

Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition

Board Meeting

7:00 p.m., March 16, 2017

The Children's Institute

1405 Shady Avenue

Pittsburgh, PA 15217

MINUTES

Attendees:

Board: Jim Burnham, Vivian Didomenico, Rich Feder, Barb Grover, Steve Hawkins, Michael Henderson, Mardi Isler, Cindy Morelock, Lisa Murphy, Erica Strassburger, Mary Shaw, Erik Wagner, Chris Zurawsky

Staff: Britt Reints, Squirrel Hill Magazine Editor

Guests: Curt Conrad, Councilman O'Connor's office; Jeff Davis, 4080 Architecture; Jamie Glasser, Sen. Jay Costa's office; Nick Hall, City of Pittsburgh; Harold Love, Jewish Residential Services; Linda Metropulos, Action Housing; Ernest Rajakone, Office of Community Affairs, City of Pittsburgh.

Meeting began at 7pm. Mardi moved and Cindy seconded a motion to approve the February minutes; Unanimously approved.

Gateway Lofts Project:

Linda Metropulos of Action Housing, Jeff Davis from 4080 Architecture and Harold Love of the Jewish Residential Services (JRS) gave a presentation on "Squirrel Hill Gateway Lofts" project. They've been working for about 2.5 years to make this new building a reality. Slides were shown depicting the layouts of several of the floors as well as the architect's renderings of the exterior of the building from various vantage points. The first two floors will be occupied by Levin Clubhouse with JRS administrative offices on the 2nd floor. The upper floors will be apartments for low income people including some with intellectual disabilities. The parking deck across the street will have spaces for 23 cars and some bicycles.

Linda, Jeff and Harold are working with Mardi Isler and the Gateway Committee to consider how to best use the corner adjacent to the parking deck. The vehicle funes from the traffic on either side of this area is a significant factor in designing the landscaping materials. Mardi has submitted a design grant to deal with the challenges at this site.

Other issues that are under consideration are a crosswalk from the parking lot to the building, the removal of the smokestack, and adding some art to the building exterior. Councilman Corey O'Connor is involved in these discussions. Although the building will not be LEED certified it will be considered "Passive Housing" (i.e., an ultra-low energy building that requires little energy for heating and cooling).

Presentation/information from Nicholas Hall, City Dept. of Innovation and Performance:

Nick Hall from the City of Pittsburgh's Tech department. They created the Western PA Regional Data Center (WPRDC.ORG). Anyone can search the site and view information

about a variety of topics (e.g., Environment, energy, public safety, 311). Burgh's Eye View provides interactive maps. He showed some examples. Suggestions from board members included having the Annual Pension Report on the site and information about public meetings (e.g., Planning Commission, Zoning Board, PWSA, ALCOSAN). Please contact Nicholas (analytics@pittsburghpa.gov) with questions or additional suggestions.

Update on Downtown-Oakland-East End BRT project planning (two public meetings):

Rich presented slides related to the proposed Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) routes. Greenfield & SHUC will sponsor a neighborhood public meeting on April 3 and there will be a general public meeting in Oakland on April 5. Detailed information is on the Port Authority and City's websites. Electric buses will be used. Although there will be new bus lanes and bike lanes between Downtown and Oakland, there will be no new bus lanes or bike lanes in Squirrel Hill. These routes proposed BRT station at the Murray/Pocusset/Forward intersection can be interfaced with SHUC's plans for the area. Buses will be able to interact with traffic signals. Port Authority and City of Pittsburgh are seeking lots of feedback.

Financial Report – 2016-2017:

Year-end Request letter continues to bring in donations. Computer expenses were high last year and may be higher this year given issues with the website. Overall, we are in good financial shape, but must continue to seek sources of revenue.

Natural Environment (parks, storm water, etc.): Chris Zurawsky (see written report for details)

Chris reiterated a suggested change in last month's minutes about potential temporary test closings of Prospect Drive in Schenley Park to check on the impact of doing this.

