



General Membership Meeting Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2026
Alphabet City, 7:00 pm

In Attendance (18)

John Canning, David Charlton, Laurie Charlton, Maggie Connor, Larry DiCicco, Bill Donovan, Nan Donovan, Nick Furar, Joan Gielas, Jordyn Gilliard, Melissa Hill, Arthur James, James Lawrence, Jim McCulloch, Mary Beth McCulloch, Nazia Tarannum, Thomas Westfall, Steven Williams

Introduction

The regular monthly meeting for the membership of Allegheny City Central Association was held on **Monday, May 11, 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 [April 13, 2026](#) was made by Joan Gielas and seconded by Steven Williams. The motion passed unanimously.
- All Meeting Minutes can be found on ACCA's website: <https://www.alleghenycitycentral.org/acca/meeting-minutes/>

Future Meeting Locations

- *Please note that beginning in **June 2026**, future meetings will be conducted at the **Allegheny YMCA**, located at 600 West North Avenue.*

Update from Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office

- **Jordyn Gilliard**, *Community Engagement Coordinator* from Councilman Bobby Wilson's Office, provided information to the meeting attendees.
- City of Pittsburgh's Budget Engagement Meeting will take place on May 28, 2026 at 6:00 pm at The Northside Institutional Church, 302 West North Avenue. This meeting will provide an opportunity for city residents to offer input for the 2027 City of Pittsburgh Budget, as well as District 1's 2027 Budget.
- A walk-through Allegheny City Central's neighborhood is scheduled with Councilman Wilson for **Thursday, May 21st at 1:00 pm**. The walk-through will begin at the corner of Federal Street and North Avenue and proceed east toward Allegheny General Hospital.
- Some complaints/comments/concerns were raised by residents regarding work being done on the North Avenue Signals and Safety Project:
 - Construction debris has been left behind from the North Avenue Project.
 - There have been delays in the project progress. The project was supposed to be completed before the Draft.
 - Concern was expressed about traffic congestion along North Avenue, especially during the Pirates' day-games, and potentially during the Steeler games in the Fall. The new sequenced traffic lights should help to improve this congestion.
 - Ms. Gilliard said inquiries for more information can be forwarded to district1pittsburghpa.gov.

City Planning & DOMI: Update on Vendors in the Park

- Personnel from City of Pittsburgh Planning Department (Nazia Tarannum and Melissa Hill) attended ACCA's General Membership Meeting to facilitate discussion on the Vendor Trucks and Carts proposed for Allegheny Commons Park.
- Three (3) neighborhoods are adjacent to the Commons Parks and all three have participated in multiple kick-off meetings. The communities include East Allegheny (EACC), Allegheny West (AWAA), and Central Northside (ACCA).
- The Vending Program refers to businesses selling goods and services from a non-permanent structure, e.g. Gus & YiaYia's Ice Ball Cart.
- In November 2025, City Council passed an ordinance allowing vendors in Parks and other locations throughout Pittsburgh.
- As a first wave, the Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) selected various sites for vendor locations. These selections were meant to be suggestive and be reviewed by the Community Groups. The intent is to come to a collective agreement about the location. The two original locations selected were:
 - Allegheny Commons Park near the Patricia Rooney Fountain at the corner of Cedar Avenue and East North Avenue.
 - On Lower Cedar Avenue across from the Elks.



- During the ACCA meeting the City presented a modified location for lower Cedar Avenue. They suggested the vendors be located closer to the Sue Murray Pool. This change was a result of the City's meetings with EACC and Allegheny Commons Initiative.
- Vendor Licenses are much different than 'Special Events' Permits and Licenses in that the Vending License will allow the structure to remain in place and does not need to be removed each night. Note: This is unlike Gus & YiaYia's who pull their cart every night.
- The Program is set to roll out after Memorial Day Weekend.
- Vendors will be responsible for their housekeeping and trash pick-up within 25' of their designated location. Vendors must supply their exclusive trash cans. The width of the cart can be 4' maximum. Trucks and carts are required to have their License displayed.
- In the event of non-compliance, residents are encouraged to call 3-1-1 for assistance. The City personnel present at this meeting encouraged ACCA Members to call 3-1-1 multiple times until situation is resolved.

Meeting Announced: Mexican War Expansion and Historic Guidelines

- Nazia Tarannum and Jim Lawrence announced an upcoming meeting to discuss the Mexican War Streets Expansion and Historic Guidelines.
- The meeting will take place at **6:00 pm on Monday, May 18th** at Calvary United Methodist Church, located at 971 Beech Avenue Church in Allegheny West.

Discussion about Role of Registered Community Organizations.

- A discussion was held on the role of Registered Community Organizations (RCOs).
- RCOs are becoming burdened with Development Activity Meetings (DAM's) being required for every single project. This and other issues need to be reformed.
- This discussion will be continued.

Discussion about City's 2050 Comprehensive Plan

- A discussion was held on the City's 2050 Comprehensive Plan.
- Due to time and budget constraints, the Planners have not met with all 13 Northside neighborhoods.
- As the City sought community input, meetings have not been well attended, and feedback has been limited.
- At this point no meetings are scheduled, but subsequent meetings are planned. The meetings will be announced as soon as they are scheduled.



ACCA Board of Directors Election Results

- The ACCA 2026 Board of Directors Election was held at the May 11 meeting. The nominees were **Nick Furar, Tom Westfall, and Larry DiCicco**.
- The membership voted by acclamation to elect the full slate of nominees. Nick and Tom were elected as new Board Members, and Larry was reelected to the Board.
- The elected Board Members will serve a two-year term from 2026 through 2028.

Volunteers & Donations Needed for the Mexican War Streets Yard Sale

- The Mexican War Streets Yard Sale will be held on **Saturday, June 13th from 9am-4pm** and ACCA is planning to host a table during the yard sale to sell donated items.
- ACCA is asking members to provide/solicit donations for the Sale.
- ACCA is seeking volunteers to help with:
 - Manning the table that will be located on Buena Vista Street.
 - Pick up merchandise from contributors and bring it to the ACCA table.
- If you are interested in helping prior to, or during, the Yard Sale, or would like to donate items to sell, email info@accapgh.org.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** ACCA is attempting to generate revenue during the yard sale to support the on-going mission of ACCA. All support is greatly appreciated.

Next ACCA General Membership Meeting: June 8, 2026 at YMCA

- Allegheny City Central Association will hold its next General Membership Meeting at **7:00 pm on Monday, June 8, 2026**. The meeting will be held at **Allegheny YMCA**, located at **600 West North Avenue**.

The Meeting was Adjourned.

