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CASGED COMMUNITY MEETING Minutes - October 8 , 2024

CASGED Board of Directors: Lisa McAnany (President), Jamie Moore (Vice President), David Chimento (Secretary) Jared Stelmach (Treasurer), Isaac Falvey, Erik Kath, John Kubilus, Eric Leathers, Lori Cipkins

Call to Order 6:32 pm

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Guests

- Councilman Wilson's Office - Jordyn Gilliard provided updates on Michael Flynn Field, proposed PWSA work on Chestnut Street and questions regarding the City's operating budget.
- Zone 1 Police Report - Ofcs. Defeo and Peyton attended (Officer Peyton in person and Ofcr. Defeo via Zoom). Crime statistics for August for the area were as follows: 7 reports, 2 arrests, 1 traffic stop, 1 search warrant, 1 firearm arrest, no homicides, 1 assault, and no reported burglaries. In response to an audience question, Ofcr. Peyton noted that the City had no specific gang squad. It was noted that there was a reduction in complaints about traffic in East Deutschtown after traffic calming measures (speed bumps) were introduced. It was noted that drug activity near the 279 overpass had brought 41 calls/reports during the period.
- Lindsay Powell's Office - Kellie Staraniec was in attendance but had no specific update
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy - Erin Tobin noted the upcoming Riverview Park Day on Oct 6. She said Spring Hill Park construction was about to start with planned trail connections between neighborhoods

Executive Committee Report

- Alcosan Update- board meeting attended community
- Upcoming CASGED Board Elections October 8; members must vote in person
- 4 members up are up for election: John Kubilus, Eric Leathers, Jamie Moore, and Jared Stelmach
- Proposed Bylaw updates were provided and read (at meeting end) for Community review; highlighted changes included a possible reduction in number of board seats, and a potential reduction in Community and Board meeting frequency.

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Committee Reports

- **Community Development - Committee meets the 3rd Tuesday at 6PM** Isaac Falvey
 - Guests – Hullett Properties – Brett Walsh and Brianna Tyson of Hullett Properties offered a presentation on their proposal to turn the current Comfort Inn at 820 E. Ohio St. into a residential facility containing 96 units of voucher-based housing. There were numerous questions and comments from community members in

attendance physically and virtually, many such questions focusing on the plans Hullett had in place to provide so-called wrap-around services to the proposed residents of the facility, and querying Hullett's experience with providing such services. There were also comments acknowledging the need for affordable housing in the city and in the county, but expressing concern that this type of facility in this location, where there is already substantial drug use and homelessness, would aggravate rather than alleviating certain issues in the neighborhood. It was noted that 96 units at this location represented considerable density and did not seem to be in keeping with current best practice at either the federal or the city level in terms of having affordable housing distributed throughout a diverse community rather than concentrated in a single location.

- o 1065 Spring Garden is on the market - getting signed sales agreement ASAP
- o 915 Chestnut demolition to begin shortly, potential to expand the Tripoli Park into that space depending on what the Community wants and work with Rising Tide Partners, owner of the existing structure

- **Neighborhood Planning - Committee meets the 4th Tuesday at 6PM**

- o Zoning Update - Proposal would move Chestnut St corridor from single family residential to Residential Mixed Use, which would allow neighborhood-friendly business. Engage page in progress seeking community input. Bobby Wilson to propose but community support needed.
- o Update on CASGED response to proposed water line work on Chestnut Street
- o Update on efforts to engage community on plans for Tripoli Park/Food City green space.

Erik Kath / Eric

- **Community Engagement - Committee meets the 2nd Monday at 2PM**

- o Public Safety - No update
- o Communications and Marketing - No update
- o Events Update
 - Garbage Olympics held Sep 21, 2024
 - Tripoli Park Block Party held September 28, 2024 9-3.

John Kubilus

Jamie Moore

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Any Other Business

- Community Member Updates
- 901 Chesnut zoning variance approved
- Upcoming Meetings
 - o Join our Committee Meetings - email staff@casged.org for more information
 - o Next Community meeting Nov 12, 2024 Light up Night Saturday, December 7

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Adjournment

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