

CASGED Community Meeting MINUTES July 12, 2022 6:30PM St. Michael's Church & Zoom

1308 Spring Garden Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212

Board Attendance: Isaac Falvey (President); John Kubilus (VP); Jenny Stalnaker (Secretary); Chris Rosselot (At-Large); Joe Valerie Sr.; Ruth Dailey; Bob Herbert; Lisa McAnany

Membership Attendance: V. Burkhart; J. Dungan; M. Harpold; E. Howard; A. Kapisak; L. Klevens; D. Knauss; JD.

Lynch; A. Reamer; J. Recker; M.A. Sestric; B. Steinmiller; K. Steinmiller; J. Stelmach; S. Sterritt;

Guest Attendance: Councilman Bobby Wilson; Officer Burford; Officer Defeo; Rob Conroy

Meeting was called to order at 6:34. Isaac Falvey serving as Chair.

1. Guests

- **a. Councilman Wilson's Office-** There is pending legislation to ensure access to abortion for the city of pittsburgh. A new piece of legislation was introduced today to make sure that individuals who are paid from public money are being paid a living wage. PWSA has completed work on Wicklines. The Councilman is working on funding to modernize the Boom playground.
- **b. Zone 1 Representative-** 18 reports in Spring Garden, zero were violent crimes. There are no updates on the Easter shooting.
- **c. State Rep Kinkead's Office-** The budget passed last week. Stay tuned for a list of local initiatives that were funded. A shredding event is coming on August 27, 2022, more details will be coming.

2. New Business

- **a. Board Vacancy Filled-** Lisa McAnany was appointed by the Board to replace Philip Nollen, who resigned.
- **b. Financials-** current financials were reviewed.
- **c. Development-** CASGED is meeting with local organizations to work out potential partnerships to preserve and create affordable housing. ZBA has rejected the zoning variance on a proposal that would have ultimately resulted in several townhomes being built on Rickenbach. The new owners of 900 Chestnut have already began to make noticeable repairs on the property.
- **d. Food City-** Food city has been mulched, thanks to community member Tyler Andrews. Some plots are still available, please reach out if interested.
- **e. CASGED Board Member Election-** The election will be held October 11, 2022. Five seats are open, please submit your nominations. A. Kapisak, J. Stalmach, and J. Recker were nominated and accepted.
- f. Side Yard Policy- Due to abuse, CASGED has paused the Side Yard Policy.
- **g. Executive Director Report-** Please continue to reach out to elected officials and encourage them to support our neighborhood initiatives. Eric is working hard to forge a partnership with organizations to bring development money into the neighborhood. Specifically, he is hoping to bring in programs that will help fight blight by getting rid of slumlords and helping owner occupants make necessary repairs. Eric has also been writing grants in the hopes of funding additional staff positions.

4. Comments, Announcements, Other Business

- a. Next Meeting date: September 13, 2022 6:30PM
- b. National Night Out- Tuesday August 2, 2022 from 5-8PM at Catalano Park
- c. City Folk IV- October 1, 2022 from 5-9 at Rickenbach Street
- **5. Adjournment-** the meeting adjourned at 7:50PM