie Robinson, Safiya Boucaud Robinson, Silas Russell, Mary Lou Ruttle, Vincent Salvino, David Shlapak, Gregory Spicer, Carol Srokose, John Srokose, Neill Stouffer, Barbara Talerico, Brian Toevs, Leslie Ward, Thomas Westfall, Andrew Wickesberg, Craig Worl, Al Zanon

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Central Northside Neighborhood Council was held on Monday, January 14, 2013, at 7:00 pm in the auditorium of Allegheny Tradition Academy, the President being in the chair and the Secretary being present. The minutes of the last regular monthly meeting on 10/15/2012, being posted on the web site beforehand, were approved.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasure's report was given by David Shlapak, Treasurer.

Paul Carson moved "to accept the Treasurer's Reports". The motion was adopted.

Organization Name Change

Arthur James gave notice that a motion will be made at the February general membership meeting to change the name of the organization from "Central Northside Neighborhood Council" to "Allegheny City Central Association".

Light of Life

Craig Schweiger, the Executive Director of Light of Life Rescue Mission gave a presentation regarding their move to the Columbus Middle School Annex building at 635 Ridge Avenue. Susan Tusick of Tusick & Associates Architects, Inc. presented renderings of the project. Craig Schweiger answered questions from the membership.

Design Center

Cate Rassman from the Design Center gave a presentation on their Design Consults program which provides educational materials, renovation resources, and affordable consultations to homeowners and small business owners planning property improvements. Information can be found on their website at www.designcenterpgh.org/design-consults/.

Allegheny Commons

Alida Baker, the Project Director for Allegheny Commons Initiative (ACI), reported on receiving a grant from the Sprout Fund for a project to implement signs with QR codes throughout the park as an alternative means to interpret features in the park. Alida asked for help from anyone interested in developing the website, mobile apps, or just providing ideas of what to feature in the park. Alida may be contacted at alida@alleghenycommons.org.

Garden Theater Block Development

David Shlapak, the Development Committee chair, introduced Wayne Zukin, who gave an update on the development of the Garden Theater Block.

- Phase 1 includes the Bradberry, the Masonic Hall, and the Garden Theater.
- Design drawings for Phase 1 are completed and out for bid to construction companies.
- Plan to start construction in early spring.
- Will continue to work on the rest of the block as Phase 1 progresses.

Historic District Expansion

Greg Spicer presented a recap of events regarding the expansion of the historic district beginning with the CNNC contracting Pfaffmann + Associates to develop a community master plan in 2009.

Randi Mashak outlined the remaining steps in the process:

- January 22 – City Planning Commission meeting to determine whether or not they will recommend the expansion to City Council. Public comment will be taken.
- TBD – City Council will hold a meeting where public comment will be taken.

Councilman Lavelle's Mobile Office

Councilman Lavelle presented and answered questions:

- The city's redistricting was passed at the end of 2012. The vote was 8 to 1 in favor of the plan put forth by the Reapportionment Advisory Committee. Mr. Lavelle was the one vote opposed. He opposed because of the community's objection to splitting the neighborhood into two districts. He now represents the portion of the neighborhood north of Jacksonia and Darlene Harris represents the portion south of Jacksonia.
- Introduced his new Executive Assistant, Bernelle Wood.

Elections Committee

Arthur James described the process outlined in the bylaws for the elections of board members at the annual meeting in May. The process includes forming an Elections Committee in January. The committee was formed with the following individuals:

- John Srokose
- Olivia Benson
- Patrick Miner
- Andrew Wickesberg
- Patrick Dexter

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:00pm

Minutes prepared by Arthur James, Secretary, Central Northside Neighborhood Council.
Minutes approved on 02/11/2013.