

PHCA general meeting minutes
March 6, 2018
West Penn Rec Center

Attendance:

John Rhoades
Quint Weaver
Eldridge Kimbrough
Miriam Parson
Erica Moulinier
Brittany Goldinger
Matt Moninger
Kim Teplitzky
Emily Bell
Ed Nusser
Alexis Miller
Em Demarco

Call to order. Pledge of allegiance

Reading and approval of February meeting minutes. Passed by general consent.

Crime report from Zone 2 -- Officer Kimbrough

- 1) One male deceased of natural causes on 2/21 (DOA).
- 2) Reports are rising in the Strip District of cars being broken into; Officer Kimbrough recommends you to keep valuables out of sight.
- 3) Update on the speed enforcement signs; they are up but don't work yet.

Guest: Abby Harwood, Library Services Manager, CLP - Lawrenceville Branch

- 1) Discussed the possibility of having a community collection at the PHCA office.

Guest: Ed Nusser, Real Estate and Planning Manager, Lawrenceville Corporation

- 1) Presentation on creating a community land trust (CLT), which aims to create permanent affordable housing.
- 2) [Note: Presentation to be attached via Google Drive]

President's report - John Rhoades

- 1) The board is having a special budget meeting tomorrow (March 7). To be discussed:
 - a) Community liaison position
 - b) 3060 Brereton building improvements and maintenance problems.
- 2) The city is soliciting feedback from residents about which steps are important amenities to their neighborhoods.

- a) Discussion: Our city planner, Andrea, should be invited to do a walking tour of the neighborhood in order to understand which steps are important to the community.
 - b) Residents should use the the following website to add your thoughts the city steps: pittsburghpa.gov/citysteps
- 3) Update on PHCA's bank
 - a) First Commonwealth Bank has been hard to deal with.
 - b) PNC is a more feasible option for online banking, responsiveness and nearby branches.

Treasurer's report - Erica Moulinier

- 1) Reviewed Balance sheet, and Profit and Loss sheet.

Committee updates

- 1) Community Liason position (ad hoc)
 - a) Questions about this position will be discussed at tomorrow's board meeting.
 - b) Discussion regarding whether this person will have a fixed time in the office or more flexible schedule.
 - i) Some expressed that it would be nice if their time in the office was regular, so folks could come in to ask questions/engage with the PHCA more. An opinion was aired that we should be more wary of flex-time scheduling, so the employee doesn't feel pressured to work outside of scheduled hours.
- 2) 3060 Brereton improvements (ad hoc)
 - a) John says we have collected three bids on building renovation and three on property management; we will be reviewing them during the budget meeting tomorrow.
- 3) Bike/ped/traffic safety - no update
- 4) Arts Fest
 - a) There is a general interest meeting April 19 at 6:30pm at the PHCA office.
 - b) Color mailers will be sent out this year to the mailing list.
- 5) Communications
 - a) Miriam says they are compiling the newsletter via Mailchimp.
- 6) Fundraising
 - a) Miriam says the committee is focused on the Arts Fest and PHCA's fiduciary well-being.
- 7) Green and open spaces

- a) April 15 is Spring Reddup; meet for coffee at 10am outside the PHCA office, pick up trash for ~2 hours, then eat lunch.
- 8) Housing and development
 - a) Alexis says the main thing is involvement with the CLT; she says she is increasingly hopeful this can happen in Polish Hill.
- 9) Monument
 - a) John says there has been dumping in the lot next to the monument on the Jubilee property.
 - i) Discussion about whether the dumping was caught on the PHCA's video footage.

No new or old business

Announcements and community comments

- 1) Next community meeting is April 3 at 6:30pm.

Adjourn