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CASGED COMMUNITY MEETING

DRAFT Minutes - March 11, 2025

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

Call to Order

Erik Kath

Guests

- Zone 1 updates
 - It was noted that there had been three reports since the previous meeting, with one arrest, one aggravated assault and one gun-related incident.
 - In response to comments from the meeting, members of Zone 1 confirmed that officers from the precinct were conducting foot patrols on E. Ohio Street and in other parts of the neighborhood, and that the 279 underpass was still an area of focus.
 - There was a further question regarding abandoned cars on Tripoli Street, of which the officers made note.
- Councilman Wilson's office gave the following updates:
 - The Davis Avenue bridge will be reopening around Memorial Day.
 - Public Service Grant applications are open.
 - The Department of Public Works is developing two plans for Michael Flynn Field including pavilions, a trail between Spring Hill and Spring Garden, and possibly pickle ball courts.
 - The office is preparing to launch a quarterly newsletter to help keep constituents informed.
- Representative Powell's office was not represented.
- Mayor Gainey's office noted that Community Fund Grants to support projects in the community would be available..

Committee Reports

- Executive Commmittee
 - Minutes of the previous Community Meeting were noted and deemed approved, subject to any comments/corrections from attendees.
 - Erik Kath noted that Bylaw updates were still pending, and highlighted the most significant proposed changes involved having fewer formal meetings with an emphasis on more events, such as one big social event per quarter. He also noted another significant change to having seven rather than nine directors to make it easier to maintain a full and engaged board, which still expected to meet

Erik Kath

monthly. He said that there would also be minor, conforming changes to the Bylaws.

- o EK also noted that plans were underway to launch a CASGED newsletter, and that CASGED was trying to maintain good contact with the community through more frequent email blasts, and social media posts.

- Community Development

Isaac Falvey

- o Isaac Falvey noted that the Pittsburgh Land Bank had now listed for sale three properties on High Street, which had formed the pilot program for stabilizing and marketing formerly city-owned properties.
- o IF also noted that Rising Tide Partners had closed on 862 Spring Garden Avenue, and it was hoped that there would be marketable commercial space on the ground floor of that building by year-end.

- Neighborhood Planning

Erik Kath

- o EK noted that a 3D model of the Tripoli Park design had been prepared.
- o He said that the budget for the plan had come in at \$2-3 million, and that the committee was working with the designers to both reduce the overall budget and break it down into manageable phases.
- o It was noted that community members can take the survey on our website to provide feedback for future direction of the community
- o Zoning engage page is still being worked on

Joe Valorie

- Community Engagement

- o It was noted that CASGED had won substantial funding at the One Northside event in February to support putting holiday lights on Chestnut Street and Spring Garden Avenue
- o The next community clean-up was scheduled for March 29.
- o A Food City clean-up was being planned for April.

Any Other Business

- The church food pantry was scheduled for Saturday, March 15.
- Tripoli Community Church was planning a “Know Your Neighbors’ Rights” information session that would be open to all.

Isaac Falvey

Adjournment

Erik Kath