



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

In Attendance (24):

Beth Boroumand, Maggie Connor, Joan Gielas, Daniel Haas, Kent Hensley, Joan Kimmel, Rick Krist, Sara Lewis, Deirdre Menchaca, Faith Mudd, Henry Reese, Lora Rigatti, Sherah Rothman, Kristi Russo, Vincent Salvino, Bobi Shields-Farrelly, Greg Spicer, Patrick Sweeney, Erin Tobin, Lynne Weber, James Wick, Matt Williamson, Bobby Wilson, Rick Belloli

Introduction:

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

Announcements/General Discussion:

Minutes from October 11, 2021 General Membership Meetings:

Beth asked about any edits to the October minutes. Joan motioned to accept the minutes. Sherah seconded. Motion passed.

Rick Krist from Monterey Pub:

- Rick is working with the Northside Community Fund to obtain a loan:
 - The loan will provide gap funding for future projects and paying back the developers
 - Rick is looking to get better equipment and provide staff training
 - Rick is asking for a letter of support from ACCA for the business and the loan
- Greg Spicer made two points about two unresolved issues:
 - One issue regarded the smoking ban. Smoking is allowed in the front and back of the Monterey Pub
Rick said that he is aware of the issue, he is open to suggestions, but must follow the law

- Greg also pointed out that three nights last week, there was a ruckus coming from the bar. He feels the last call at midnight, with food being stopped at 10:00 pm, allows for people departing the Pub to make noise outside.
- Beth is moving in the house next door and is open to working with the pub to make the pub the best it can be.
- Beth motioned that the ACCA write a letter of support, with an understanding that the neighborhood and the pub will work together regarding noise or other issues. Motion passed.
- Contact for Rick Krist:
rick.krist14@gmail.com

Lynne Weber from Arch Court:

- Lynne is President of the Arch Court Board. ACCA owns Arch Court.
- Arch Court has 30 units of elderly low-income residents
- The board oversees the management to make sure things are well maintained
- The board has been doing this for the past 20 years
- Lynn stated that this is a good time for the board to re-engage the ACCA
- Councilman Wilson offered support through the city
- Joan Kimmel offered one of their concerns is to make sure Arch Court can continue with a stabilized board. With so many good, smart, and young people in the neighborhood, the Board wants to connect officially in a more formal way so that they can be assured that Arch Court continues with good oversight and management.
- Vince motioned to form an Affordable Housing Committee within the ACCA. Lynne seconded. Motion passed.
- Contact for Lynne Weber:
lynneaweber@gmail.com

Faith Mudd from the Office of Councilman Bobby Wilson:

- Modernize the Pittsburgh Parking Authority Permit Parking Program.
- Councilman Wilson wants to move the Permit Parking Program out of City Planning and into the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI)
- To view the Residential Parking Permit (RPP) Program Updates:
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/rpp-program-updates>
- Maggie asked if the Office of Community Affairs is being disbanded. Councilman Wilson was not aware of this being the case.



Erin Tobin from Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy:

- No announcements this month
- Erin Tobin's email:
etobin@pittsburghparks.org

New Business:

Maggie Connor – Update on Alpine Lots Project:

- Maggie announced that ACCA will have a Work Session with neighbors on January 22, 2022.

Maggie Connor – Update on Jacksonia Street Traffic Calming Project:

- Maggie asked if anyone wanted to discuss the Jacksonia Street Calming Plan.
- Lora Rigatti asked if the project was happening.
- Joan Gielas stated we have a recording of the meeting that occurred on October 28, 2021.
- The current plan is to switch the one-way pattern from Monterey Street to Arch Street. The vote with city council is not on the agenda.
- ACCA has tried to remain neutral and is trying to facilitate the communication regarding the project.
- Listen to the recording of the DOMI Meeting about Jacksonia that was held on October 28, 2021:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DqVcDxJZd70>
- View the slideshow that was presented at the meeting. It may not give enough information without the meeting recording:
https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/16281_Jacksonia_Street_Traffic_Calming_-_Meeting_3.pdf

North Avenue Safety and Signals Project:

- There will be an initial public meeting for the North Avenue Safety and Signals Project on November 10th, at 6:00 pm.
View the Invitation:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/DOMI-North-Avenue-Signals-and-Safety-Project-Public-Meeting-Invitation.pdf>

ACCA Membership Dues:

- All dues paid in November and December will cover the rest of 2021, as well as all of 2022.
- To join ACCA or renew your membership:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/join-renew/>



Mexican War Streets Society Winter Wonderland Event:

- Danny Hass, Program Chair of the MWSS, mentioned that the Mexican War Streets Society Winter Wonderland Event will be held on December 18th, from 5:00 to 10:00 pm. The MWSS really wants to increase the event from last year.
- Find Details at:
<http://www.mexicanwarstreets.org/events/2021/12/18/mws-winter-wonderland-extravaganza>

Adjournment:

- Vince motioned to adjourn. Beth seconded. Meeting adjourned.

