



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, January 8, 2024
Fabled Table, 6:00 pm

In Attendance (22):

Beth Boroumand, John Canning, Sheila Collins, Brittany Conkle, Joan Gielas, Jordyn Gilliard, Matthew Hartford, Dan Hosier, Deb Israel, Max Joffe, Todd Kilgore, Clay McCloskey, Cole McCloskey, Deirdre Menchaca, Kendra Oliver, Patrick Sweeney, Richard Thompson, Lynn Weber, Eliza Wick, James Wick, Carla Young, Janel Young

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, January 8, 2024** at the Fabled Table, Buena Vista Street. The meeting was presided over by **Matthew Hartford** and minutes were recorded by **Brittany Conkle**.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- October and November minutes will be approved at the February 2024 meeting.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

New Business:

- Membership dues for the new year are now due.
- **Light of Life Building on West North Avenue**
ACCA has been contacted to provide a letter of support, backing a loan from community development fund Rising Tide Partners to purchase the old Light of Life building on West North Ave. The loan would be \$500k and would be for affordable housing.
 - Members had questions, including was this building going to be for affordable housing, how many units, what is the loan for?

- It was expressed by several that Rising Tide should have come to present this development before asking the neighborhood to support the project with a letter.
- It was determined that Rising Tide would be asked to come to February meeting and present as ACCA membership would feel more comfortable seeing their proposal before blindly signing a support letter.
- **Allegheny Arts Initiative:**

Matt talked about the Allegheny Arts Initiative. Matt has joined the committee of this initiative. Murals of Rosie the Riveter, Mr. Rogers on Cedar. Kickoff event on January 17, 2024, 5-7pm @ Comfort Inn & Arc House. All are invited. Live music. Not all of the art is going to be commissioned, different purposes.
- **Update on Arch Street Basketball Court**

Clay McCloskey and Paul McCloskey (they run Hounds, creative agency) and Janel Young (artist and muralist) presented on the “Every Court Has a Story” nationwide contest.

The basketball court on Arch Street (called “The Jungle”) was the winner in this contest. The courts on Arch used to be super busy but got run down. Clay and Paul submitted these courts for this contest by creating a movie that fused jazz and basketball history in Pittsburgh. The music used was by a Northside native.

As winners, the Arch basketball courts will receive funding for a complete court renovation. Five Star Bball will provide the funds – backboards, nets, resurfacing, repainting and the paint for the mural on the court itself. Scheduled to start in spring 2024 and complete in summer 2024.

There is an Engage Page through the City to follow for updates. A survey allows for comments, help to decide on the court’s design, plans for opening ceremony and use of the court to benefit the community. Take the survey by January 15, 2024.

Engage Pgh Webpage: <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/updating-arch-basketball-court>

Follow @thejunglepgh on Instagram, @houndsusa, @jy.originals, @swishdreams for more updates.



Announcements:

Jordyn Gilliard from Councilman Wilson's office.

- Alpine Parklet – draft letter as to what DPW would need to do, Tom from Land Trust is doing that letter now.
- Road pavement – request for three pavements (roads) that need repaved that the community could benefit from. DOMI asked for a list for 3 things to get paved this year. Matt: Roads that are bad and that are creating a negative effect or underutilized because of its condition – more likely to get attention and grant money vs. something that is just bad quality on a highly utilized road. Deadline is Friday, Jan. 12, 2024 so let ACCA know by Thursday, January 11, 2024. Each community group got a Google Doc, and the community groups are acting like a funnel in this process. Starting with top three, hoping to get more done.
 - West Jefferson Street – very pothole-y, between Saturn and Arch was mentioned.

The Meeting was Adjourned.



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