

CASGED Community Meeting MINUTES February 9, 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); Philip Nollen; Bob Herbert; Joe Valorie Sr.

Board Absence: Ruth Dailey

Membership Attendance: T. Andrews; M. Harpold; C. Rosselot; G. Rosselot; M. Shores-Sheckler; D. Shores; M. Taylor; F. Valorie; J. Valorie Jr.; K. Whitney; W. Whitney; S. Wilderman; J. Wuerthele

Guest Attendance: Erin Tobin, Outreach Coordinator, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy; Sally Stadelman, Chief of Staff, Councilman Wilson's Office; Ian Reynolds, Disruptive Properties Manager, Public Safety; Bridget Barrett, District Office Director, Representative Emily Kinkead's Office

Meeting was called to order at 6:35. Isaac Falvey serving as Chair.

1. Guests

a. Parks Conservancy- A Threadbare fundraiser for the Parks Conservancy will be on Friday; find the event on Facebook. A Programming Committee meeting will be held Wednesday and Saturday of this week. These virtual meetings are open to everyone who is interested. To join the Committee, register on the Allegheny Commons Facebook page.

b. Councilman Wilson's Office- Residents are encouraged to catch up on District 1 events in the Northside Chronicle. 1029 Vinial update: the property had ben cited several times. The owner is attempting to evict the current problem tenant. Debris was cleared from the property over the weekend.

c. Pubic Safety- Residents can report nuisance properties to police. Police must have responded to at least three incidents in a calendar year in order to bring the property owner before an appeals board. Residents must call police directly by dialing 911, do not file a 311 report.

d. State Rep Kinkead's Office- Tax rebate program for this year is getting started, contact the Rep's office for details or assistance applying. The office located on East Ohio Street is open, but is appointment only due to the pandemic.

2. Minutes presented. Minutes from January 12, 2021 reviewed. No objections or changes requested.

3. New Business

a. Board Member Update- Jackie Bezek resigned her position on the Board, Joe Valorie, Sr. has accepted the position as the person with the next highest number of votes, pursuant to the bylaws.

b. Michael Flynn Field- Melissa Taylor, Isaac Falvey, and Councilman Bobby Wilson met to discuss the future of Michael Flynn Field. The group decided to move forward with updates. Phase one of the project will be to remove internal fencing, leaving perimeter fencing along Spring Garden Avenue, and remove tennis court infrastructure. This phase is designed to make maintenance easier until the community can finalize plans. There is no specific date on when this work will get started. The final plan for the space will require input from community members and fundraising. The name Michael Flynn will remain attached in some way.

c. Threadbare Fundraiser- Threadbare is holding a fundraiser for CA-SGED on Thursday night. Our organization will get 9.99% of the profits from that night. The link to order has been shared on Facebook and Next Door.

d. CA-SGED Property Maintenance- Community members are asked to help shovel CA-SGED-owned sidewalks. If you're able, please reach out for a list of properties. Areas along Food City and the Bake Oven lot in particular need attention.

6. Comments, Announcements, Other Business

a) Next Meeting date: March 9, 2021, 6:30

b) COVID-19 Vaccine Availability- Waltmire's Pharmacy is accepting names for their vaccine wait list. Please email to get your name on the list.

7. Adjournment meeting adjourned at 7:57