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**General Membership Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 11, 2022  
Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm**

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**In Attendance (22):**

Kemuel Benyehudah, Beth Boroumand, Jennie Canning, Maggie Connor, Nan Donovan, Joan Gielas, Daniel Haas, Matthew Hartford, Rachael Heisler, Arthur James, Joan Kimmel, Deirdre Menchaca, Gregory Mucha, Faith Mudd, Neil Parham, Sherah Rothman, Vincent Salvino, Nancy Schaefer, Bobi Shields-Farrelly, Patrick Sweeney, Lynne Weber, Matt Williamson

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**Introduction:**

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, April 11** 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:**

Maggie Connor welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**Upcoming Board of Directors Election**

- A request was made by Maggie for members to join the Board of Directors. This is the final call for nominations. The ACCA Board of Directors Election will be held on **Monday, May 9**.

**Minutes from March 14, 2022**

- Maggie posted a link to the minutes from the March 14, 2022 Meeting:  
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-03-14-ACCA-General-Membership-Meeting-Minutes.pdf>
- Sherah made a motion to approve the meeting minutes from the March 14<sup>th</sup>. Rachael seconded. Motion passed.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:  
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

Renew Membership at <https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/join-renew/>

## Joan Kimmel and Lynne Weber from Arch Court

- **Arch Court Bylaws Change**
  - Lynne Weber is the President of the Arch Court Board of Directors. Arch Court Inc. is a non-profit organization, that is solely made up by its board members and controlled by the neighborhood group (Allegheny City Central Association).
  - Arch Court is applying for funding from the Housing Opportunity Fund to bring the building up to current ADA standards (showers, kitchens, and other modifications.) Arch Court is asking for \$370,000.
  - Part of the funding proposal requires that the bylaws of Arch Court be submitted, which were written in the 1990s.
  - Lynne motioned that the Arch Court bylaws be updated by changing references of Central Northside Neighborhood Council (CNNC) to Allegheny City Central Association (ACCA). Matt Hartford seconded.
    - Vince asked if there needs to be more than one vote because Arch Court was changing their bylaws. Multiple votes are not required by Arch Court Bylaws.
    - Arthur found documentation from 2014 when ACCA amended their Articles of Incorporation, which included a name change. It's not a Doing Business As (DBA), but the document was filed with the Commonwealth.
    - Maggie proposed that members vote on the motion as proposed by Lynne to amend the bylaws, if needed. Arthur will send the ACCA Articles of Incorporation documentation to Lynne, and that may be all that is needed.
    - Motion passed.
  - Rachael Heisler applauded the work that goes into the Arch Court Community and stated that Arch Court is such a valuable part of the fabric of our neighborhood.
- **ACCA Affordable Housing Committee**
  - In November, it was agreed that an Affordable Housing Committee should be formed. Lynne would like that to move forward, particularly so that the group could nominate new people to be on the Arch Court board. Lynne wants to meet as a committee that would manage the dealings with Arch Court.
  - Joan Gielas will add the call for committee volunteers to the Weekend Update.
  - Kemuel Benyehudah asked if the Mattress Factory can serve on the Board.

## Jennie Canning

- Jennie Canning opened ShadoBeni with her husband.
- ShadoBeni is a Trinidadian and Vegan Restaurant on Armandale Street and Brighton Road. Hours will be 11:30 am to 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday; 9:00 am to 2:00 pm on the weekend.
- ShadoBeni is applying for a permit to allow for outside seating. There will be two tables with umbrellas. An awning may be installed, if financially possible.
- Jennie is requesting a Letter of Support for the outside seating.
- Vince made a motion to support ShadoBeni's application for outdoor seating. Rachael seconded. Motion passed.



