



**CASGED Community Meeting**  
**MINUTES**  
**January 12, 2021 6:30PM**  
**Zoom**

1308 Spring Garden Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212

**Board Attendance:** Isaac Falvey (President); John Kubilus (VP); Jenny Stalnaker (Secretary); Tye Silverthorne (At-Large); Philip Nollen

**Board Absence:** Paul Cerny (Treasurer); Jackie Bezek; Ruth Dailey; Bob Herbert

**Membership Attendance:** M. Gebauer; D. Gebauer; A. Miller; A. Kopko; G. Rosselot; C. Rosselot; J. Rosselot; J. Wuerthele; M. Harpold; J. Valorie Sr.; L. Elbrycht; M. Shores-Sheckler; S. Wilderman; J. Valorie Jr.; F. Valorie

**Guest Attendance:** Leah Friedman, Manager of Community Affairs, Mayor Peduto's office; Sally Stadelman, Chief of Staff, Councilman Wilson's Office; Faith Mudd, Constituent Services Liaison, Councilman Wilson's Office; Thomas Graham, Northside Liaison, State Representative Jake Wheatley's Office; Erin Tobin, Outreach Coordinator, Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

*Meeting was called to order at 6:33. Isaac Falvey serving as Chair.*

## **1. Guests**

**a) Mayor Peduto's Office-** Pittsburgh continues to accept volunteers and participants for Snow Angels program. You can sign up online or by calling 3-1-1. Christmas tree recycling continues. Drop off at 1st Division of Public Works in Observatory Hill until January 26, 2021.

**b) Councilman Wilson's Office-** Litterati is a new city app. Download the app and take pictures as you pickup litter. This creates a database of litter hot spots and helps city identify what areas need attention. Use code PGHMLK2021 to participate in the city-wide MLK day event. Additionally, DPW will pickup trash for trash pickups organized by neighbors. Neighbors can visit the website and complete the form to designate a trash pickup site. There is a new program to help unhoused neighbors. A partnership between the City and Allegheny Health Network has created outreach teams to address issues common to this population. More details can be found online and in the Northside Chronicle. A neighbor raised a question about televisions dumped in the neighborhood. Ms. Stadelman responded that a 311 ticket can be completed for Environmental Services to pick them up, if left on personal property, property owner can be cited. The city also has a program that offers discounted TV removal.

**c) Representative Wheatley's Office-** PUA benefits have been extended including an extra \$300 benefit for some individuals receiving Unemployment Compensation. Contact the Representative's Office for more information or help applying. The Representative will be reintroducing legislation including Driver's License amnesty. The Representative's office is currently open virtually. Call or email for an appointment.

**d) Parks Conservancy-** Erin Tobin- North Promenade is 80% completed. Waiting for lights and benches to be installed. Programming Committee meeting will be in February, check FB for info. Maintenance is split with city. City is responsible for trash pickup and snow removal.

**2. Approval of Minutes-** Minutes from December 8, 2020 reviewed. No objections or changes requested.

## **3. New Business**

**a. Attendance Policy-** New policy shared; already approved by Board. Policy will be posted on the CA-SGED website. Key points reviewed.

**b. Election Update-** Board has voted to postpone election until October 2021 due to COVID-19 closures. It will likely not be safe in April to hold in-person meeting. Additionally, only 6 months have passed since last

election. And because Zoom meetings re not as well attended as in person and a delay will give everyone an opportunity to attend enough meetings to vote. Q- Why require attendance to vote? A- bylaws would have to be changed.

**c. Website Updates-** New website is up. Neighbors are encouraged to visit and send feedback.

**d. CA-SGED Property Maintenance-** Board is seeking volunteers for snow removal from CASGED-owned property sidewalks. Neighbors are encouraged to reach out if they can help.

#### **4. Comments, Announcements, Other Business**

**a) Mindy Shores-Sheckler-** Holiday food drive was a huge success. Three car loads of food was donated to St. Michael Food Bank. Enough food to provide help into the new year. Other efforts are being planned for 2021.

**b) Next Meeting date:** February 9, 2021

#### **5. Adjournment.** Meeting adjourned at 7:20.