Curt Conrad from Councilman O'Connor's office indicated that an RFP has gone out for the new Golf Clubhouse building. Comments from the January public meeting were included in the RFP as was the requirement that the architect work with SHUC and the overall community. The RFP is issued through First Tee, not the City, so not available on the City's website. The agenda for public meetings should be set by the community. The RFP will be sent to SHUC.

Pedestrian-Bicycle Committee: (see written report for details)

The committee is working with Healthy Ride to have a public meeting about the purpose of Healthy Ride, where stations might be located in Squirrel Hill, and other aspects. They are also reaching out to other communities on bike sharing.

Development Committee (SHUC Night Out, Treasures Dinner suggested awardees, Challenge Grant): (see written report for details)

Events planned are:

SHUC Night Out, March 30, 5:30-7:30pm at Northwood Realty (Murray & Beacon); need donations of wine.

Day of Giving: May 23 In an effort to reduce the frequency of fundraising "asks" to individual donors, SHUC will be combining the Day of Giving with this year's board challenge campaign. The spring campaign will involve asking each Board member to

donate \$500 or a sum commensurate with what they can give. The amount received will be used as an incentive for the public to match that. Every Board member is encouraged to donate some amount each year, as part of the spring campaign, the end-of-year appeal, and participation in the Treasure dinner.

Treasures Dinner – November 2: The committee recommended that John Katz, Maria Curuso, E.J. Strassburger and The Children’s Institute be the Treasures Nominees for 2017. Michael moved and Vivian seconded a motion to accept these nominees. Unanimous approval.

Commercial Development and Residential Quality:

Forward-Murray (Gateway District) Development planning (see written report for details) Public works will replace streetlights between Forward and Morrowfield. Mardi is seeking to improve the public areas around the GetGo Gas Station at the corner of Murray and Forward. The manager of GetGo supports her efforts.

Senator Jay Costa is helping to fund a site plan to screen the Duquesne Light Power Station.

Mardi has applied for a grant for funds to replace the tiles on the blocks at the Post Office Parklet. She hopes to have this done by the night market on June 17.

Natalie Kovacic is leaving Uncover Squirrel Hill for a full time job. She will continue to help with special events. A search for her successor is underway.

Rich indicated that the proposed stations of the Bus Rapid Transit will impact the timing of some of our future projects of the Gateway Plan.

Magazine Report Spring Issue: Britt Reints

Britt brought extra copies of the magazine for attendees to distribute to businesses, professional offices, etc., encouraging them to advertise.

Shannon, our new Ad coordinator started March 1, is very motivated and has already brought in three new accounts and several renewals for the summer issue.

Britt will attend the Intern Fair at Pitt seeking summer interns in Journalism and Marketing. She is also seeking someone to deal with social media.

The theme for the Summer issue is Stay Vacation – what you can do in and around Squirrel Hill. Please encourage people to write articles.

Executive Director’s Report: (see written report) Marian was unable to attend but her written report (attached) covers her areas of activity.

Other Business:

SHUC May meeting may be a speaker(s) plus public feedback rather than a typical Board meeting.

Ernest Rajakone, Office of Community Affairs, City of Pittsburgh, encouraged us to view events occurring during Inclusive Innovation Week March 31 - April 7; details on the city's website.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barb Grover, Secretary

Written Reports follow these minutes

Updates from SHUC Committee Chairs for March 16, 2017 Board Meeting

SHUC Development Committee

March 2017

SHUC Night Out

- Northwood Realty (Murray at Beacon), **March 30th, 5:30-7:30pm**
- Will sell donated beer, wine and specialty cocktail TBD; free appetizers
 - We are seeking wine donations
- Promotions: Spring issue of magazine, social media, NextDoor, website

The Pittsburgh Foundation's Day of Giving - May 23rd

- In an effort to reduce the frequency of fundraising "asks" to individual donors, we have decided to combine the Day of Giving with this year's board challenge campaign.
 - Board members who are able to are asked to consider a \$500 contribution toward the challenge. We will then ask the Squirrel Hill community to help us match that amount in gifts.
 - Letter to be mailed to our list with name the board members who contributed to this challenge.
 - Challenge campaign will culminate with the Day of Giving, to help push us over the needed amount and exceed our goal.
- On the Day of Giving, we ask board members to help promote through social media and/or through email, in addition to any amount you are able to give that day.

