



## Allegheny City Central Association

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### General Membership Meeting Minutes Monday, February 10, 2025 West Park Court, 7:00 pm

#### In Attendance (20)

Sheila Collins, Maggie Connor, Joan Gielas, Jordyn Gilliard, Minnie Hill, Arthur James, Merridith Kepler, Jim Lawrence, Tom Little, Randi Marshak, James O'Toole, Linda Parker, Marirose Radelet, Nancy Schaefer, Donna Smith, Patrick Sweeney, Julia Underwood, Evelyn Vaughn, Linda Wade, Steven Williams

#### Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, February 10, 2025** at **West Park Court**, located at 710 West Park Court. The meeting was presided over by **Nancy Schaefer**, ACCA President, and minutes were recorded by ACCA Secretary, **Larry DiCicco**.

#### Approval of Meeting Minutes

- Minutes from the ACCA Meeting that was held on January 13, 2025 were approved.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:  
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>



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## Announcements

### Update on Norfolk Southern's Plans at Corner of West North Avenue & Brighton Road:

- At ACCA's request, representatives from Michael Baker International, Project Manager **Cindy Bartus** and Engineering Manager **Frank Sipple**, attended the General Membership Meeting to respond to questions concerning Norfolk Southern's plans for the corner of West North Avenue and Brighton Road and its impact on West Park Court. Below are the highlights of that discussion:
  - Construction for the West North/Brighton Intersection is set to begin in early 2026. At this point, the contractor has not been selected.
  - The design work for the Intersection and the West Commons Pedestrian Bridge over the tracks is completed.
  - The pedestrian bridge will be replaced in 2025 (and may run into early 2026) and is a necessary first step before work is slated to begin on the Intersection. A rendering of the temporary walkways required during the construction was reviewed.
  - The objective during construction will be to keep West Park Court's south main entrance open as long as practically possible. Once this is no longer feasible, residents of WPC will be required to use the east and rear entrances.
  - The intersection of West North and Brighton will be raised approximately 3 ½ feet for bridge railway clearance. The raised elevation will be tapered as much as possible (~ 2%) to minimize the impact of this increase.
  - Michael Baker presented plan views and cross sections of design plans for the attendees and answered questions from the group.
  - Until the selected Contractor is on-board, final details on the implementation are still pending. The contractor will be selected in later 2025, or early 2026 for the intersection work.
  - The representatives from Michael Baker stated that all work will be ADA design.

### Financial Support from West Park Court:

- ACCA announced that they have received an infuse of capital from West Park Court Inc. A meeting with ACCA and WPC Management is being scheduled.

### Update from Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office:

- **Jordyn Gilliard**, Constituent Services Coordinator from the Office of Councilman Bobby Wilson stated that her office is looking at Grant possibilities for ACCA.



**Update on Discussion with Mexican War Streets Society:**

- Further discussions regarding a potential merger or an improved alignment with the Mexican War Streets Society took place. No clear direction or strategy is defined at this point.

**Update on ACCA-Owned Alpine Street Lots:**

- Development Committee (DevCom) Member, **Jim Lawrence**, updated attendees on activity related to the ACCA-owned lots on Alpine Street. Jim shared a presentation that included the status and challenges that exist for the sale and development of the lots. Below are the highlights of the presentation and discussion:
  - A map of the lots was provided and reflected the challenges this land has with respect to development. The plots have multiple owners. The direction these owners choose to take will impact the final development plans, i.e. will they be willing to part ways with their lots?
  - DevCom has met with City Planning and DOMI to determine requirements for development.
  - The Request for Proposals (RFP) is being finalized, but there are a few undefined parameters at this point, such as what the owners of several plots will choose to do.
  - Parking also poses significant challenges. The final plans for parking will be dictated by what the adjacent owners determine. Currently the plan calls for an internal driveway allowing access for the development. This plan will most likely require an HOA (Homeowners Agreement).
  - The next step is to select a developer and determine the status of the adjacent owners whether they intend to sell their lots or not.
  - DevCom made a request for legal assistance in this endeavor. This discussion will be continued.

**New Member for West Park Court Board of Directors:**

- ACCA announced that local Architect **Joseph Roy** has agreed to assist in the on-going activities with WPC and join the Board. The term is two years. The motion was approved.

**One Northside 10-Year Celebration Event:**

- One Northside is planning a 10-year celebration to take place February 18, 2025 at Acrisure Stadium in the Great Hall. All are welcome. It will be a celebration with the 18 separate neighborhoods that comprise the "Northside".

**ACCA Nonprofit Status:**

- ACCA has satisfied all requirements for regaining its 501(c)(3) designation. The IRS reinstated ACCA's tax-exempt status effective October 15, 2023.



**ACCA Registered Community Organization Status:**

- ACCA needs to formalize and finalize their Communication Plan as part of their Registered Community Organization application with the City of Pittsburgh.

**The Meeting was Adjourned.**

**March 2025 General Membership Meeting:**

- The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for **March 10, 2025** and will be held at **Arch Court**, located at 1310 Arch Street.



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