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CASGED COMMUNITY MEETING

DRAFT Minutes - May 13, 2025

CASGED Board of Directors: Erik Kath (President), Isaac Falvey (Vice President, Treasurer), Lisa McAnany (Secretary), Jared Stelmach, Joe Valorie
Absent: Jared Stelmach, Eric Leathers (At Large)

Call to Order

Erik Kath

Regular Guest Attendees

Erik Kath

- Zone 1 updates
 - It was noted that there had been three reports since the previous meeting, with no arrests. There was one non-fatal overdose, which was in the 1500 block of Spring Garden Avenue
- Councilman Wilson's office gave the following updates:
 - The Department of Mobility and Infrastructure was in the design phase on a project to address the landslide behind Marshall's gas station on Spring Garden Avenue
 - It was noted that the Davis Avenue Bridge would reopen Memorial Day weekend.
 - The office sought feedback on its recently launched newsletter to constituents.
- Representative Powell's office was not represented.
- Mayor Gainey's office provided a written update, copies of which were provided to community members attending the meeting.

Special Guest Attendees

Kara Smith, Department of Public Works

- Kara Smith of the Department of Public Works attended the meeting to discuss two possible designs for the updated Michael Flynn Field.
- Possible variations included either a skate park or a dog park, both of which amenities had received considerable support in the 200+ responses to the City's request for feedback.
- It was noted that there would be continuing engagement with the community while the City finalized its plans for the park.
- There was discussion at the meeting of the options, and questions regarding parking facilities and other basic elements associated with the park.

Alcosan

- Representatives of Alcosan attended the meeting to discuss ongoing preparations for the River Tunnel project, the main access shaft for which will be in the neighborhood, near the northwest off-ramp of the 16th Street Bridge.
- Current activities were described as demolishing structures near the access shaft and making preparations for service with Duquesne Light Company, Verizon and AT&T.
- It was noted to the community that once the tunnel boring had begun, “impact construction” would take place Monday-Saturday, 8 am to 6 pm, but that the main boring machine working underground would be in operation 24/7.
- Representatives said that it could not stipulate or prescribe in advance how material from the tunnel would be moved or disposed of.
- Problems were noted in either creating a railroad siding or using barges to remove the waste due to the steepness of the grade in the area and the shallowness of the river near the access site.
- There was a preference to use trucks to move the waste due to these issues, and this would mean approximately 150 trucks moving through the area each day.
- It was stated that there would be provisions in the contract to ensure certain standards were met, such as trucks using agreed routes through the neighborhood and being covered for dust mitigation.
- It was stated that because dynamite would be in use there would be “vibration monitoring” to ascertain whether third party structures in the area would be affected.
- Alcosan said there would be further public meetings regarding the project this year, and would hold an open house on September 13.
- Following the presentation, there was discussion with community members regarding various aspects of the project, including traffic effects and the ability of members of the public to raise issues with Alcosan as they arose.
- It was indicated that there would be representatives of Alcosan available to the community, and that there would be a full-time construction manager..
- It was asked whether information regarding the permitting and contractor selection processes would be transparent and available to the public. It was noted that certain City permitting information was made public, but it was not clear what level of transparency would be in place for other processes.

Committee Reports

- Executive Committee
 - Minutes of the March Community Meeting were noted and deemed approved, subject to any comments/corrections from attendees.
 - It was noted that there were no minutes from the April meeting, as that month the meeting took the form of a social event at the Penn Brewery.

- o Erik Kath noted that Bylaw updates were proposed, and read a summary of the proposed changes highlighting the most significant changes. (The summary of changes is attached to these Minutes and incorporated herein by reference.)
- o EK also noted that due to the special guests in attendance at this meeting that other committee updates would be deferred to the June meeting

There being no other business, the meeting was ADJOURNED.