



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 10, 2025
Arch Court, 7:00 pm

In Attendance (15)

Maggie Connor, Larry DiCicco, Jessica Farrell, Joan Gielas, Jordyn Gilliard, Jeneen Henson, Max Joffe, Todd Kilgore, James Lawrence, Morgan Martin, Sarah Oleksak, James O'Toole, Nancy Schaefer, Richard Thompson, Lynne Weber

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, March 10, 2025** at **Arch Court**, located at 1310 Arch Street. 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 **February 10, 2025** were approved.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website:
<https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

Announcements

ACCA Updates:

- ACCA has regained its 501(c)3 Nonprofit Status with an effective date of October 15, 2023.
- ACCA's Application for recognition as a **Registered Community Organization** is expected to be submitted to City Planning in March 2025. ACCA also is prepared to issue the ACCA Communication Plan as part of this designation.
- ACCA Elections for the Board of Directors will take place at the May 12, 2025 General Membership Meeting. Nominations are currently being accepted. To nominate yourself or someone you know, email elections@accapgh.org.

ACCA Treasurer's Report:

- Dick Thompson, ACCA's Treasurer, provided an update on ACCA's Finances.
- An emphasis was highlighted on the need to increase the number of ACCA Memberships. There are currently 23 Members who have paid their dues for 2025.
- Neighbors can join ACCA or renew their membership on ACCA's website: <https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/join-renew/>

Safety Committee:

- Max Joffe, ACCA Safety Committee Chair, provided an update from a previous Zone 1 Safety gathering.

National Night Out:

- National Night Out is a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships. This is a Public Safety Event and celebration recognizing community and safety.
- ACCA will be looking for volunteers to help plan and implement National Night Out for our neighbors in Allegheny City Central.
- National Night Out will take place Tuesday, August 5, 2025.
- ACCA will follow up as planning proceeds.

What the Muck?! Event:

- **What the Muck?!**, the yearly clean-up of Lake Elizabeth in Allegheny Commons Park, is scheduled to occur on April 10, 11, and 12, 2025
- Volunteers are needed for this event
- For more information or to register to volunteer: <https://pittsburghparks.org/what-the-muck/>



Development Committee Report:

- Development Committee Member, Jim Lawrence, reported on the development status of the ACCA-owned Alpine Street properties.
- A meeting will be held with the City of Pittsburgh to determine if neighborhood services, particularly trash pick-up, could be provided for the Alpine Street properties. There may be limitations and constraints. Results will be reported as available.

Update from Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office:

- Jordyn Gilliard, Constituent Services Coordinator from the Office of Councilman Bobby Wilson, provided updates.
- The Davis Avenue Bridge Project started March 10, 2025.
- A DOMI Representative could be invited to attend an ACCA meeting to discuss the Spring resurfacing plan.
- Details on the North Ave Signals/Pedestrian Project will be provided at the next meeting. For more information, visit:
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/north-avenue-signals-and-safety-project>

ACCA Discussion Regarding Increased Membership Involvement:

- A general discussion was held about increasing involvement of the community and ACCA members.
- A suggestion was made regarding publishing an agenda prior to meetings. ACCA agreed to the following actions:
 - Solicit agenda topics from concerned citizens, via ACCA's Facebook page, two weeks prior to the scheduled General Membership Meeting. This will allow neighbors to place specific topics/items on the agenda for upcoming meeting(s).
 - The window to submit agenda items will be one (1) week.
 - ACCA will make every attempt to publish the Meeting Agenda three days prior to the scheduled meeting.
- Nancy Schaefer discussed getting more participation and involvement from the community. There is a need to improve the effectiveness of the Community group.
- The ACCA Board is examining ways to provide an improved support plan for West Park Court, that could include ACCA and West Park Court Board participation. This will be an on-going activity in the short term.



Zone 1 Safety Update:

- Pittsburgh Public Safety's Zone 1 Safer Together Coordinator, **Jess Farrell**, discussed her on-going activities.
- Concerns were raised about safety around East Ohio and Middle Streets (at bank lots) that are getting out of control.
- The **Pittsburgh311** app is a good way to communicate with the City. Other avenues are being implemented. **Coffee with Cops** is also a good way to interact and communicate with local law enforcement.
- Residents can send videos or any information about a crime happening in their neighborhood to zone1tips@pittsburghpa.gov.
- The City is planning to assign police officers on bicycles to allow a more mobile approach to day-to-day problems/issues. This implementation should take place in the Summer.

April 14, 2025 General Membership Meeting:

- The next General Membership meeting is scheduled for **April 14, 2025** at **West Park Court**, located at *710 West North Avenue*.

The Meeting was Adjourned.



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