2018 is SHUC's 45th anniversary

- Some ideas include:
 - Special magazine issue
 - Create graphic or tagline to accompany all fundraiser mailers and pitches, website, etc.
 - Special Treasure Dinner
 - Interviews with past presidents
 - Creative uses for historical photos – slideshow? Website
- We'd like your help brainstorming, so please let us know if you have any ideas!

Treasure Dinner

- November 2, 2017
- Proposed Treasures Nominees: John Katz, The Children's Institute, Maria Caruso, E.J. Strassburger
- Seeking board members to assist with various responsibilities: sponsor, ads, raffle, film, entertainment – will be putting together a working committee, all are welcome to join

Treasure Awards Committee

2017 Treasure Award Nominees' Bios

Submitted by Committee members Ray Baum and Marian Lien

E. J. Strassburger <http://www.smgglaw.com/attorney/e-j-strassburger>

Information from Robert Levin:

I enthusiastically support E.J. Strassburger being a Squirrel Hill Treasure. He is a very highly regarded lawyer, a lifelong resident of Squirrel Hill (a few years in Point Breeze) and has always devoted incredible amounts of time to community service. I have known him for about 40 years, Harriet for at least 60.

I could expand on each of the following, and this is a very partial list:

Professional Affiliations

- Carnegie Mellon University, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, civil liberties course instructor

- Academy of Trial Lawyers of Allegheny County, past president and board member
- Neighborhood Legal Services Association (NLSA), past president and board member
- Pennsylvania Legal Service Corporation (PLSC), former board member

Community Activities

- American Civil Liberties Union, Greater Pittsburgh Chapter, president
- Jewish Residential Foundation, president
- Jewish Residential Services, past president and board member
- Rodef Shalom Congregation, former board member
- Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, former board member
- Member, August Wilson Center Recovery Committee

At Osher he has taught First Amendment and other Bill of Rights issues.

Being president of NLSA and PLSC is a big commitment to justice for very low income people.

He was president of PA ACLU for five years <http://triblive.com/news/allegheny/8263543-74/strassburger-aclu-rights>

His service to JRS (and thereby our community) has been long and deep. He was the spark plug for the JRS/ACTION Housing, Inc. partnership that about ten years ago rehabbed an 11 unit building on Darlington for very low income people with mental challenges and has been a driving force in the JRS/ACTION development on the Poli Site that will provide 33 units of affordable housing for low and very low income people (about half of whom will be people with mental challenges) and the new Levin Clubhouse and JRS offices. He has been inspiring, leading and raising money for JRS/JRF for many years. JRS and ACTION did another 12 unit rehab for people with mental challenges on Murdoch about 20 years ago . EJ was involved with that one too.

All this has been of great benefit to Squirrel Hill.

Maria Caruso <http://maria.bodiography.com/>

Maria Caruso is the founder and director of Bodiography Contemporary Ballet and Chair of the Performing Arts Department at La Roche College. She is well known for her leadership as well as her choreographic strength focusing on humanity in dance. In 2000, she founded Bodiography Contemporary Ballet in New York City, which she continued when she returned to Pittsburgh in 2001. Now a thriving company at the site of Gene Kelly's dance studio in Squirrel Hill, it provides her with the opportunity to create new ballets, teach dance and exercise and create a positive self-image for people who don't fit the stereotype of a ballet dancer's body.

