



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, July 12, 2021
Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm

In Attendance (12):

Brittany Conkle, Maggie Connor, Nan Donovan, Joan Gielas, Tara McHugh, Deirdre Menchaca, Marirose Radelet, Henry Reese, Sherah Rothman, Ian Alden Russel, Kristi Russo, Vince Salvino

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, July 12** at **7:00 pm** via Zoom. The meeting was presided by **Maggie Connor**, and minutes transcribed from recordings by **Vincent Salvino**.

Announcements/General Discussion:

Minutes from May 10, 2021 and June 14, 2021 General Membership Meetings:

Maggie Connor posted the links to the May 10th and June 14th Meeting Minutes. Joan Gielas motioned to accept both minutes. Vince Salvino seconded. Motion passed.

Jacksonia Street Traffic Calming Process:

Maggie Connor provided a brief summary of the Jacksonia Street Traffic Calming Process that is being discussed with the city:

- In response to a petition from Allegheny City Central neighbors, a Walk-Through of Jacksonia Street was held on Thursday, June 17. The Walk-Through was led by **Nick Ross**, the city's *Chief Municipal Traffic Engineer* of the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI), and joined by neighbors and other representatives from the city.
- Concerns of the neighborhood were discussed
- Two issues were identified:
 - Jacksonia Street acts as a cut-through in the neighborhood
 - Speed of traffic
- DOMI wants to come back during the first week of August for a second meeting to provide recommendations
- Henry Reese offered the City of Asylum Sampsonia Way Tent for this meeting

Mattress Factory Introduction: Ian Russell

- Ian Russell was recently named *Artistic Director* of the Mattress Factory
- Ian announced that the next exhibition that will open at the Mattress Factory will be in September 2021 and feature local artists of color

Allegheny Commons Initiative:

- Sherah Rothman mentioned Allegheny Commons Initiative will be meeting at the National Aviary.
- It was noticed that the geese population has been reduced

Future ACCA Meetings:

- Future meetings of Allegheny City Central Association were discussed and where to have them.
- Joan Gielas likes the Zoom meetings, but also feels it is important to meet in person.
- Brittany Conkle agreed and wants to continue Zoom.
- Ian Russell mentioned the connectivity of the Mattress Factory.
- Vince Salvino mentioned the need for a hybrid model as some people only attend zoom calls and some only meet in person. Joan Gielas agreed and mentioned concerns for meeting indoors for now.

Henry Reese from City of Asylum:

- Henry Reese thanked ACCA for helping Councilman Bobby Wilson get the sink hole on Sampsonia Way fixed.
- Henry also thanked Mistick Construction for helping fix the Sampsonia Way Tent after the storm.
- 40 North Restaurant in Alphabet City is now open from Tuesday through Saturday.
- Joan asked if Henry's outdoor seating was still happening. Henry said the restaurant is not doing it for now since they don't have enough staff. They do have a permanent request for outdoor seating.

Adjournment

Vince Salvino motioned to adjourn. Brittany Conkle seconded. Meeting adjourned.