

1 Meeting Minutes
Spring Hill Civic League-General Meeting
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Monday, September 12, 2023

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

Meeting called to order on
Monday, September 11, 2023 @ 602 PM
Meeting held at Spring Hill Elementary K-5

**Board members
in attendance:**

Meeting adjourned at
7:24 PM

Ben Soltesz
James Rizzo
Ingrid Nagin
Ellen Gaus

Beth Miller
Brittany Goldinger

Summary of meeting:

1. Call to order:

- Welcome to 2023-2024 Year -General Meeting

2. Minutes and Old Business:

- Review minutes from the May 1, 2023 General meeting
- There were no changes
- Motion to accept -1st Karen Braden-2nd Ingrid-all in favor
Treasurer's Report:
- James gave the Treasurer's Report and we have \$4555.00 in checking account

New Business:

3. Public Safety Report:

- Darrick Payton and Commander Shawn Malloy attended from Zone 1-
- 19 reports ---1 robbery-domestic—4 thefts—5 arrests—1 DUI--2 burglary not related to our area—1 terroristic threat - 1 simple assault related to a domestic
- Sue and Lois mentioned a CVS Scam they were called about- Commander Malloy urged never to give out private info over the phone

4. Councilman Wilson's Office:

- **Jordyn Gilliard-** Distr 1—Constituent Service Coordinator introduced herself
- Main point of contact in Bobby Wilson's office
- Bobby met with designer, Andrea about the Spring Hill Park-design is nice
- Walz Street update-looks great-fencing and sidewalks are in place
- Wall was repaired saving the street
- Added the Stein Step area to the construction and made a nice walk area in the cross walk section for safety
- Issue about parking on the sidewalk from residents -DOMI working on a plan and evaluating with the Mayor's office for a plan
- Chestnut Street to close 9-25 , first phase in the reconstruction of that street
 - i. Traffic to be detoured
 - ii. Street car tracks to be removed and stored
 - iii. New sub base-new bricking and sidewalks
- East Ohio Streetscape

- i. In person meeting -September 19 from 6-8- pm @ Allegheny Alliance/Union Chapel
 - ii. Trying to secure state money for this project
 - iii. All encouraged to attend
- Spraying for Mosquitos—community member raised concern
 - i. This is a County initiative- Bobby will check into this and report back
- Tree planting @ Brady Memorial Home -South Side Ave.
 - i. Safety concern after install with all of the large open holes where trees are to be planted
- Park Design –design is created and will be revealed soon
- Spring on Damas – clogged and lighting not functional - DPW responsible and they have unclogged drain and fixed lights – these are ongoing issues
- Bob S. raised concerns about ongoing Spring Hill Park Maintenance and once it is updated who will be responsible to ensure it stays maintained – this will be addressed as a concern

5. ByLaws-Update/Vote:

- May 2023 the updates were presented at the General Meeting
- Committee was -James, Ingrid, Brittany, Mark, Debbie
- Changes to membership and voting
 - i. Dues removed
 - ii. Still accepting donations for events
 - iii. Voting based on attendance to meetings (2 required per calendar year)
 - iv. 6 meeting per year in person or via zoom
 - v. Remove requirement to be US citizens
 - vi. Male gender language removed
- Motion to amend Article 1.2 defining residency-
 - i. James motion to approve Sue 2nd
 - 1. Resident is defined as physical resident or business owner with address or property owner
 - ii. All in favor-Passed—1 abstained 1 opposed

6. EVENTS:

- Garbage Olympics- Sept. 23 meet at Fire House on Homer and Damas at 9 am
- September 26 Spring Hill Park Community Meeting 6-8 pm via Zoom
- October 21 Halloween Parade and Fall Fest
 - i. Parade starts at Spring Hill K-5
 - ii. Rockledge Street will be closed
 - iii. Mounted police and band to lead parade
 - iv. Event is already fully funded but community can still donate
 - v. Food for event –hotdogs 500 servings
 - 1. Tickets to be given for food to avoid potential shortage
 - a. Vegetarian option also
 - vi. Costumes to be provided again this year by Emma Munson
 - 1. October 13 4:30 to 6:30

7. Mayor Gainey Office update:

- 9-19 East Ohio Street engagement meeting –please attend since this is an important community matter
- 9-26 Rebecca -Park Design virtual meeting

8. Board Resignations:

- Kyrie Burshaw- Karen Lucarelli Braden and GiGi Lincoln resigned
- Terms will be provided for the open positions
- None to be appointed or filled now will be elected in November
- James would like to move from Treasurer to Director

9. Good of the Community

- Rules to be created for Waisenhaus Park and community will be able to engage and decide on the rules and community will vote
- Lois introduced her neighbor, Annie- Annie works for Grow Pittsburgh and Tree Pittsburgh is a partner – Annie wanted to know if the community may be interested in some fruit trees and/or berry bushes for Waisenhaus Park
 - i. Annie will compile some information to present at the next meeting
- James noted that there is a special election for the State House Seat –very important election as it concerns who controls the house—all encouraged to vote
- Chris W. brought up about a development opportunity for the old Good Will store on East Ohio
 - i. Want to put a Bodega in there-
 - ii. Bodegas sell alcohol
 - iii. All encouraged to vote against this especially with the revitalization that is being planned for that area

10. Motion to Adjourn 7:24 pm

- Ellen
- Ingrid

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