



**CASGED Community Meeting
MINUTES
May 11, 2021 6:30PM
Zoom**

1308 Spring Garden Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212

Board Attendance: Isaac Falvey (President); John Kubilus (VP); Jenny Stalnaker (Secretary); Paul Cerny (Treasurer); Tye Silverthorne (At-Large); Joe Valerie Sr.; Philip Nollen; Ruth Dailey; Bob Herbert

Membership Attendance: D. Basel; J. Basel; V. Burkhardt; J. Cullen; J. Dungan; M. Harpold; A. Kapisak; K. Maskol; K. Sawyer; M.A. Sestric; P. Stalter; B. Steinmiller; K. Steinmiller; J. Stelmach; S. Wilderman

Guest Attendance: Rob Conroy, Officer Giles; Tom Graham; Faith Mudd; Erin Tobin

Meeting was called to order at 6:30. Isaac Falvey serving as Chair.

1. Guests

- a. Mayor Peduto's Office-** did not attend
- b. Councilman Wilson's Office-** no updates. Will report back with updated reopening date on Vista St Steps. No update for status of fountain at Catalano Park, will report back.
- c. Zone 1 Representative-** Look for police neighborhood walks- out trying to meet neighbors and make connections. Report abandoned automobiles and cars parked on sidewalks.
- d. State Rep Wheatley's Office-** Office is open business hours. By appointment for in person. New Unemployment Compensation system launching in June with self-service options.
- e. State Rep Kinhead's Office-** Reiterated new UC system forthcoming. Office will release a document with pros and cons of new system. Office open, seeing people by appointment. Please call to set up.
- f. Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy-** The fountain at Allegheny Commons Park was dedicated in honor of the late Ms. Rooney and has been turned on. The fundraising for Segment B of N Promenade continues; Parks Conservancy requests a letter of support from CASGED for the grant applications. First round of programming has started, check out the FB page for more information. Also please consider joining the Programming Committee. Friends of Riverview Park meets the 4th Monday of the month. Riverview is seeking volunteers. Ms. Tobin will look for information on maintenance of Kaboom playground and facilitate community engagement on Michael Flynn Field.

4. Minutes- Minutes from April 13, 2021 meeting reviewed. No changes or edits requested.

5. New Business

- a. October Development:** On April 15, 2021, October Development withdrew their petition for conservatorship. Individuals whose property was included in the petition can forward costs incurred to defend their property to info@ca-sged.org. CASGED will ask October to consider covering legal fees associated with the petition to residents as part of any future discussions.
- b. General development updates:** Finalizing contracts on three different properties that CASGED is planning to sell. 900 Chestnut Street is currently being marketed with a preference for an owner-occupier. 820 Vista Street and 1256 Spring Garden Avenue are also being marketed. Please refer interested parties to CASGED's email.
- c. Concord Street Rezoning:** Zoning hearing on May 13, 2021 at 9:50AM about hillside at 848 Concord Street. Owner wants a local market or microbrewery/winery similar to Allegheny City Brewery. Owner is open to discussing community's wishes. Wants to make 848 Concord off street parking for current tenants. 8 spots:

5 for tenants; 3 for store front. Wants support for parking lot as it would relieve some cramped parking on Concord.

d. Volunteers for empty lots: CASGED recognized Bob Herbert for maintaining various lots around the neighborhood. If anyone else can help, please do!

6. Comments, Announcements, Other Business

a. Food City: a few plots are still available. Individuals should reach out to adopt one.

b. Next Meeting date: June 8, 2021 at 6:30PM

7. Adjournment- meeting adjourned at 8:04