Bodiography Contemporary Ballet presents a multi-genre movement vocabulary including modern, jazz, and pedestrian movement solidly supported by the classical ballet technique. Caruso's creation of the Bodiography® Fitness and Strength Training System is based on a system of compounding exercises with the utilization of multiple props in a mat based class. The program has found great success particularly on the east coast of the United States. With over 50 trained instructors in a variety of fitness and dance environments, the fitness system assists in spreading the company's over arching message of dance being an inclusive art form. Beyond the national reach of the program, the Bodiography® Fitness and Strength Training System classes can be found in many places in the Pittsburgh area. Every day, Caruso is excited to watch the growth of her multi-genre conservatory Bodiography Center For Movement where Caruso prepares young aspiring artists for collegiate and professional careers in

dance. Her graduates continue to flourish in the top university dance programs and dance companies across the country. Additionally, she is proud to watch her college graduates thrive in prominent dance companies, and she is thrilled to watch the development and growth of her company artists and faculty.

John Katz

Long-time Squirrel Hill resident and neighborhood civic leader, John is co-owner of Brandywine Agency, a residential builder and property manager. John is interested in contributing to the quality of life in Squirrel Hill, and he has been doing so by making improvements to the commercial areas of Forbes and Shady. In particular, John has been restoring and preserving the architectural gem of the early 1900's building at the corner of Forbes and Shady: restoring the exterior, preserving the historical elements, and unifying the buildings with brown spandrel glass. John has also invested in new sidewalks plus trees. He's made Beacon improvements, including a mural, trees and fencing to aesthetically hide garbage containers. John has contributed generously to SHUC projects as well as Uncover Squirrel Hill. He started a SH tradition with twenty squirrel bike racks, and another five are on the way.



The Children's Institute of Pittsburgh

Established in 1902, The Children's Institute is an independent, nonprofit, licensed organization, dedicated to improving the quality of life for children, young people and their families by providing a specialized continuum of services that enables them to reach their potential. Today, it is a leader in pediatric rehabilitation techniques and provides individualized treatment programs along a broad continuum of care: inpatient care, outpatient care, transitional and subacute care, and home care. The Children's Institute also has The Day School, an accredited private school for students with special needs, Project STAR, a social services component dedicated to supporting and finding permanent homes for children with special needs, and a Therapeutic Garden, accessible to children at the Institute and also the public. The organization delivers the following services:

- Medical & Therapy Services
- Educational Services
- Child & Family Services

These services are inextricably related, thereby providing a one-of-a-kind, unsurpassed, comprehensive network of services. This unique, comprehensive approach sets us apart from other organizations in western Pennsylvania. Last year, The Children's Institute served more than 5,800 children and their families. It is the only free-standing pediatric rehabilitation specialty hospital in Pennsylvania and one of only 20 in the nation.

The Day School at CI is an approved private school for children ages 2 through 21 who are challenged by complex and severe disabilities such as autism, cerebral palsy and/or neurological impairments. It serves 190 students from 67 school districts in a small, structured learning environment with a low

student-staff ratio of 2-to-1. CI also provides children and family services through Project STA, which promotes the right of all children to grow in a safe, nurturing, lasting family through adoption, foster care and intensive family support. Some 1,600 clients were served last year.

CI worked with SHUC for years to resolve neighborhood issues and disputes. President and CEO David Miles has served as a past SHUC president and is retiring this year.

