



**General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2024
West Park Court, 7:00 pm**

In Attendance (20):

Amanda Bennett, Doris Buche, Sheila Collins, Larry DiCicco, Joan Gielas, Jordyn Gilliard, Matthew Hartford, Arthur James, Max Joffe, Douglas Lee, Joyce Mefadde, Sue Mulvin, Nancy Schaefer, Donna Smith, W. Stafford, Julia Underwood, L. Wade, Curtis Watson, Lynne Weber, Ivy Wofford

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, September 9, 2024** at **West Park Court**, located at the corner of Brighton Road and West North Avenue. The meeting was presided over by **Matthew Hartford, ACCA President and Nancy Schaefer, ACCA Vice President**, and minutes were recorded by **Larry DiCicco**.

Matt Hartford, current President of ACCA, opened the meeting and announced he is currently in the process of relocating to Wisconsin. MH offered his assistance during the transition and the ACCA Board is currently working on an interim plan until a formal plan is enacted for this position. Nancy Schaefer is the current ACCA Vice President.

Announcements:

Jordyn Gilliard from Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office:

- Chestnut Street Project is complete and the street is open.
- JG had no information to pass along regarding the West Park Commons Pedestrian Bridge over the railroad tracks. This is a Norfolk-Southern issue.

Allegheny YMCA:

- The YMCA Project has kicked off and is getting ready to start construction. The project will be completed in Phases, with the first phase starting in early 2025 and completing in early 2026. A Project update is scheduled at the YMCA on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 6:00 pm.

Allegheny Health Network / Allegheny General Hospital:

- ACCA (via Northside Leadership Conference) attempting to get Mark Jones from AHN to attend and talk about expansion plans at upcoming meeting. In progress.

YouthPlaces - Letter of Support:

- ACCA provided a Letter of Support for YouthPlaces. YouthPlaces has several locations including one in the West Commons on the North Side. YouthPlaces creates safe spaces and experiences that inspire young people to imagine, explore, and design their own futures. YP offers afterschool and summer programs. They were established in 2005 and have grown to serve and support over 4,000 students.

Mexican War Streets Society House Tour:

- Mexican War Street House Tour is September 15, 2024.

Garbage Olympics:

- Garage Olympics is September 21, 2024. More details forthcoming. Team participation.

Renovation of The “Jungle” in Allegheny Commons Park:

- The “Jungle,” the renovated basketball court near Arch Street was inaugurated on August 3, 2024. Court has a modern and urban look to it with design and color.

West Park Court:

- A number of the residents of West Park Court were in attendance. Their primary comments dealt with the safety regarding the temporary walkways that have been put in place due to the closure of West North Ave, on the west side of Brighton Road. A follow up will be discussed with Councilman Wilson’s Rep (J. Gilliard) at next meeting.
- Another topic dealt with the temporary walkway, as WPC residents are crossing Brighton Road roughly where the Dollar General is, and they shared additional concerns about safety doing this.
- The residents also requested that ACCA get more involved with the management team overseeing the operations of the facility. Concerns about non-resident individuals coming into the building were raised along with some other issues.

Safety Committee:

- Other safety issues, including ACCA Safety Committee were brought up. Max Joffe offered to play a larger role in this regard.



Rising Tide Partners / Light of Life Renovation:

- A representative from Rising Tide, LLC did not attend. Rising Tide is at the point for a renovation of the former Light of Life facility on East North Avenue, just east of Federal Street.

October General Membership Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for October 13, 2024. Meeting place TBD.

The Meeting was Adjourned.



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