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**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Monday, March 8, 2021  
Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm**

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**In Attendance (18):**

Bridget Barrett, Beth Boroumand, John Canning, Maggie Connor, Andres Franco, Joan Gielas, Thomas Graham, Arthur James, Deirdre Menchaca, Faith Mudd, Amanda Primrose, Henry Reese, Sherah Rothman, Vincent Salvino, Julie Segner, Richard Thompson, Erin Tobin, Douglas Kamper

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**Introduction:**

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, March 8**, 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:**

**Minutes from February 8, 2021 General Membership Meeting:**

Maggie Connor posted links to the minutes from the February 8 General Membership Meeting in Zoom Chat. Sherah Rothman motioned to accept the February minutes. Julie Segner seconded. Motion passed.

**Faith Mudd from Councilman Wilson's Office:**

- DOMI is hosting a meeting on the 17th of March regarding Brighton Road and others for Bike PED. This is a Phase 1 meeting (<https://moveforwardpgh.org/domis-northside-phase-1-cluster-launch>). Phase 2 Meeting will be held in April.
- On Tuesday, March 9 at 6:45 pm, the City's playground designer will be presenting design ideas for the "Deer Pit" playground in Allegheny Commons.  
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/deer>
- The Councilman's newsletter is in the latest issue of the Northside Chronicle.  
<https://www.thenorthsidechronicle.com/february-2021-newsletter-from-northside-councilman-bobby-wilson/>

**Bridget Barrett from Representative Emilie Kinkead's Office:**

- Announced a new round of rent relief starting March 15th. You can sign up at: <https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us/>.

**Thomas Graham from Representative Jake Wheatly's Office:**

- Still helping people with unemployment and acting as a liaison with Labor and Industry.
- The office is working through the calls they have received.
- With students from Pitt, the office is working on an App that will serve as a virtual office.

**Erin Tobin from Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy:**

- "What the Muck" will be held the week of April 6th to clean Lake Elizabeth along with Allegheny CleanWays. PPC is looking for sponsorships for the event.
- North Promenade is close to being completed. The light bulbs near the fountain are being changed as they no longer make the bulb. The benches were installed along with trash cans. Ribbon Cutting-ish ceremony will be mid to late May.
- Allegheny Commons Park Programming Committee will be meeting to discuss events for Allegheny Commons Park.
- Friends of Riverview Park will meet on the 4th Monday of the Month on Zoom.
- Allegheny Commons Initiative will be meeting on Monday, March 15 to discuss the geese in the park. Vincent asked about the geese or their droppings are the main problem? Erin provided information regarding the amount of research and studying that has been completed for this issue.

**Leah Friedman from the Office of Community Affairs:**

(Leah was not in attendance; reported by Maggie Connor)

- COVID-19 Emergency Rental Assistance Program: <https://covidrentrelief.alleghenycounty.us/>
- Civic Leadership Academy applications are open: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/oaca/cla-application>
- Opioid dashboard will be opened by the city to help those suffering with addiction: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/publicsafety/overdose-dashboard>
- Four jobs available at the new Office of Community Safety:
  - Community Engagement Coordinator: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Pittsburgh/jobs/2977734/community-engagement-coordinator>
  - Continuum of Support Program Manager (PT): <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Pittsburgh/jobs/2977751/continuum-of-support-program-manager-part-time>
  - Operations Administrator: <https://www.governmentjobs.com/careers/Pittsburgh/jobs/2977788/operations-administrator>



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- FUSE Adult Diversion Program Fellow:  
<https://www.fusecorps.org/job/launching-diversion-initiatives-to-reduce-racial-disparities-in-incarceration>

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## **Other/New Business:**

### **ACCA Board Members Election – May 10, 2021:**

Maggie announced that the Election of new Board Members will be held on May 10, 2021. Currently five members' terms are coming to an end. More than five can run for this election as there is room on the board. To nominate yourself, or someone else, email [elections@accapgh.org](mailto:elections@accapgh.org).

### **Andrés Franco from City of Asylum:**

- Thanked ACCA for the letter of support for a grant.
- After more than 24 years in exile, Huang Xiang became a US citizen. He painted the poems on the house on Sampsonia Way.
- A week from tomorrow, the City of Asylum with air Exiled Voices. [Exiled Voices: City of Asylum Resident Writer Reunion | Alphabet City](#)
- “Coffee with Andrés” started last week with virtual discussion with Mai Khoi [Coffee with Andrés | Alphabet City](#)
- Bookstore is still open and safe.

### **Adjournment:**

Beth Boroumand motioned to adjourn. Sherah Rothman seconded.



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