BIKE-PED COMMITTEE NOTES

Submitted by Marshall Hershberg

The SHUC Bicycle-Pedestrian Committee held its monthly meeting on March 9, 2017, at the Squirrel Hill Jewish Community Center. Major items discussed include:

- 1. New Attendees:** Greeted and shared background information with new attendees, Roseann and Daniel Stead, and David Casassa. Discussion covered mutual interest in bicycle-pedestrian safety/behavioral challenges and the Committee's major current activity: advocacy and multiple consultations on proposed pedestrian/bike trails in the Forward/Murray/Pocusset/Saline area (see also below); engagement with other communities and with the City's Complete Streets Policy and Bike-Plan development and implementation (see below); ongoing connection and discussion with Healthy Ride/Pittsburgh Bike Share (see below) and other groups involved in sidewalk, trail and bicycle facility planning.
- 2. Outreach:** We discussed contact information and ideas for outreach to bike-ped interest groups in communities beyond S.H. and Greenfield, including: Wilkins Twp.; a developing collaboration relating to PennDOT Parkway East planning – Braddock/North Braddock/Rankin/Turtle Creek/ East Pittsburgh. We are proceeding with this.
- 3. PennDOT Parkway East Planning:** PennDOT has set aside \$5 million for a study and improvements of the Parkway East corridor, with an apparent specific concern for design improvements at the S.H. exit/interchange. In their planning to-date, they grouped the numerous community-based bicycling projects affected by the Parkway, and communicated to PennDOT, into a single large category, for consideration in comparison with the highway-related options. The bicycling suggestions did not fare as well as the highway options, though PennDOT used project evaluation measures that they indicated do not necessarily address non-motorized vehicle initiatives. The Committee therefore created a subgroup (M. Hershberg; R. Feder; A. Rudnicky) to review PennDOT's current planning document to study how the agency evaluated the options proposed and to see how it might be possible to expand the list of evaluation measures to make them more comprehensive and to more fairly treat active-transportation proposals. It was also noted that, under new leadership and the recently announced PennDOT Connects initiative, the agency may have shifted orientation to a broader focus, beyond just moving cars better. We will continue to engage with them.
- 4. Complete Streets Policy/City Bike-Plan:** At the mid-February All-Neighborhood Complete Streets/City Bike-Plan meeting, Kristin Saunders, City Ped-Bicycling Coordinator, urged neighborhoods to define priorities for bicycle (and pedestrian)-related capital projects for potential inclusion in the City of Pittsburgh's capital budget allocations for the next year. Based on prior work on the draft bicycling "Master Plan" for the Squirrel Hill area and key adjacent communities (shared with the Board last month) and on comments received by 3/7, the Committee reviewed and discussed an adjusted map of "Current and planned bike infrastructure with missing links and hot spots," accompanied by a priority-evaluating instrument. The Committee commended Mary Shaw and Roy Weil for their outstanding effort in preparing these items. Following this discussion, Mary and Roy were authorized to prepare a further refined set of these items, to be circulated for prioritization and comment to members of the Committee and selected, pertinent interested parties beyond the Committee itself. We plan to have our suggested priorities determined by the next All-Neighborhood meeting, expected by the end of March.
- 5. Healthy Ride/Pittsburgh Bike Share:** On March 22nd, key Committee members will meet with leadership of Healthy Ride to plan a broad community meeting in Squirrel Hill to further acquaint our

neighbors and friends with HR's overall purpose and to share their – and our – ideas about bringing some of their planned (and funded) 21 new shared-ride stations into S.H. They are well aware of the strategy for S.H. stations we suggested to them in the last few months, and they do want to proceed in S.H. This type of community meeting is a fundamental part of HR's decision-making process for introducing new stations to specific neighborhoods, and we are eager to participate with them in behalf of ours.

6. **Walking Tour:** The Committee decided to plan a walking tour on our proposed ped-bike trail in the Forward/Murray/Pocussett/Saline area on a Sunday in May. This tour will enable us (and selected others) to view, and thus more fully evaluate, aspects of the trail's alignment and most desirable specific path.

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE REPORT

Submitted by Chair Chris Zurawsky

February 23

Chris met with Matthew W.C. Falcone, president of Preservation Pittsburgh, to discuss the proposed renovation/rebuilding of the club house at the Schenley Park Golf Course. Mr. Falcone reported that his organization had a tour of facility scheduled in the next week or two.

