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**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
**Monday, September 12, 2022**  
**Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm**

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**In Attendance (21):**

Lena Andrews, Mallory Blonksi, Beth Boroumand, John Canning, Maggie Connor, Maggie Dagnal, Jack Dalton, Joan Gielas, Arthur James, Chrisarah Johnson, Katherine Lattimore Stern, Katie Minor, Faith Mudd, Greg Ramsey, Sherah Rothman, Vincent Salvino, Patrick Sweeney, Richard Thomas, Erin Tobin, Lynne Weber, Nada Wheelock

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**Introduction:**

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

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded everyone that the meeting is being recorded.

**Approval of Meeting Minutes**

- Minutes from the April 11th, May 9th, and June 13th meetings were approved.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:  
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

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**Announcements:**

**Greg Ramsey for Garbage Olympics 2022**

- Greg invited anyone who is interested in participating in Garbage Olympics 2022 to meet at 316 Jacksonia Street on Saturday, September 17. Trash collection is from 9AM-11AM.
- Participants can register in advance at <https://www.pghgo.org/>.
- Trash will be brought to 316 Jackson once collected.
- Refreshments will be available after the collection at Threadbare Cider from 12PM-2PM.
- If anyone knows of a specific area that needs cleaned, email [greg@unweird.com](mailto:greg@unweird.com).
- The team's name is 'Northside Irregulars.' It is listed on the Garbage Olympics website as 'Central Northside.'

### Lynn Weber for the Affordable Housing Committee

- The Affordable Housing Committee has had two meetings.
- The goal of the committee is to maintain the affordable housing that we have in the neighborhood and explore other options.
- Lynn introduced Lena Andrews who is the Head of Real Estate for Action Housing in Pittsburgh.
- Action Housing is working with the Widow's Home at 308 North Taylor Avenue.
- Action Housing has been around for 65 years. They have about 80 million dollars in affording housing.
- Lena explained what affordable housing is considered: 30% of a household's income goes towards housing.
- There is a need of 17,000 new units to meet housing demand.
- Action Housing Builds to own for a long time.
- Widow's Home has a total of 24 units: nine one bedrooms, and fifteen two-bedroom townhouses.
- Widow's Home is currently owned by Pennrose and is transferring ownership to Action Housing. Current affordability restrictions <60% AMI (approximately \$37,000 for a one-bedroom household).
- Many residents are paying more than 30% of income in rent/utilities.
- Maintaining and investigating in the YMCA
- Vince asked if Action Housing is more likely to acquire housing or build housing: This was their first preservation acquisition. Arch Court and West Commons were mentioned to Lena.

### Faith Mudd for Councilman Wilson

- Faith did not have any announcements
- Home at the Corner of Armandale and Saturn
  - Maggie mentioned the house on the corner of Armandale and Saturn is being hit by vehicles
  - Katie Minor moved to the house in April 2021 and has had her house hit monthly and is asking for help
  - Maggie suggested sending letters to the Council Members to organize a meeting with DOMI to assess the area
- Jefferson Recreation Center
  - Vince asked if there has been any movement in redeveloping the Jefferson Recreation Center. No update was able to be provided.
  - Faith added that she had gotten word from Councilman Wilson that Jefferson Rec Center isn't part of Councilman Wilson's district yet. It will be on January 1<sup>st</sup> after redistricting. Right now, it is part of Councilman Lavelle's district.



**Erin Tobin from Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy**

- Erin invited everyone to come to Allegheny Commons on Sunday, September 18 for a family friendly event to celebrate the renovation of the Hartzell Monument: [Parks and Pups Party | Facebook](#)
- Request for Letter of Support for Allegheny Commons Funding
  - Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy is asking ACCA for a letter of support in a request for a million dollars towards Segment B of the North Commons Promenade Project – from Federal Street to Arch Street
  - Lynne Weber made the motion, Beth seconded. Motion passed.

**Chrisarah Johnson from the Mayor's Office**

- AgencyCounter
  - AgencyCounter is Pittsburgh's new one-stop resource to help you find information on development activity in the city.
  - The Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections (PLI) is offering virtual training to the community to learn how to make AgencyCounter work for you.
  - The virtual training will be held on October 11th and **October 16<sup>th</sup>**.
  - If you are interested in the training, contact [chrisarah.johnson@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:chrisarah.johnson@pittsburghpa.gov)
- Pittsburgh's Student and Citizen's Police Academy is looking for people to attend.
- The Preliminary 2023 Budget Draft will be complete by September 30<sup>th</sup>. The Office of Management and Budget will be soliciting feedback after the preliminary budget is released.  
More information: <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2023-city-pittsburgh-budgets>

**City of Asylum LitFest 2022**

- Maggie posted a link in the chat for City of Asylum's LitFest 2022: [Pittsburgh International Literary Festival 2022 - City of Asylum](#)

Meeting Adjourned.