



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, November 14, 2022
Zoom Virtual Meeting, 7:00 pm**

In Attendance (16):

Beth Boroumand, Maggie Connor, Nan Donovan, Heather Edmondson, Joan Gielas, Rachael Heisler, Julianne Hluska, Joan Kimmel, Deirdre Menchaca, Rebekkah Ranallo, Sherah Rothman, Vincent Salvino, Patrick Sweeney, Dick Thompson, Lynne Weber, Matt Williamson

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, November 14, 2022** at **7:00 pm** via Zoom. The meeting was presided by **Maggie Connor**, and minutes were recorded by **Vincent Salvino**.

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the October 10, 2022 meeting were approved.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

Membership Dues

- Joan Gielas explained that membership dues expire on December 31, 2022 and will need to be paid for 2023. Dues paid now will cover the rest of 2022 as well.
- To join ACCA or renew your membership:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/join-renew/>

Announcements:

Rebekkah Ranallo from the Mayor's Office

- The administration has heard from Northside residents and groups regarding public safety
- The mayor is asking for a unified meeting this Thursday, November 17th from 5:00 to 6:30 at the Children's Museum
- At the meeting, the Administration wants to share information and plans in the works
- The Administration is looking for input on the new Chief of Police via survey <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/police-chief-community-survey>
- Tomorrow night, November 15, there will be a Facebook Live Event at 6pm regarding snow removal
- Joan Gielas asked if the city is still doing the snow angels program. They are and you can sign up here: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/snowangels/>
- Rebekkah Ranallo's Contact Information: rebekkah.ranallo@pittsburghpa.gov

ACCA's Response to Neighborhood Safety

- ACCA cosigned a letter to the mayor regarding safety issues on the Northside. The letter was started by the East Allegheny neighborhood group.
- The mayor met with some of the signers of the letter. It was a very successful meeting and started a dialogue. The Thursday, November 17 meeting was created as a response to this meeting.
- You can reach out to Commander Malloy via email. The city is working on alternate ways to reach the police, not just 911.
- Zone 1's direct phone number: **(412) 323-7201**
- Joan Kimmel provided Commander Malloy's email contact: shawn.malloy@pittsburghpa.gov

ACCA Affordable Housing Committee: Maggie Connor, Lynn Weber, & Joan Kimmel

- The ACCA Affordable Housing Committee's plan is to do more outreach in 2023
- Thanks to Bobby Wilson's office, Arch Court was made aware of a grant that the URA Board approved
- Arch Court received a \$385,000 grant so all the units will be upgraded to be ADA compliant
- Automatic Doors have been installed in Arch Court and the cost will be refunded by the URA



Julianne Hluska from Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office

- Julianne introduced herself as the *Community Relations Manager* for Councilman Bobby Wilson. It is her first full week on the job
- The lights in the park are waiting on a circuit/connector that is a source of power. There are supply chain issues. They hope to have an install by the beginning of December
- Bike racks have been installed in East Commons near the Battery Park area to help with Public Safety
- Joan Kimmel asked about the removal of the median strips on West North Avenue. Julianne said she will touch base with DOMI to ask about the plan for the West North redo
- Maggie mentioned Norfolk Southern and West North Avenue and suggested that the councilman should look into providing a schedule. Norfolk Southern had mentioned the pedestrian bridge is supposed to be first, but a timeline would be nice
- Vince mentioned the Jefferson Recreation Center and that it will be under Councilman Wilson's district come January. Julianne will look into it and report back
- Find updates on DOMI Projects: <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/>
- Contact Information for Julianne Hluska:
julianne.hluska@pittsburghpa.gov

Maggie provided Mexican War Streets Society Updates

- From December 4th-11th, a Holiday House Decorating Contest will be held. The winner will be selected at the MWSS Holiday Party on December 11th
- MWSS Traditional Holiday Party (last general membership meeting of the year) will be held on December 11th from 5-10pm. The party will be held at 512 West North Avenue
- Tickets to the party are \$20, which includes MWSS annual dues for 2023:
<https://www.facebook.com/events/657021855425915>

Maggie wished everyone a safe and warm holiday season.

Dick motioned to adjourn.



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