

Meeting Minutes
Spring Hill Civic League-General Meeting
www.shcl.org/contact@shcl.org
Monday, March 7, 2022

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

Meeting called to order on
Monday, March 7, 2022 @ 602 PM
VIA ZOOM
22 Participants--

**Board members
in attendance:**

Meeting adjourned at
7:38 PM

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

Summary of meeting:

1. Call to order:

- o Welcome to 2022 -General Meeting via ZOOM

2. Minutes and Old Business:

- o Review minutes from the November 1, 2021 General meeting via ZOOM.
- o There were no changes
- o Motion to accept the Minutes by James Rizzo and Brittany Goldinger --no opposed- passed
- o **Treasurer's Report:**
- o James gave the Treasurer's Report and we have \$1688.00 in checking
 - i. Waiting from CDBG
 - ii. Revenue and Expenses
 - 1. Improvements from Green Way and Christmas Event –added expenses

New Business:

3. Public Safety Report:

- o Darrick Payton and Eric De Feo-Zone 1-attended
- o Commander Malloy sent his greetings . he will attend next meeting
- o There have not been many things separating us from other communities crime wise
- o There was one aggravated assault
- o Ofc. Payton advised that you need to be cautious about leaving your keys in the glove box.. these new push to start button cars are crimes of opportunity
- o People are also leaving fire arms in vehicles gifting a car and firearm to a thief
- o Do not leave keys in card even if in your garage or drive way- do not be careless
- o Officer DeFeo's # is 412.551.4976 -he will contact us—
 - i. Comm. Malloy is very community oriented and he will want to attend so we can engage him
 - ii. Ellen had a question about a trailer on Hetzel –Ofc. Payton unaware of the trailer—there are 2- 311 calls about this

- iii. Ofc. Payton and Ofc. Payton will address this
 - iv. Beth addressed concerns about the FedEx trucks and the stop sign issue at Rockledge and Rescue—the officers will review and address
- 4. **Danielle –Rep Kinkead’s Office**
 - We are in rent rebate season
 - i. You can call to come to office
 - ii. Mail out application
 - iii. Contact info 412.321.5523---www.pahouse.com/kinkead (address 433 E. Ohio St. Pittsburgh, PA 15212-- repkinkead@pahouse.net
 - iv. Still ongoing unemployment issues-they are working through them as much as they can
 - v. Follow the office for events using the address above (women’s symposium-shred event
 - vi. Rep Kinkead’s office may lose Spring Hill after the redistricting but there is no final determination yet—
- 5. **SHCL Board Seats –the seats will continue to be filled with the existing members:**
 - Vice President- Ellen Gaus (2 year term)
 - Treasurer-James Rizzo (3 year term)
 - Board member/Director -Erin Tobin (2 year term)
 - Ben asked the attendees of the meeting if there were any oppositions to the Board members remaining on the Board--- all attendees agreed
 - There was a vacant seat and GiGi Lincoln was appointed in that position
 - i. She resides at Rhine Place and is out liaison to that community
 - ii. GiGi introduced herself and looks forward to engaging with the community
 - Seats up for election in November 2022 (will discuss in September 2022 meeting)
 - i. President – (Ben Soltesz)
 - ii. Secretary- (Beth Miller)
 - iii. Board Member/Director- (Brittany Goldinger)
- 6. **Rhine Street Neighbor concerns:**
 - David Pohl- traffic and car damage concerns—5 neighbors at least have had hit and runs to their cars on that street
 - Stop sign at corner doesn’t stop the traffic
 - Increased traffic since the Walz Street traffic pattern change
 - Speed bumps may or may not be an effective solution—Per Ellen -Nick from DOMI can better address this in May
 - Councilman Wilson’s office will check into the traffic issue
 - David Pohl also wanted the weeds addressed and he advised he has filed 311 reports –you can send an email after filing the 311 to councilman Wilson’s office
- 7. **Councilman Wilson’s Office Update:**
 - New trash cans installed 4 have been placed-working with DPW to get them moving to be placed (2 Rhine –2 Itin –1 on High St)
 - Also making out door dinging and retail permanent –wants to assist small business –tied to 1M fund with URA via application process. Fund will help businesses buy outdoor furniture and barriers –more aesthetically appealing outdoor dining/seating
 - Working with DOMI to reduce speed limit in parks

- Working to remove ground water issue on Rhine this year
- Sidewalk on Walz Street—wall needs fixing on Walz first- DOMI sent contractor for estimate then this goes to budget table – should have better updates by May meeting –may need neighborhood support
- Estimate 375k to update walk-fence-move utility etc on Walz
- Updating the park on Romanhoff- 650k allocated for Spring Hill Park-
 - i. Updated design and what else can we place there for community engagement/enjoyment
- Deck Hockey may want to engage other organizations to enhance deck hockey in our neighborhood
- Bob S, asked what we are going to do to keep these updated areas that are repaired to keep them in good condition for years to come
 - i. For the Park- how will we maintain . Per Bobby, the Parks tax will help her and they are adding staff to maintain the parks
 - ii. Capital investment – has to be able to last 50 years –working to set up structure to ensure these areas are maintained
 - iii. Walz parking – new commander, Malloy not very familiar with the parking situation there or on sidewalks in general—Councilman Wilson is trying to engage public safety in a way that can be constructive for the community -maybe a warning system etc ..more to come here

8. 2022 Budget Review:

- Budget will be posted in minutes
- Budget will be the same as past years
- CDBG grant of 6k covers most of expenses
- We are trying to bring revenue (Pigeon Project)

9. Winter Festival/Tree Lighting

- Great event at WBU-2 part event-donated their space
- Vendors and sponsorships
- 200-250 ppl attended
- After event walked to tree lighting at Waisenhouse Park
- Plan to do the event in 2022 again

10. Pigeon Project Update:

- Sold out of the first batch of pigeons approx. 50-60
- If interested, go to SHCL site to pre-order so planning can be done
- Appreciate the community support
- North Side Chronicle will help promote this initiative
- Erin asked if ppl can volunteer—Ingrid- yes they meet on Weds at Little House Big Art

11. Be a Good Neighbor Day

- March 26, 2022
- Pitt Students assist
- Meet at approximately 10:15 –Pitt students will come at about 10:30
- Groups and routes to be determined

12. Annual Spring Clean-Up

- April 23, 2022

- Steel City Boxing

13. Good of the Community

- Next General Meeting May 2, 2022
- Any comments on the Walz conversion from anyone on the meeting to share – Lois and crossing guard are seeing people not observing the conversion— concerns there will be an accident—will send Officer DeFeo a message about this area/issue

14. Motion to Adjourn 7:38 pm

- Brittany Goldinger
- Ellen Gaus

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Created by Beth Miller