

CASGED
COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 13, 2018

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Board Members Present: Bob Herbert, Denise Pierce, Paul Cerny(late)
Joe Valorie, Rick Oskin

Agenda Item 1 6:35 PM Pledge of Allegiance by Bob Herbert who was presiding over meeting.

Agenda Item 2 State Rep Jake Wheatley rep. discussed Samantha Akers: mobile office being at Kaffeehaus. Rent Rebate lottery. She will provide notary services from 11:30- 1:30 pm on March 9/2018

Wheatley is chair of State Finance Committee.

Zone 1 Sargent Mike Burford reported local crimes mentioned name of Ricky Philips known w/ face tatoos.

Raphael Walton presented yearly statistics of 2016-2017. Reasons for 911 calls. Adult Police Academy in Squirrel Hill. Testing car seats on Feb 22., Jeff Williams Diversion program

Agenda Item 3 Rick Oskin introduced to community as replacement board member for Raphael Walton.

Agenda Item 4 Johnson Development staff introductions of Michael Russo and Natalie Smith. Bailey Gaffney and Charlie Stokes presented descriptions of submissions for variances of Use, Height, Set Back on Fri. Feb. 16 with the city. They will now be working with Tye Silverthorne who is new Dev. Com. Chair. They will attend meeting for community vote and description of SWOT analysis. No building signage will be discussed at the hearing for its not a preliminary matter.

Back to Item 2 Jeff Martin asked to report as he arrived late after attending other community mtg. The councilwoman has submitted the Chestnut St. rezoning. She wants to have a community engagement in the process. Historic structures and road descriptions will be discussed. No zoning date has been set. Ms. Harris and Jeff will be at the Johnson variance mtg. Ms. Harris is looking for a major lighting upgrade on Chestnut with Mayor Peduto's approval of moving this forward. Councilw. Harris contacted DPW about the brick street for historic designation.

Back to Item 4 Storage rates, units and sizes were discussed as well as filing of the lighting pkg., and description of marketing staff.

Agenda Item 5 A Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats (SWOT) Analysis was convened by Tye Silverthorne who appreciated Tom Pierce's contribution to the Develop. Committee and that Denise let him know of his appreciation. Questions were asked regarding sites access, current zoning prohibitions spoken with the owner, negatives of the proposed project, public records of Turtle Way, not seeing why current owners needs to answer adaptive reuse issues at this time. Answer to the last question was that the columns that the bldg. will sit on has to do with the work space scenarios within bldg. proposed. Further questions directed to B. Gaffney ensued: Do you have statistics for future growth? Ms. Gaffney answered that a (1) mile radius is around Northside and they do have the statistics. Charlie Stock's

replied “our goal is to make neighbors strong- for business owners to keep their supplies close and near them.”

T. Silverthorne was questioned about his time experience on the Develop. Com. He stated he was voted in on Tues [Feb. 6] with 1 year in the neighborhood.

At 7:50 pm B. Herbert announced the reason we are here is because we voted unanimously to make and present the SWOT doc. Bob was corrected by Michael Russo regarding other comments that UPMC had walked away from the site in the past and had left it because of the structural integrity of the existing bldg. also stating it was not economically feasible.

T. Silverthorne returned to the Threats portion and read them out loud. He asked for any comments and Johnsons local attorney Jason Wronak commented he appreciates the board and committees time and seeking of community approval for support. He asked for clarification toward gathering information for the binding vote containing 1. Community, 2. Board, 3. Dev. Committee. He also mentioned the stakeholder question as a matter of concern, is it that the immediate neighbors changed the project, and also asked who gives the letter of approval. Comment that community the has the opportunity to explore it before it is taken off the table was made. C. Stocks commented the consensus was not to the same building being discussed presently, that it had not to do with self-storage. B. Herbert clarified that an upcoming vote would be a completely different vote as past one involved demolishing of (2) bldgs. (Hartmann and Social Hall). This one involves variances.

Return to Item 2 Adam Ravenstal stood up and introduced himself and offered that any concerns persons may have to feel free with him although he is not able to discuss the zoning issue

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Submitted by Denise Pierce, Secretary