February 24

Chris met with Guarino Road resident Sara de Melo Weber to receive an update on her efforts to re-purpose Prospect Drive in Schenley Park. Ms. Weber reported that she has support from the Yeshiva School for her proposal, is seeking a meeting with the city's Department of Public Works, and has been in regular contact with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and City Councilmember Corey O'Connor about the project. Under consideration is an off-leash dog area, closing the road to motor vehicle traffic, improving storm water management in the area, and formally re-opening a paved road (formerly Nursery Road, now identified as Pocusset Drive Trail on Google Maps) as a biking connection between Prospect Drive and existing bike lanes on Pocusset Street.

March 2

Chris and SHUC President Richard C. Feder met with Damon Weiss to discuss green infrastructure opportunities in Squirrel Hill. Mr. Weiss is a civil engineer and member of Ethos Collaborative, which offers a range of water resources and ecological engineering services including: green infrastructure design, storm water master planning, watershed management, and wet weather CSO/SSO remediation. Ethos has provided grant support to the Nine Mile Run Watershed Association. Mr. Weiss is also involved with the Green Building Alliance and the Allegheny County Conservation District, which considered an application from SHUC in 2013 for a green infrastructure grant.

March 3

Councilmember O'Connor contacted Chris by phone to report on recent activity regarding Prospect Drive, including outreach to the city's LGBT community, and promising discussions with the Department of Public Works regarding Pocusset Drive Trail.

March 4

SHUC Past President Raymond N. Baum contacted committee members to follow-up on tree-related discussions at the February meeting of the committee. Mr. Baum suggested re-forming SHUC's Tree Committee and contacting Squirrel Hill residents regarding free street tree applications. In other activity, Chris has solicited suggestions for Parks and Open Spaces committee members from Allegheny County Councilmember Paul Klein, Pittsburgh Public Schools Board Representative Lynda Wrenn, and Allegheny County Democratic Committee 14th Ward Chair Sam Hens-Greco. Chris is in

the process of contacting identified community members to gauge their interest in donating their time and insights to SHUC.

SHUC Gateway Project Committee

Minutes from Committee Meeting on Feb 22, 2017, submitted by Chair Mardi Isler

In Attendance: Lynette, Ray, Norm, Gary, Lori, Marian, Rich, Erik, Mardi and Ryan. Guests: Lena Andrews, and Jeff Davis from Action Housing, Chris Koch from the Design Center and Pam Eichenbaum.

Place: Representative Frankel's Conference Room

1. Solara Condo Update

Lori Fitzgerald provided that latest rendition of the building with 2 stories of parking, partially below grade and 6 stories of condos. Costs range from \$300,000. to \$900,000. Marketing has begun. Lori will tell us when groundbreaking is scheduled. Mardi noted that she had requested Solara the developer to put in street lights to match those on lower Murray. No response to date, Lori will follow up.

2. Action Housing Update

Jeff Davis and Lena Andrews distributed the latest elevation drawings for the Squirrel Hill Gateway "Lofts" with 33 planned units, 8 of which are designated for individuals with developmental delays. The building has been reduced to 6 stories to avoid some of the added requirements for a 7 story building. Lena reported that 2 tanks were found under the parking lot, surprise, crews are working on removing them today. Action Housing plans to break ground in May.

3. Discussion with Chris Koch, Design Center

The group reviewed the success the Gateway Committee has had completing projects for which site plans were secured through the 2nd grant from the Design Center: Welcome Sign is completed, Post Office Parklet is completed (except for mosaic tiles covering the seating cubes – in process), Beacon is completed on one side (permission from the property manager on the other side is pending), and O'Connor's Corner has the clock installed, a CITF application to complete the project is being submitted tomorrow. Mardi then described some of the eyesores/possible enhancements for the Gateway beginning with need to screen the Duquesne Light Power Station. Since the Poli's Parking Garage has a 50' long Triangle at Forward/Murray where no construction is feasible - this gives the possibility for a design feature or public art to be incorporated at the point with trees and landscaping. The public right of way on the GetGo corner has potential for trees and landscaping and there is the possibility of cooperation from GetGo since we previously worked with them to reduce the height of their "pricing monument" and to plant under it. Suggestions for the Verizon Building include lighting and landscaping, but Chris noted this would all be on private property and therefore not a candidate for a site plan funded by the Design Center. The Gateway Committee will follow up with Verizon representatives to determine if they are willing to request funding for improvements.

