



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 14, 2024
Arch Court, 7:00 pm

In Attendance (14):

John Canning, David Demko, Larry DiCicco, Joan Gielas, Jordyn Gilliard, Rachael Heisler, Arthur James, Max Joffe, James Lawrence, Deirdra Menchaca, Michelle Porter, Nancy Schaefer, Richard Thompson, Lynn Weber

Introduction:

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, October 14, 2024**, at **Arch Court**, located at 1310 Arch Street. The meeting was presided over by **Nancy Schaefer, ACCA Interim President**, and minutes were recorded by **Larry DiCicco**.

With President Matt Hartford's departure, Nancy Schaefer will assume the role of Interim President. In addition, Dick Thompson will remain as Treasurer and Larry DiCicco is appointed Secretary.

Announcements:

ACCA Safety Committee:

- Board Member Max Joffe has been appointed to head ACCA's Safety Committee.
- An initial objective of the Safety Committee is to address safety issues related to West Park Court, regarding the temporary walkway that was established at the West side of the Brighton & West North intersection (for bridge rehabilitation).

Michelle Porter, One Northside:

- Michelle Porter, Director of One Northside (ONS), attended the meeting and spoke about One Northside's objectives.
- One Northside is affiliated with the Buhl Foundation and has a five-point focus to assist Northside residents. The five points include:
1) Safety, 2) Health, 3) Education, 4) Employment, and 5) Place (including Housing, Parks, and Common spaces, etc.).
- Currently, One Northside is preparing details to assist Northside residents with their 2024 Tax Returns. ONS is in the process of recruiting volunteers for this undertaking.
- One Northside has also initiated procurement of properties to support their affordable housing objectives. Target is for 1,800 housing units.
- ACCA suggested that One Northside and ACCA have a follow up meeting to explore synergistic avenues that both ACCA and ONS support and are committing resources to. L. DiCicco to reach out for a follow up exploratory meeting.

Rachael Heisler, City of Pittsburgh Controller:

- Rachael introduced herself and talked about certain City initiatives.
- Part of her discussion included YMCA planned upgrades. Residents will remain in the Y during modernization, but member facilities will be closed until early 2026.
- The City's Emergency Medical Service has undergone some real changes, including EMS training that is now included as part of employment.
- Ms. Heisler distributed the Popular Annual Financial Report for the City of Pittsburgh. She discussed several parts of the Plan and welcomed questions.

Rising Tide:

- Rising Tide is moving ahead with plans for the former Light of Life modernization to affordable housing. A Rep from Rising Tide will be requested to attend ACCA General Membership Meetings periodically.

ACCA-Owned Properties:

- Jim Lawrence talked about ACCA property activities. The seven ACCA-owned Alpine lots were part of his discussion.
- Part of Jim's update included requesting a Board member to be more proactive with some of the property issues.
- Mr. Lawrence will forward information to Board members for assignment considering Mr. Stafford's departure. A follow up will be addressed in subsequent meeting.

ACCA Finances:

- A short-term focus of Allegheny City Central Association will be to get current with
1) taxes, 2) insurances, 3) required Registrations.



November General Membership Meeting:

- The next meeting is scheduled for November 11, 2024. Meeting place TBD.

The Meeting was Adjourned.



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