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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, May 9, 2022**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm**

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**In Attendance (18):**

Beth Boroumand, Heather Edmondson, Joan Gielas, Rachael Heisler, Arthur James, Chrisarah Johnson, Alexis Meier, Faith Mudd, Rebekkah Ranallo, Sherah Rothman, Vincent Salvino, Nancy Schaefer, Patrick Sweeney, Richard Thompson, Erin Tobin, Joey Vallarian, Lynne Weber, James Wick

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**Introduction:**

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of the Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, May 9** at **7:00 pm** via Zoom. The meeting was presided by **Patrick Sweeney**, and minutes transcribed from recordings by **Vincent Salvino**.

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**Announcements:**

Patrick welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded. Patrick also reminded everyone to renew their dues.

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

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**Board of Directors Election – May 9, 2022**

- Patrick Sweeny and Dick Thompson were the nominations for the Board of Directors election.
- Rachael Heisler motioned for approval of the election of Patrick and Dick to the Board of Directors. The motion passed.

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**Lynne Weber from Arch Court**

- There has been positive feedback from the URA for the funding grant for Arch Court.
- Arch Court's management company is having a community day in August.

### Joey Vallarian with ALCOSAN

- Joey Vallarian is the *Director of Communications* at ALCOSAN.
- Joey presented on the Clean Water Plan for ALCOSAN:  
<https://www.alcosan.org/clean-water-plan/plan-documents/clean-water-plan-docs>
- He encouraged meeting attendees to visit the website, 'Follow The Flush':  
<https://www.alcosan.org/what-we-do/track-your-flush>
- ALCOSAN is completely funded by ratepayers.
- The Clean Water Plan was approved in 2020. The first phase to be completed by 2036, involved \$2 billion.
- The plant is currently being expanded.
- A regional tunnel system will be installed in the near future.
- Rachael asked how long will the system last?  
The system is to take ALCOSAN into the future.
- Erin asked where do the drop shafts on the Northside fall in terms of timeline/priority for construction compared to the rest of the city?  
The Ohio River tunnel will be the first leg in 2025-2029. Depends on how big it is and where it will be. ALCOSAN is acquiring property. There is some flexibility, but not a lot on location of shafts.
- And what if any impacts to our riverfronts are anticipated?  
ALCOSAN will do its best to mitigate any disruption. They will inform us if there is to be a closing of the trail or other impacts. It won't be an open hole.
- Dick asked if ALCOSAN has any funding for projects to remove water from the system.  
The Grow Program's goal is to keep water out of the system.  
<https://www.alcosan.org/clean-water-plan/grow-program>  
The PWSA has gotten quite a few of the projects and money from the Grow Program.
- If there are ideas for removing the waterfront system, it would be PWSA completing the project.

### Beth Boroumand on Northside Leadership Conference (NSLC)

- Beth Boroumand and Maggie Connor are the ACCA's **Northside Leadership Conference** board members.
- The NSLC is having an award ceremony: 39th Annual Scholarship and Awards Dinner. The ceremony will be held on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at Riverview Park. Tickets are \$35 per person. Register at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northside-leadership-conference-39th-annual-scholarship-and-awards-dinner-tickets-329822988437>
- The ceremony is family friendly but geared towards adults.
- Every neighborhood is asked to nominate a service provider of the year. Maggie and Beth recommended the **Northside Food Pantry**.
- Vince made the motion to nominate the Northside Food Pantry as the ACCA pick for the service provider of the year. Rachael seconded the motion. Motion passed.



### **Rachael Heisler on the Affordable Housing Committee**

- The Affordable Housing Committee is looking for members. The committee will be tasked with developing goals and a strategic plan for preserving and possibly creating a range of affordable housing options.
- If you are interested, please email Rachael Heisler ([rheisler@accapgh.org](mailto:rheisler@accapgh.org)) with the subject line "ACCA Affordable Housing Committee," and please include your name, address, and a few sentences about why you want to join the committee.

### **Rebekkah Ranallo from the Mayor's Office**

- Rebekkah Ranallo is a fellow Northsider from Perry North and serves as the *Neighborhood Services Manager* for the Office of the Mayor. The city's Neighborhood Services has three members. The members will not have a geographic focus. Members will attend neighborhood meetings as their area of focus is warranted.
- Budget season is starting. The City's Office of Management and Budget (OMB) is wanting to engage in the decision-making process of how to spend the money from the office.
- Love Your Block is a city initiative. Basically, the program offers mini grants for community groups to get small projects completed. It will be \$5,000 for each grant. <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/lyb>
- Rebekkah Ranallo can be reached at [rebekkah.ranallo@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:rebekkah.ranallo@pittsburghpa.gov) or **412.255.2505**.

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

- It is Capital Budget season, so Faith encourages everyone to present her office with any ideas.
- Vince asked about the two-way direction project of the ring road. Faith will check with the councilman.
- Faith Mudd can be reached at [faith.mudd@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:faith.mudd@pittsburghpa.gov)



### **Erin Tobin from Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (PPC)**

- Erin is asking for a letter of support for funding from **Greenways Trail and Recreation Program** for the North Commons Promenade from Federal Street to Arch Street (Segment B).
- Beth made a motion to write a letter of support. Vince seconded. Motion passed.
- Vince asked about the dead tree near the Armstrong statue.  
Erin will follow up.
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is asking residents to complete the PWSA Woods Run Watershed Survey to help PWSA understand stormwater issues and the needs of the Northside. Find survey at:  
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeq2XdfYgNaS6TTgCnW-eIPyCrO2CK37Ufe3MwLJ7tIGiDt2A/viewform>
- A schedule for Summer Programming for Allegheny Commons Park will be out soon.
- Erin Tobin can be reached at: [etobin@pittsburghparks.org](mailto:etobin@pittsburghparks.org)

### **Alpine Lots**

- Maggie updated that the next session related to Alpine Lots should be held on May 17, 18, or 19. Location of Alpine Lots:  
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/2014/11/rfp-develop-lots-alpine-avenue/>

### **Mexican War Streets Yard Sale**

- Vince reminded everyone that Saturday June 4th is the Mexican War Streets Yard Sale. There will be over 30 vendors.

### **Adjournment**

- Beth and Rachael motioned to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.

