CASGED
COMMUNITY MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2016

Board Members Present	Chris Rosselot, President Dennis Lynch, Vice President Kyle Winkler, Treasurer Jeff Wuerthele Bob Herbert John Klinger Joe Valorie Raphael Walton Brenda Kay Dailey
Board Members Absent	No one!
Others Notable Guests Present	Adam Ravenstahl, State Representative Darlene Harris, Councilwoman Corey Buckner, Mayor's Office Mark Fatla, Northside Leadership Council (NSLC) Tom Pierce, Architect and Development Committee Chair? Denise Pierce, Safety Committee

6:45 PM Call to Order

Councilwoman Darlene Harris
Financial Education seminars on:

- March 24
- March 31
- April 1st

She also discussed Light of Life Mission was looking to close on and offer services from a Madison Avenue property which Councilwoman Harris felt needed for her to consult with the communities of Heinz Lofts, East Allegheny and CASGED. Mark Fatla made mention that a plan for a location closer had been signed on off two years earlier.

Councilwoman mentioned the "Drake boy" and the need for a fence. Posing this question to community. Chris Rosselot mentioned development committee inviting light of life mission to April Meeting where the Community will have a chance to better understand the placement, scope of services and operations that Light of Life is proposing to bring to this location.

A conversation started which included many concerns such as:

- Effect on current development of Hotel- Mark Fatla assured the community that the proposed site is not a concern to the hotel developers
- Notification of other communities- Councilwoman Harris said that she intends to talk to other communities
- Services provided- will be covered fully at April's Community meeting
- Light of Life's current track record can be asked at April's Community meeting
- Process for dealing with public safety concerns- can be asked at April's Community meeting when possibly a Zone 1 police representative is there
- Proximity to State Liquor store, which Mark Fatla mentioned is in conversation with Liquor Control Board about moving

Darlene mentioned another issue going on down there. There is a proposed gas station next to the lofts. The "proposers", (who?) are looking to get city to vacate streets next to the lofts, but have not been given approval, especially if community doesn't want it there. The station, if built, would most likely be an American Natural Energy Centre, similar to the one near Station Square, although this is assumption based on what few details the Councilwoman mentioned.

A meeting will be held on March 14, 6:00 pm and the Wigle Whiskey Barrelhouse regarding the new Cider house. There were general concerns about loudness of music at the new location from Spring Garden residents who contacted the Councilwoman's office.

Resident question about smoking in the parks? New ordinance was signed by mayor- new park ranger(s?) to come to the Allegheny Commons who may be authorized to enforce all sorts of ordinances. Citizen were concerned about smoking of vendors at community organized weekend garafe sales.

HOTEL DEVELOPMENT
Jim McMullen and Mark Fatla
Been working with CASGED for over a year on this four part project
-New- 96 room hotel
-Arch house to be restored to banquet hall and restaurant
-20-30 unit apartment
-6-7 new construction houses
Many Zoning variances and adjustments approved as well as financing with lots of financing still needed to complete. Lots of moving parts including the finalization of construction drawings. Possible start in June, but most likely July or August? Summer start unless unforeseen problems.

Overall Design - Also working on exterior with the consideration of not creating a big solid block wall, using quality materials on front AND back as well as not dwarfing the Arch House. Reviewed how the design was reduced to start to reflect the scale of the neighborhood, roof top component is now in the top floor rather than on the roof. Glass was incorporated on ground floor to help attract foot traffic, future development and activate that area. Tom Pierce reiterated that roof party space is compliant with zoning, corners are expensive, and materials are good,

excited about design. Mark Fatla mentioned developer's intent to use union labor as well as hire from the community for the hotel staff once complete.

Chris Rosselot acknowledged hotel developers for working with community to settle issues of exterior and scale.

Parking - Hotel has more than the required space for regular operations, but mentioned how Priory handles event overflow with overflow lots and valet. Franchise requires a certain amount of space, also parking for Townhouses and apartment buildings will be incorporated into their respective designs, below those structures. Additionally, PENNDOT has included some combination of a parking lane/ loading zone on East Ohio with bike lane - road is wide enough. Parking lot lights will be low cutoff lights with respect to light leakage etc. Streetlights will be dictated by PENNDOT. Street tree requirement- where?

Signage - Front sign will most likely be at street level and big sign will be on the high wall facing highway above Arch house.

Chris Rosselot mentioned combined grant request for facade renovations for arch house and also chestnut street upgrades.

Concerns about truck traffic and bicyclist, on that corner -resident would like to see more focus on that corner for the elderly walkers.

Adam Ravenstahl
Northside office, anything state related, come on down. When asked about state budget, he affirmed that he was a compromiser that voted to reduce size of legislature, but didn't see that there was a lot going to be happening in short term with many legislatures up for re-election.

Mayor's Office -Corey Buckner

- 1602 Spring Garden- How this situation is being handled? It's not adequately being handled. Port Authority is supposed to be working on this. It's on the Mayor's office's radar.
- Possible satellite operation on Spring Garden for Zone 1 officer on the warm months if there is a business willing to host them
- Affordable housing task force- reminder about upcoming deliberative Democracy process coming up on March 23rd at 6:00 pm at the Letter Carrier's Union Hall on California Ave.
- Sidewalk? on the corner of East Ohio and Madison near the Arch house. May be addressed in the Mayor's Complete Streets project to bump out and raise crossings. Tom Pierce mentioned PENNDOT's plan to change the intersection. He will come to next community meeting with some information about the planned redesign

Food Bank- Recent fundraiser spearheaded by Ruth Ann Dailey has raised $2,100 for the Food Bank and is still coming in.

Greening, Gardening and Garbage Committee
Jeff Wuerthele announced that on April 2nd a bus load of PITT kids will be coming to the community. Groups will meet on Madison near Neu Kirke at 9:15 am, looking for volunteers to help and lead on litter pickup and greening projects that day.

Board Nominations
4 spaces available
Joe Valorie, Dennis Lynch, Rafael Walton and Jeff Wuerthle are up for re-election. Positions on Executive committee will be decided once board members are confirmed.

Nominations-
Ruth Ann Dailey nominated from floor.
Paul Cerny - lives on VOSKAMP and have lived in the neighborhood
Dave Kokoski nominated from floor.
Neil Pollion nominate a new person who later withdrew their name.

Public Safety
Denise Pierce mentioned upcoming April 20th City Wide community safety meeting.
Lots of cameras and shot spotter action the Northside. Peanuts is closing on East Ohio and JRs is limiting hours.

John Klinger- bike lane is going to be extended from past Saint Boniface to Mount Pleasant Ave - starting in July.

Meeting adjourned 8:15