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CASGED COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes - February 11, 2025

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

Call to Order

Erik Kath

Guests

- Zone 1 updates
 - It was noted that there had been eight reports since the previous meeting, with one arrest and one aggravated assault.
- Councilman Wilson's office said that they were awaiting disbursement of funds for Michael Flynn Field, with no tentative start date set at the moment.
 - Waiting on Michael Flynn funding to be disbursed—no tentative start date either
- Lindsay Powell's office was not represented.
- Mayor Gainey's office was not represented.
- PRT (Pittsburgh Regional Transit)
 - Two staff members of PRT attended the meeting to make a presentation to the community. They noted that a comprehensive bus line re-design is underway
 - The reason for the re-design is that ridership has changed since COVID, and a re-design had not been undertaken for some time.
 - They noted that the budget would likely be unchanged but that resources would be redistributed.
 - Goals for the re-design are to improve service quality and reliability, prioritize equitable investment and expand connections.
 - Engagement was expected to begin in late spring/early summer of 2025.
 - The PRT representatives noted that the following routes in the CASGED community would be affected:
 - D6 - likely to be very similar to the route today with an extension further north to Ross Park and Ride and end downtown
 - Feedback to date has stated Ross Park and Ride is not a desirable end location (nothing around the area)
 - People have requested this route go to McKnight Road

- Positive feedback received tonight to take route to McKnight Road
- N97 - new consolidated route that will go through Mt Washington, downtown, North Side communities (Spring Garden, Troy Hill)
 - There will be sister routes running every 30 minutes one to Spring Garden and one to Lowrie Street
 - Bus will turn around at the bus loop on Spring Garden
 - This will also provide 7 day access to the bus route—upgrade from only 5 peak days right now
 - There is still a gap for 2nd/3rd shift workers who have overnight hours if bus only runs 6 am to 11 pm
 - Concerns with reliability of the route/bus going through two neighborhoods on opposite sides of the city
- o Other feedback shared tonight:
 - Maps are not taking in topography and walking difficulty to bus stops
 - Possibility of looking at micro transit (short bus) to help alleviate some of the current infrastructure/topography concerns
- o Feedback on website is open until Monday, February 24th.
 - buslineredesign.com
- o Final public hearing after second draft in Fall 2025 (tentative)
- o Plan Implementation will not begin until early 2026

Committee Reports

- Neighborhood Planning
 - o Tripoli Park is still moving forward with engagement and feedback
 - 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
 - o Review East Ohio St Streetscape proposal by DOMI on the engage page
- One Northside event next Tuesday, February 18 at Acrisure Stadium
 - o Free parking to be provided
 - o Need participation to upvote our project (holiday lighting on Chestnut and Spring Garden)
- Potential engagement event at Penn Brewery in April
 - o In lieu of April's community meeting
 - o May move to Thursday or Friday instead of Tuesday.