

**Meeting called to order on**  
Monday, September 14, 6:05 PM

**Board members  
in attendance:**

**Meeting adjourned at**  
7:10 PM

Ben Soltesz  
James Rizzo  
Erin Tobin  
Ellen Gaus  
Brittany Goldinger

**Summary of meeting:**

**1. Call to order**

First general meeting held via Zoom due to COVID-19 (15 total participants)

**2. Accept minutes from March 2nd, 2020 Community Meeting**

Motion made by James Rizzo, Seconded by Ellen Gaus, none opposed

**3. Old Business**

Treasurer's Report

about \$2500 in checking account, anticipate \$5500-6000 from CDBG grants (amount clarified by Councilman Bobby Wilson), "in reasonable shape"--report approved by Ellen Gaus, Seconded by Erin Tobin, none opposed

Public Safety Report

Brittany Goldinger provided summary of August and September Northside Public Safety Council meetings (held via Zoom) and details on Fall 2020 Student Police Academy and Citizens' Police Academy programs (deadline for application is 09/18, this Saturday)

Extensive conversation at this time occurred with concerns expressed by Chris Waraks and Bob Sobocinski regarding shooting fatality of 1 year old baby in Rhine Court. (3 arrests have been made). Erin Tobin and Bobby Wilson have been in contact with property management (Councilman Wilson is planning a walk through of property to discuss safety, trash, and parking remediation strategies). Laura Washington is management contact for the property. All agreed on commitment to resources and support for this neighborhood community.

Sept. 12th volunteer service with DF Legal

Erin Tobin provided details of successful event focused on weed removal. 15 volunteers from DF Legal, and community volunteers, worked on the mosaic, Western PA Conservancy Garden, Itin Street, and the Waisenhaus Lot.

**4. New Business**

Update from Councilman Wilson

His office is currently addressing issues with storm water/catch basin repair.

His Chief of Staff Sally Stadelman met with Erin and Ellen to discuss neighborhood cleanup and fence repairs. They are moving forward with addressing these issues through either DPW or SHCL volunteer efforts. The City Budget season is arriving, encouraged all to use online system to be involved.

Steel City Boxing Gym is interested in CDBG funding, Sally will provide support for making contact to move forward.

311 requests/neighborhood issues

These had been discussed with Sally addressing cleanup and fence repairs.

October 5th general meeting plans

Ben plans to have a vote on hosting meeting outdoors with social distancing at either the school parking lot or Waisenhaus Park (weather permitting) or via Zoom video conference.

Halloween Plan-October 24th

It was the consensus to try to still host something safely, this plan will be developed.

Census Drive

Emphasis was provided on everyone completing the 2020 Census by the end of September.

Good of the Community

Sue and Lois expressed concern re: Wall Street fence and sidewalk, Ellen updated that these issues were included with neighborhood walk through with Sally.

**2020 General Meetings** are scheduled for Mondays at 6:00 PM on October 5th and November 2nd.

**Upcoming Events:**

**September 26th:** Pittsburgh Garbage Olympics- Neighborhood Clean Up

Meeting 10:00 AM at the Firehouse. Email/facebook invitations will be sent. Socially distant guidelines will be in place, including directing all volunteers to wear masks.

Meeting adjourned by Sue with 1st motion, seconded by Lois