



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 10, 2022
Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm**

In Attendance (31):

Riley Baracscai, Rick Belloli, Beth Boroumand, Elise Brado, Lisa Carver, Sheila Collins, Maggie Connor, Mark Fleischer, Andrés Franco, Joan Gielas, Daniel Haas, Matthew Hartford, Arthur James, Deirdre Menchaca, Faith Mudd, Sarah Olexsak, Amanda Primrose, Henry Reese, Anthony Rosello, Sherah Rothman, Kristi Russo, Vincent Salvino, AmyJo Sanders, Jenn Schaber, Nancy Schaefer, Patrick Sweeney, Richard Thompson, Erin Tobin, James Wick, Matt Williamson, Laura Winter

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, January 10** at **7:00 pm** via Zoom. The meeting was presided by **Maggie Connor**, and minutes transcribed from recordings by **Vincent Salvino**.

Announcements/General Discussion:

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting and new year. She reminded everyone about paying ACCA dues. To pay the annual ACCA dues:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/join-renew/>

Minutes from November 8, 2021 General Membership Meeting:

Minutes from the November 8, 2021 General Membership Meeting are not complete, so they are not ready for a vote to approve. The minutes will be published when they are ready for your review. A vote to approve the minutes from **November 2021 and January 2022** will be taken at the February meeting.

Faith Mudd from the Office of Councilman Bobby Wilson:

- No new announcements for 2022.
- Faith Mudd's Contact Information: faith.mudd@pittsburghpa.gov

Erin Tobin from Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy:

- Erin had no specific new announcements
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy applied for over a million dollars for the North Commons Promenade Project
- **What The Muck** is coming up. What The Muck is the annual Lake Elizabeth volunteer clean-up event. Watch for updates.
- Erin also updated the group on Riverview Park projects.
- Councilman Wilson nominated Erin for the **Clean Pittsburgh Commission**. Erin will bring information on recycling and trash pick-up to the group.
Clean Pittsburgh Commission Website:
<https://pittsburghpa.gov/clean-pgh/cpc>
- Vince asked about leaf pick-up on the streets. Erin explained.
- Erin Tobin's Contact Information: etobin@pittsburghparks.org

Rick Belloli from Q Development:

- Rick presented plans for the redevelopment of **810 West North Avenue**
- The building will be named: **Allegheny Branch House Lofts**
- The development will include 38 market-rate loft apartments. The gravel lot will be paved for parking.
- The property is split between two different zoning districts. Q Development needs a variance for the parking lot.
- Construction is set to begin in 90 days and take about a year.
- Rent will be \$1,200 to \$2,600.
- Vince motioned that ACCA write a letter of support. Beth and Joan seconded. Motion passed.
- Q Development's Website: <http://www.qdevelopment.com/>
- Allegheny Branch House Lofts Information:
<http://www.qdevelopment.com/?property=810-w-north-avenue>

New Business:

Maggie Connor on Alpine Lots Work Session:

- Maggie announced that ACCA will hold the Alpine Lots Work Session on **January 22 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm**. The meeting will be held virtually because of COVID. More details will be provided as they become available.



Maggie Connor on Jacksonia Street Calming Project:

- Maggie reported that the City's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) has reevaluated their plan for Traffic Calming on Jacksonia Street.
- The new plan is to flip the direction of traffic *between Arch Street and Federal Street only*.
- The direction changes will be implemented March 2022.
- After the change is made, DOMI will test and compare the results with the original data.
- Details of the Jacksonia Street Traffic Calming Program:
<https://pittsburghpa.gov/domi/current-projects>

Riley Baracskai from the Mattress Factory:

- Riley is the *Development and Membership Manager* at the Mattress Factory
- Riley Baracskai's Contact Information: rbaracskai@mattress.org

Andrés Franco from City of Asylum:

- Thursday, January 13 is the 5th Anniversary of Alphabet City.
- 40 North Restaurant and Bar is starting take-out lunch on Monday, January 17. In-person lunch will begin in February.
- City of Asylum Website: <https://cityofasylum.org>
- Alphabet City In-Person and Virtual Events: <https://cityofasylum.org/events/>
- 40 North Restaurant and Bar Website: <https://40northpgh.com/>

Danny Haas from the Mexican War Streets Society:

- Danny Haas is the *Program Chair* of the Mexican War Streets Society (MWSS)
- The MWSS is asking for community feedback on what you, as a neighbor, would like to see from the Mexican War Streets Society in 2022, and in the future.
Deadline to submit your feedback is Monday, January 31, 2022 at 11:45 pm
Feedback Form: <https://forms.office.com/r/8JVQrRMfFk>
- Mexican War Streets Society Website: <http://www.mexicanwarstreets.org/>
- Mexican Ware Streets Society Facebook Page:
<https://www.facebook.com/MWSSNeighborhood/>

Adjournment:

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

