



# Allegheny City Central Association

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## General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, February 8th, 2021 Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm

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### In Attendance:

Beth Boroumand, John Canning, Maggie Connor, Dan Deis, Andres Franco, Leah Friedman, Joan Gielas, Thomas Graham, Matthew Hartford, Arthur James, Faith Mudd, Glenn Olcerst, Patti Phillips-Best, Henry Reese, Sherah Rothman, Vincent Salvino, Nancy Schaefer, Patrick Sweeney, Richard Thompson, Erin Tobin, Bridget Barrett

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### Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on Monday, **February 8th, 2021**, at **7:00 pm** via Zoom. The meeting was presided by **Maggie Connor**, and minutes transcribed from recordings by **Vincent Salvino**.

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### Announcements/General Discussion:

Maggie added the links to renew membership and the November 2020 and January 2021 minutes. Beth motioned to accept minutes. Sherah seconded. Motion passed

Leah Friedman from the Office of Community Affairs

- City and County are partnering to allocate millions of dollar COVID assistance
- PA moved to a new healthcare exchange, pennie.com. The city is partnering with Pennie to educate residents. Meetings are on February 10th at 2PM and February 11th at 10AM. President Biden reopened healthcare enrollment
- Oliver Bath House looking for feedback on the renovation. Comment on Engage PGH (<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/obh>)
- PWSA sidewalk restoration is paused for the winter. Will resume in the spring (no date specified)
- Jefferson Rec Center is still in the conceptual phase. Hoping to finish around March or April. Then they will present to the community



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#### Faith from Councilman Wilson's Office

- Announcing the conceptual designs on March 9th for DeerPit Playground
- Start thinking about the capital budget projects
- Litterati - Litter project app that encourages people to pick up litter  
(<https://www.litterati.org/>)

Emilie Kinkead rep Bridget Barrett introduced herself, their office is on East Ohio Street.

#### Thomas Graham for Rep Wheatly

- Food distribution in the neighborhoods
- Rent Rebate program started early this year. Can drop off applications starting Monday February 15th
- Assisting with unemployment

#### Erin Tobin from ACI

- "What the Muck" will be the week of April 6th to clean Lake Elizabeth
- ACI programming committee meetings
  - Wednesday, February 10 from 6:30 to 7:30 pm
  - Saturday, February 13 from 10:30 to 11:30 am
- Friday, February 13th will be a Fundraising 9.9% of Threadbare will go to the Park Conservancy

#### Nancy Schaefer from West Park Court

- Subsidiary of ACCA
- The 15 year tax period is over and the West Park Court wants to buy back the building
- Requesting if anyone wants to join the board
- Election will be September, board meets four to six times a year to oversee operation
- 14 slots, want to fill at least 7

#### Andres Franco

- Khet Mar, former writer/residence from Burma is living in Washington DC is fine
- City of Asylum is continuing its programs and they partnered with PA ACLU for new movies
- Hot Club Jazz - Zoom meeting to explain jazz and discuss with pianist Tom Roberts
- Mai Khoi - Singer and activist from Vietnam is newest resident on Sampsonia Way
- "Coffee with Andres" will start in February, with virtual discussion with Mai Khoi
- City of Asylum PGH is the US headquarters of the international ICORN organization. ICORN has 70 cities in their network. COA has been invited to be a presenter at ICORN's International festival in Berlin
- Bookstore is still open and safe



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Patty Phillips-Best from New Hazlett theater introduced herself and announced events at the theater. They are also refurbishing their front steps in April.

Glenn Olcerst motioned to adjourn. John Canning seconded.



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