



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 8, 2023
Fabled Table, 7:00 pm

In Attendance (18):

Lindsey Aquino, Amir Boroumand, Beth Boroumand, John Canning, Sheila Collins, Brittany Conkle, Maggie Connor, Peter Davis, Joan Gielas, Matthew Hartford, Julianne Hluska, Arthur James, Michelle Lynch, Shawn Pippi, Vincent Salvino, Ed Smith, Elisabeth White, Councilman Bobby Wilson

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, May 8, 2023 at 7:00 pm** at **Fabled Table**. The meeting was presided by **Maggie Connor**, and minutes were recorded by **Vincent Salvino**.

Maggie welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- The approval of the April Meeting Minutes was postponed until the June meeting.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

New Business:

District 1 Councilman Bobby Wilson

- **Lighting in Allegheny Commons:**
 - The lights are still out in the park.
 - Duquesne light needs an easement for the new power source. The work is to begin ASAP.

- **Allegheny Commons Park:**
 - The pedestrian bridge is the first item the railroad will build.
 - On Wednesday, May 10, a Community Meeting will be held to specifically talk about improvements the city could make to the basketball court on the East side of Allegheny Commons Park - separate from the \$200,000 allocated from the parks. The meeting will be held from 6-7:30 pm at the Union Place Building of Allegheny Center Alliance Church, located at 801 Union Place.
 - John Canning mentioned a variety of safety concerns that needs to be reviewed.
 - Matt Hartford added that the landscape can influence safety.
 - Shawn Pippi mentioned solar security cameras for safety as well.

- **North Avenue:**
 - Councilman Wilson mentioned that North Avenue was milled down 1.5 inches vs 4 inches so that the street could last until the 2025/2026 rebuild.

Lindsey Aquino from the Mayor's Office

- **Lifeguards:**
 - The city is hiring lifeguards so that the pools can open. The salary has gone up to \$16-\$19. If hired, you will get certified at the city's expense.

- **City Budget Meetings:**
 - A Virtual 2024 Budget Meeting will be held via Zoom on Saturday, May 13 at 1:00 pm. To register in advance:
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYsceigrDooGdd24iHd_STSNajKmtHiSquS#/registration
 - An In-Person Budget Meeting will be held at the Manchester Citizens Corporation Center (1319 Allegheny Avenue) on Thursday, May 18 at 6:00 pm.

- **Love Your Block:**
 - Love Your Block is a City of Pittsburgh mini-grant program that brings neighbors together to improve our communities block-by-block. Nonprofit organizations are invited to propose projects and apply for a grant of up to \$2,500.

- **Learn & Earn Summer Youth Employment Program:**
 - Applications are being accepted for the city's Learn & Earn Program that provides work experience and career exposure to low-income young adults ages 14-21, who reside in Allegheny County.
 - There are three positions open in the Mayor's Office.
 - For more information: <https://www.partner4work.org/learn-earn-general-program/>



Vincent Salvino on Behalf of ACCA

- **Change to ACCA By-Laws**

- A motion was made to amend Article V Section 1 of the ACCA By-Laws from a minimum of “**seven**” to a minimum of “**five**” Board Members.

Current Article V Section 1:

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Number and Qualifications:

*The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a board of directors composed of not less than **seven (7)** nor more than fifteen (15) persons. ...*

Will be Changed to:

ARTICLE V – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1 – Number and Qualifications:

*The affairs of the Association shall be governed by a board of directors composed of not less than **five (5)** nor more than fifteen (15) persons. ...*

- Matt seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- The new verbiage of the amended section will be voted on in June and July.

- **Business Owners on Board of Directors:**

- A discussion was held about allowing business owners to become members of the ACCA Board of Directors.

- **Election of New ACCA Board of Directors**

- The individuals who were present and running for the Board of Directors introduced themselves and went over their bios: **Sheila Collins, Matthew Hartford, and Brittany Conkle.** **Nancy Schaefer** was unable to attend this meeting, so Beth Boroumand read her bio.
- Beth Boroumand made a motion to approve the entire slate. Vince seconded. Motion passed.
- **Beth Boroumand, Maggie Connor, and Vince Salvino** agreed to stay on the Board of Directors.
- John Canning made a motion to keep them on board. Motion passed.

The Meeting was Adjourned.