### **Beth Boroumand on Northside Leadership Conference**

- ACCA is a member organization and part of the Northside Leadership Conference (NSLC). NSLC is a non-profit with a Board of Directors made up of representatives of all of the community groups in the Northside.
- ACCA is very active in NSLC. Maggie Connor and Beth Boroumand attend monthly meetings.
- NSLC realized that they haven't been very clear in the community as to what they do, or how they help with the neighborhood groups.
- The NSLC recently appointed a new interim Executive Director. Under the interim director, the board has decided to do a Strategic Planning Process to completely rework the organization.
- In the next month or two, an email survey will be sent out by NSLC, so that all community members can provide feedback on what the NSLC can contribute to our neighborhood group, to you personally, and to our neighborhood.
- Maggie and Beth want to be sure that they are representing the needs and priorities of Allegheny City Central when they go to the planning meetings.
- Once the planning process is complete there will be Town Hall Meetings for all of the Northside groups to unveil the new plan.
- The more input that is received, the better.

### **Faith Mudd from Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office**

- Street Sweeping has resumed.
- The Railroad Negotiation Meeting will be held on April 18th at 6pm at Manchester Citizens Corporation, located at 1319 Allegheny Avenue.
- DOMI confirmed the two-way conversion is starting today for the of Allegheny Circle Ring Road. The conversion is expected to be completed June 30th.
- PA Resources Council Household Chemical Collection will be at PPG Paints Arena on Saturday April 16th from 9am-1pm. Advanced registration is required.
- Faith Mudd's Contact Info: [faith.mudd@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:faith.mudd@pittsburghpa.gov)

### **Erin Tobin**

- Erin thanked ACCA for their support of the 'What the Muck' event. There were 87 volunteers. Over 112 trees were mulched. The flower beds by the Aviary were freshened up.
- Earth Month is being celebrated in the parks all over the city in April.
- Erin Tobin's Contact Information: [Etobin@pittsburghparks.org](mailto:Etobin@pittsburghparks.org)

### **Kemuel Benyehudah from the Mattress Factory**

- Symposium on Greer Lankton will be held on April 15th
- The Pop-Aganda Exhibition opens on April 16th
- An announcement about Latin Dance Night will be made soon.



### **Danny Haas from Mexican War Streets Society**

- Saturday June 4<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm is the Mexican War Streets Yard Sale. Over 30 vendors are scheduled to be there.
- Residents who want to sell can fill out the participant registration form to be part of the digital map:  
<https://forms.office.com/r/kbq7eS7AT7>

### **Litter League**

- Maggie brought up the Litter League which allows organizations to compete against each other in litter pickup.
- The Litter League will be held from April 22nd through June 21st.
- Beth added that there is a Litter League Rule Book:  
<https://friendsoftheriverfront.org/volunteer-opportunities/litter-league/>

### **Alpine Lots - [Alpine Lots](#)**

- Maggie updated that the next session should be at the end of April/early May.
- The work session will be combined with an empty lot cleanup.

### **House Demolition on Boyle Street**

- A question was asked by Nan Donovan about the house that was demolished on Boyle Street
- Maggie said the house was originally condemned in 2019 and that this was a city-funded demolition for safety reason.
- Maggie reminded people to reach out if there are questions about demolitions, houses under construction, etc.

### **Drover's Hotel**

- Vince asked about the status of Drover's Hotel.
- Because of the demolition of the Morton House on Federal Street, Maggie was asking what obligation a developer has to the area of the demolished house, or to celebrate the property that was coming down.
- The Executive Director of the Young Preservationist Association (YPA) got in touch with Maggie and told her that YPA had been communicating with the owners of Drover's Hotel and they were looking for ways to help with the stabilization of the building.
- Vince asked who owns the Drover's Hotel. It is not a conservatorship. It is still owned by the original owners.

### **Personal Items in Park in Front of Garden Theater**

- Vince asked about the accumulation of personal items in the park that are in front of the Garden Theater.
- Maggie said it is a sensitive situation and folks are working on it.



**Adjournment**

- Vince motioned to adjourn. Neil Parham seconded. Meeting adjourned.



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