4. Upper Murray Streetlight request

Mardi and Lena will be walking the street with Ben Carlise from Public Works to determine how many streetlights are needed for the Action Housing property – both sides of the street. Action Housing and the city are being asked to share the costs of putting in streetlights while the pavements are removed. Jeff, the architect, also asked if the serpent poles will still be necessary after streetlights are installed. This question will be posed to Ben Carlise.

5. Squirrel Hill Banners for Business District

John Katz has made a donation to Uncover Squirrel that will be used to purchase replacement banners for the Murray and Forbes streetlights, the design is the same with different coloring to highlight the S, Q, H and L.

6. O'Connor's Corner CITF Application

The CITF application is being completed and will be submitted tomorrow. Senator Costa is working with the Gateway Committee to identify funding sources and to help draft specific applications.

7. Post Office Parklet Seating Cubes

The last phase of the Post Office Parklet was to cover the seating cubes with mosaic tiles. There was an agreement with MLK after a design by an artist working with them was chosen during a community meeting, MLK was paid by SHUC to purchase the tiles. Rather than purchasing the tiles specified by the artist, MLK purchased a less expensive stained glass which could not be used for seating – obviously! Communications attempting negotiations for MLK to purchase what was originally specified have not been successful. Therefore, Gateway is requesting funding from another source to complete the seating mosaics and has cut all ties with MLK.

8. Gateway Redevelopment District

Rich described and distributed maps with his vision for the Gateway redevelopment district. Note that this area includes the Squirrel Hill Parkway ramps.

9. 5 Point Intersection

Councilman O'Connor has requested an assessment from Amanda, Public Works. The committee recommended that we invite them both to our next Gateway Committee meeting.

In addendum: On March 13th, Grable Foundation approved a \$1800 grant for the purchase of tiles and labor to finish the cube seating in Post Office Parklet.

Executive Director's Report

Submitted by Marian Lien

On the afternoon of March 9th, shuc.org was corrupt with a virus. The damage was extensive, rendering the website unavailable for the last 6 days. We are unsure exactly what caused the issue, and until we find the culprit we will remove the ability for public postings to each page and any administrative usage by board and committee members to committee pages. We will be working with Pair Network (our server) and webmaster Steve Cohen to find a way to minimize such a “meltdown” again.

Reviewing internship applicants for Treasure and LNY events. We are considering high school seniors on up. Please feel free to send any qualified candidates to Marian.

USH-SHUC Winter Mixer for Professionals on 3/8 was very well attended (50plus) at Sq Hill Ctr for Rehab and Healing. SHCRH administrator would very much like to support another SHUC event. Looking to see if Litter Patrol Film contest showcase can be that project.

City Chief Urban Affairs Officer extended an invitation to serve a four-year term as one of the appointed Commissioners on the City of Pittsburgh's Commission for Human Relations, to begin this April, and I accepted.

Meetings:

2/21 Margy Whiter, media producer for Fred Rogers Company

2/24 Jennifer Petrie: education committee, community civic engagement interest

2/28 YMCA Collegiate Board Meeting

3/3 Don Carter, Co-Chair Urban Design Program, Remaking Cities Institute CMU

3/9 Mayor Peduto Office/ recommendation of community strategies and response to immigration raids in Pgh (unable to attend in person/called into meeting).

3/15 Brittany Bloam, resident and real estate attorney with interest in joining Board or committee.