



1308 Spring Garden Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 | info@casged.org | casged.org

CASGED COMMUNITY MEETING

Minutes - January 14, 2025

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

Absent: Erik Kath (President), Jared Stelmach, Lori Cipkins

Call to Order

Isaac Falvey

Guests

- Zone 1 Police Report - Ofc. Defeo provided crime statistics and in response to an audience question said that he did not have details about an arrest on Voskamp Street.
- Councilman Wilson's Office - Jordyn Gilliard noted that the Engage Page for the East Ohio St streetscape project was live, and provided updates budget currently available for park upgrades and to address the landslide on Spring Garden Avenue.
- Lindsay Powell's Office - Brendan Coleman noted that property tax rebate applications would soon be available, and that a veterans service officer would not be available in the office until February.
- **Brian**, the owner of St Wenseslaus Church on Progress Street, attended the meeting by zoom to introduce himself. He provided some history of the church, which is currently used as a residence, and said that he would like the church to be beneficially used by the community, perhaps as an arts space. He asked the community to think about possible uses and provide him with any feedback in due course.
- Pat Clark of Jackson & Clark - Mr. Clark reminded meeting attendees about the community survey, which is currently live. It is hoped that responses from the survey will feed into planning for the new Tripoli Park project, and also into the upcoming refresh of the neighborhood plan.
- Jen Gallagher, Studio for Spatial Practice - Ms. Gallagher brought with her renderings of the current plans for the Tripoli Park project, which she shared with meeting attendees. She noted that key points were to improve neighborhood walkability, to provide a gathering space and to have something distinctive or memorable about it. She noted that the plans would incorporate Food City and integrate it with the park space across Retail Way. She noted that the plan was also to preserve existing trees within Food City as much as possible, while also adding further specimens to an orchard space.
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy - Erin Tobin noted that work was upcoming to plant the North Avenue median strips. She also said that the Garbage Olympics for 2025 would be held on September 20.

Executive Committee Report

- Financial statements from Q4 2024 were provided, and Mr. Falvey noted that CASGED had made a profit in 2024, but likely would not in 2025 due to the lack of further properties from the city that could be sold on.

Committee Reports

- **Community Development -**

Isaac Falvey

- o Mr. Falvey noted that there were currently no properties listed for sale by CASGED
- o He further noted that three properties on High St were currently for sale directly from the Pittsburgh Land Bank, and were shown on the PLB website.
- o No update was available from Rising Tide Partners regarding the Shivens property or the space at 915 Chestnut Street.

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

Eric Leathers

- o Zoning Update - With respect to the proposed zoning updates for the neighborhood, it was noted that the Planning Committee was working with the city planner for the neighborhood to construct an Engage Page for the re-zoning, which would go live in due course.

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

- o Events Update
 - One Northside event on Feb. 18 at Acrisure Stadium; attendees will vote on projects provided by each of the Northside neighborhoods, and it is expected that each project will get funding from the Buhl Foundation; CASGED is presenting a proposal for holiday/seasonal lights on Chestnut Street and Spring Garden Avenue; the event will include food and free parking for attendees.
 - Garbage Olympics will be held on September 20, 2025
 - The next community meeting will be held on February 11, 2025.

Any Other Business

- No other business was brought before the meeting

Isaac Falvey

Adjournment

Isaac Falvey