



**CASGED Community Meeting
MINUTES
December 8, 2020, 6:30 PM
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; Ruth Dailey

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

Membership Attendance: D. Brannan; L. Elbrycht; B. Grady; J. Grady; M. Harpold; A. Kopko; A. Miller; D. Pierce; C. Rosselot; G. Rosselot; M. Shores-Sheckler; F. Valorie; J. Valorie Sr.; S. Wilderman; J. Wuerthele

Guest Attendance: Erin Tobin (Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy); Faith Mudd (Councilman Wilson's Office); Mohammed Burny (Councilman Wilson's Office); Rep-Elect Emily Kinhead (District 20); Mike Buford (Pittsburgh Police Zone One)

Meeting was called to order at 6:35. Isaac Falvey serving as Chair.

1. Guests

a) Councilman Wilson's Office- Mohammed Burny introduced new staffer Faith Mudd. The city is working on finalizing next year's budget. Community members are invited to contact the Councilman's office to share what they would like to see in the budget. Following last month's meeting, the Councilman started the process to address the neighborhood's concerns of traffic on Spring Garden Avenue. Traffic volumes are currently lower than expected and the community is encouraged to submit a petition after things normalize following the pandemic.

b) Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy- Neighbors are encouraged to join the Allegheny Commons Programming Committee. The North Promenade project is moving along; PPC asks those visiting the park to please stay off the grass until it is established.

c) Zone One Police- Crime in our neighborhoods has been very low. Of the 7 crimes investigated by PPD in the last week, none were violent. Northside Public Safety meetings are held the first Thursday of every month via Zoom.

d) Rep-Elect Emily Kinhead's Office- Newly-elected State Rep Emily Kinhead (District 20) introduced herself. She will be opening her office on East Ohio Street soon. Constituents can reach her office at RepKinhead@pahouse.net or 412-321-5523.

2. Approval of minutes & attendance- There were no additions or changes to last month's minutes. Attendance was taken based on the participants listed with clarification as needed.

3. Old Business

a) Parking Permit Update- Following discussions with the city, it was decided to wait to begin the process of bringing permitted parking to portions of East Deutschtown until the city's new process had been finalized. The new process, expected to be much simpler, should be in place by early 2021.

b) Spring Garden Ave Traffic Calming Petition- The petition to start the process to install traffic calming measures on Spring Garden is typed and ready for signatures. The neighborhood will need to collect signatures from half of households living along Spring Garden between Arcola and Baun.

c) Problem Properties- CASGED is collecting a list of nuisance properties. Community members are encouraged to submit addresses/parcel numbers along with a description of the problems and any pictures to info@ca-sged.org. A list will be compiled and forwarded to Councilman Wilson's office. With

CASGED serving as the go-between, neighbors can remain anonymous.

d. Hotel Opening- The Comfort Inn on East Ohio has officially opened.

4. Comments, Announcements, Other Business

a) Holiday Food Drive- Following the success of her Thanksgiving Food Drive, neighbor Mindy Lou Shores-Sheckler is doing another for Christmas. Non-perishable food donations can be dropped off at The Garden Cafe in East Deutschtown and Tobacco Outlet in Spring Garden.

b) NSLC announcements-

1) AGH Holiday Party- The party isn't being held this year due to COVID, but children will still receive presents. Names of interested families can be submitted to CASGED.

2) Small Business Loan- The URA has established a loan program for businesses with revenues under \$250,000 that were not able to participate in COVID relief programs. Contact the URA for details or to apply.

c) Next Meeting Date: January 12, 2021 at 6:30PM

5. Adjournment at 7:18