

Meeting Minutes  
Spring Hill Civic League-General Meeting  
[www.shcl.org/contact@shcl.org](http://www.shcl.org/contact@shcl.org)  
Monday, March 1, 2021

President: Ben Soltesz  
Vice President: Ellen Gaus  
Treasurer: James Rizzo  
Secretary: Beth Miller

---

**Meeting called to order on**  
Monday, October 5, 2020@ 6:03 Via ZOOM  
**26 participants**

**Board members  
in attendance:**

**Meeting adjourned at**  
8:04 PM

Ben Soltesz	Beth Miller
James Rizzo	Brittany Goldinger
Erin Tobin	Ellen Gaus
Karen Lucarelli	Ingrid Nagin

### **Summary of meeting:**

#### **1. Call to order:**

- Welcome to 2021 and Spring Hill's General Meeting via ZOOM due to COVID-19

#### **2. Minutes and Old Business:**

- Review minutes from the November 2, 2020 ZOOM meeting.
- Tammy W. voiced concerns that section 4. Did not address her concerns about community involvement being needed when the engagement and decisions take place with respect to The Manor/Rhine Court. Comments were added and minutes were updated .There were no changes to either review
- No objections by the participants to accept the minutes.

#### **3. Resignation-Debbie Glover has resigned. Her seat will be open and we, as the Board, can appoint a new member to fill her seat through 2021**

#### **4. Treasurer's Report:**

- James gave the Treasurer's Report including the following assets and distributions from 2020 and 2021:

##### **2020 Income and Reimbursements**

\$351	United Way
\$730	Halloween donations
\$2,372	Memberships and other donations
<b>\$3,453</b>	<b>Total income</b>

##### **2020 Expenses**

\$1,152	2021 Insurance
\$75	NSLC Dues
\$85	Trophy for Darlene Harris
\$118	P.O. and Stamps
\$2,777	Grass Cutting and Landscaping and supplies
\$174	Pizza for Cleanup events
\$1,017	Halloween event
<b>\$5,398</b>	<b>Total Expenses</b>

##### **2021 Assets**

\$2,341	Checking Account as of 3.1.20
\$729	Paypal account
\$250	DLC credit
\$6,000	CDBG Grants
<b>\$9,320</b>	<b>Total 2021 Assets</b>

##### **Projected 2021 Expenses**

\$1,200	2021 Insurance
\$2,800	Mowing and Landscaping
\$300	Misc events
\$175	Electricity
\$400	PO, Office, and Printing
\$1,000	Halloween
<b>\$5,875</b>	<b>Total Projected 2021 Expenses</b>

## **5. Public Safety:**

- Sgt. Burford - Zone 1 attended the meeting.
- Advised over the last 30 days there have been approximately 28 reported incidents and 4 arrests
  - i. Mental health and domestic incidents are on the increase –noted likely because of the pandemic
  - ii. House theft on Rhine
  - iii. Shots fired on Woessner Ave. –gun recovered-arrest
  - iv. Female stabbed when returning items to a another female of her companion-under investigation
  - v. Wallet stolen-reported as theft but could actually be a misplacement by the owner
  - vi. Burglary- woman reported 50 cans of soup stolen –likely mental health issue
- Uber driver –took a usual customer to Rhine. Customer left marijuana in the vehicle-driver disposed of customer req. driver return to discuss. Driver held against will and assaulted-once driver released called 911-SWAT situation ensued-confiscated heroin, crack, marijuana and gun
- Sgt. Burford advised if there are issues no one wants to discuss openly, he can always be contacted at Zone 1
- Brittany added that she attended the N.Side Public Safety meeting and she wanted to share that they strongly advised everyone, if they can to get the Covid shot.
- Ellen asked about pan-handling on the corridors. Sgt. Burford advised this is an ongoing issue and has increased as a result of Covid. He believes it is more of a social service issue and there is an ongoing partnership with County Human Services and he will reengage them since the weather is breaking to try to get ahead of this since it will likely increase more

## **New Business:**

### **6. Update from Councilman Wilson’s Office:**

- i. Sally Stadelman attended and introduced Faith Mudd. Faith is the Constituent Services Liasion
- ii. Faith advised she will attend meetings, provide announcements and take back concerns to be vetted accordingly
- iii. Added that Move Forward Pittsburgh will have Traffic Calming and Infrastructure meetings in 2 phases on 3/17 and 4/5 – more info to come
- iv. Sally also advised The Manor/Rhine Court has a Social Services person and Council is working to continue to partner with them to build a relationship to address issues the community is having

### **7. Nick Ross –Municipal Traffic Engineer with DOMI (Dept. of Mobility and Infrastructure)**

- DOMI is the City of Pittsburgh’s Transportation Department
- They are working to address street issues—a.k.a Neighborhood Calming Initiative-focuses on driver safety, walking, bike and transit usage

- 400K Budget and each project costs about 50K-they do have a limited project outreach given the great need
- Linda Hanley and Martin Schriff, owners of the “Old ESB Bank” voiced concerns about the Itin/Rhine Corridor and the safety and speeding concerns-
  - i. What do Martin and Linda do in their property
    1. Open Door-Non-profit-helps find housing because of health or economic issues
    2. Bridges to Mountains-helps homeless and provide socks, tents and blankets
    3. Linda has her business there-Building Bridges for Business
    4. Martin has his business-Jeffrey Martin Global Media –when he was a professor at Point Park his students used to shoot their projects there as well
- Nick Provided the following as an overview of the project:



- Several community members addressed concerns about Walz, Itin and Rhine and suggested mirrors, stop signs, speed bumps, police presence, speed monitoring etc.

## 8. Good of the Community:

- Brady’s Funeral Home-Update
  - i. Leann purchase property and is currently working on mold remediation, roof currently being replaced and sidewalk issue being addressed
  - ii. Tammy asked about newsletter –she wants to get an article in there about the gym-Brittany will provide contact information to Tammy
  - iii. Heather McDonald wants Solar and Overbeck junk yard addressed-owned by Pete Lyle –Sally advised the City is aware and is addressing-Sally advised we don’t have acceptable resources to devote to blighted lots and properties-need better systems to get these turned over and around to build houses etc..
  - iv. Demolitions –underfunded process –CDBG is now the process City is using to get rid of blighted properties. PLI has had issues trying to get the process worked through and almost no demolitions in 2020 because

- of the new process– approx. 1500 houses need demolition at any time in the City-about 80 taken care of 2 millions dollars spent
- v. Unification means a lot per Bob, stay united to get results
  - vi. Per Brittany please pay your membership dues since it is a new year

**9. Clean Up:**

- Erin advised she had a volunteer group reach out to assist in a project we may have –suggested clean up March 27-Erin won't be here she needs a few people to lead the group –members or community can contact Erin to assist
- April 17, 2021-Saturday –Meet at Firehouse-10 am –Covid safety precautions will be adhered to—stay tuned for updated

**10. Motion to Adjourned @8:04**

- Brittany—1<sup>st</sup>
- Lois --2<sup>nd</sup>