



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 13, 2026
Alphabet City, 7:00 pm

In Attendance (18)

Morgan Bergman, Clara Charlton, David Charlton, Larry DiCicco, Nick Furar, Roshia Furnace, Jordyn Gilliard, Donna Green, Jerrold Green, Dan Hosier, Deb Israel, Arthur James, Max Joffe, James Lawrence, Jim McCulloch, Mary Beth McCulloch, Richard Thompson, Thomas Westfall

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, April 13, 2026**, at **Alphabet City**, located at *40 West North Avenue*. The meeting was presided over by **Jim Lawrence**, *ACCA President*, and minutes were recorded by *ACCA Secretary*, **Larry DiCicco**. An Attendance Roster recorded those present at the meeting.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

- A Motion to Approve the Minutes from the ACCA General Membership Meeting that was held on [March 9, 2026](#) was made by Richard Thompson and seconded by Larry DiCicco. The motion passed unanimously.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website: <https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

Future Meeting Locations

- Due to conflicts at Arch Court, this month's General Membership Meeting was held at **Alphabet City's** downstairs conference room. May's General Membership Meeting will also be held at Alphabet City. Beginning in **June 2026**, future meetings will be conducted at the **Allegheny YMCA**, located at *600 West North Avenue*.

Allegheny General Hospital: 10-Year Institutional Master Plan

- An overview of Allegheny General Hospital's 10-year Institutional Master Plan was presented by **Morgan Bergman**, *Community Affairs Specialist* at Allegheny Health Network (AHN).
- In 2018, AHN submitted its Institutional Master Plan (IMP) to the City of Pittsburgh, and AHN received approval on the plan.
- In 2022, AHN completed a Needs Assessment and submitted a new 10-Year Plan (2022 – 2032).
- The Plan included an 8-story structure at the corner of Sandusky Street and Hemlock Street in the lot on the northeast corner.
- Facilities at East North Avenue and James Street, as well as the Sandusky Tower (above new Cancer Center along East North Avenue) are planned.
- The heliport will be temporarily located atop Synder Pavillion until construction is complete.
- The Professional Building at East North Avenue and James Street will be partially demo'd and undergo a rebuild.
- Concerns were raised about Allegheny General Hospital Parking, with spaces being taken in numerous adjacent areas. AGH has employee parking at Nova Place and provides a shuttle for moving personnel back and forth. AGH made efforts to utilize parking at the old Divine Providence Hospital and at an empty lot on Sherman Street, but the plan was not approved. Northside Leadership Conference opposed plans in 2014.

Discussion with City Planning & DOMI about Vendors in the Park

- In November 2025, Pittsburgh City Council approved an ordinance to allocate space around and in city parks for Vendor Trucks.
- City Planning held a Development Activity Meeting (DAM) to present the plan for Allegheny Commons and Cedar Avenue locations for vendor truck locations.
- The locations presented by City Planning and the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) included:
 - Outside the Sue Murray Pool at the bottom of Cedar Avenue and across from Giant Eagle. The proposed location is on the west side of Cedar Avenue
 - In East Commons Park near the Patricia Rooney Fountain at Cedar Avenue and East North Avenue.
- The above locations are the nominated sites (by DOMI). City Planning is soliciting input/approval from the Community RCO's, including ACCA, Allegheny West, and East Allegheny.
- Another presentation was scheduled for April 4, 2026 at Alliance Church and the request East Allegheny Community Council.
- Vendor trucks will receive first-come first-served preference by City.



- The new ordinance allows trucks to remain at their designated location overnight without requirements to move the trucks.
- Some concerns from attendees included:
 - Pedestrian Safety
 - Sidewalk interference
 - Driving vehicles on park grass areas
 - Enforcement for noise/trash, etc.
 - Vendor trucks will compete with local businesses
 - License enforcement – who checks if truck is valid?
 - Congestion
 - How long will they remain in location?
- City Planning’s objective is to work with other RCO’s and build a consensus.
- The only voice that RCOs may have is where trucks will be located, not if trucks are coming.

Northside Leadership Conference Meeting Update

- A review of the Northside Leadership Conference Meeting included information regarding free hearing aids for qualified individuals. Location is 1945 Fifth Avenue near Mercy Hospital.

Allegheny YMCA Youth Day

- Allegheny YMCA will be hosting **Healthy Kids Day** on Saturday, April 18, from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm at 600 West North Avenue. This event will be offering free community activities such as kids' yoga, face painting, and interactive games. This event promotes health, well-being, and community, featuring resources to encourage active lifestyles for families.

Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy: *What the Muck?!*

- **What the Muck?!** is Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy's annual, two-day cleanup of Lake Elizabeth in Allegheny Commons Park. This year, What the Muck?! is scheduled for Thursday April 30th and Friday May 1st. Volunteers are needed.

Update from Councilman Bobby Wilson’s Office

- **Jordyn Gilliard**, *Community Engagement Coordinator* from Councilman Bobby Wilson’s Office, gave following information:
 - Upcoming NFL Draft, Road closures, etc.
 - Two bills regarding Short Term Rentals (Airbnbs) are scheduled for a hearing in two weeks
- An invitation to have Councilman Wilson conduct a neighborhood walk-through was made.



Next ACCA General Membership Meeting: May 11, 2026

- Allegheny City Central Association will hold its next General Membership Meeting at **7:00 pm on Monday, May 11, 2026**. The meeting will be held at **Alphabet City**, located at **40 West North Avenue**.

The Meeting was Adjourned.



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