

Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 15, 2019  
[Zoom Meeting Link](#)

Board: Mardi Isler, Cindy Morelock, Ray Baum, Paul Katz, Joe Ott, Anna Batista, Lori Fitzgerald, Heather Graham, Dalia Belinkoff, Vivian Didomenico, Lisa Steindel, Lois Liberman, Mary Shaw, Barb Grover, Eveline Young, Lisa Murphy, Barb Grover. Staff: Maria Cohen. Guests: Emma Hosack (resident), Ian Kurth (resident)

1. Welcome – Maria will be taking the notes and Dalia will take the notes when Maria gives her summary. 2. Maria took roll call.

3. Paul Katz –Unanimous Consent for Paul Katz to be appointed Treasurer

August Minutes, Barb Grover motioned and Lois Liberman seconded a motion to approve the August minutes, the motion carried.

SHUC Board Member Responsibilities –There were changes to the amount of tickets that Board Members must sell/buy to the Treasure Dinner and changes to the amount that board members need to give for the annual gift. Mary offered the following amendment in the form of a motion, The Board of Directors shall make our best effort to recruit members of the Squirrel Hill community in such a way as to reflect the diversity of the community, Eveline seconded the motion, the motion carried.

4. Treasure Dinner update – We just secured Gold CMU. Thank you Ray! Ray went through the list of all sponsors. Maria will send out the responsibility for the board members.

Barb runs reception areas and has all of the name tags. She will bring the tags to the event. Maria will create an alphabetical list for Barb.

Squirrel Hill Flower shop will do an arrangement for Welcome table and Dalia will do the table arrangements. Moxie Events will provide photo booth with frames

We need to continue to sell raffle tickets and will have them for purchase at the event. Anna will share the post! We are borrowing the tan squirrel for the event since he has been cleaned!

A tasting is scheduled with Debbie Demchek at the Pittsburgh Golf Club. We are looking into dietary concerns (gluten, dairy, vegetarian)

5. Committee Reports

Barb - Litter Patrol update. The next items needed are for the Lunar NY parade. A few people contacted Barb about cigarette receptors.

Lori Built Committee - CMU replace apartments at Forbes. Student apartments with a small market @ Beeler and Forbes. Construction will start in the Spring. There should be a net gain

with parking. They are eliminating parking on one side and will go to the other. Lori will keep us informed. The current budget is over \$37 Million. Presentation: [www.cmu.edu/cdfd](http://www.cmu.edu/cdfd)

Flat on Forbes – The financials are not allowing them to keep office floors (top 2 floors removed); It will be 4 floors with the 1<sup>st</sup> retail. There is a proposal to add a community room. (Parking is a serious issue and a big reason that the commercial/office floors are not going to happen.)

#### 6. Executive Director's Report

7. President's Report – There is an official site for Tree of Life commemoration events, <https://pittsburghoct27.org/>.

O'Connor's corner – Mosites was the only bid. They were successful for action housing. The storm water mitigation plan was \$93k. We need to go back to the drawing board for PWSA. Still hoping to get started by the end of the month.

New office chairs and table. Please come to visit. We have comfortable seating for 5!

#### 8. Old Business

Ad book Treasure Dinner – We need to get together with Ruby to see what she has been able to do with the sizing; please get in ads by 10/20/19.

“Upstreet” Trick or Treating is happening on 10/31/19 and there are expected to be 1,200 trick or treaters.

Heather Graham shared information about The Wine Walk on December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There will be two start times. They need 3 volunteers. There will be 3 times with 5:30 pm check-ins. They will have to check licenses and tickets. . Karen @ Mineo's volunteered. About 300 people are expected. Paul Katz and Maria Cohen will volunteer for check in.

Mardi discussed Phipps Plan for the garden Center at Mellon Park. She will meet with Richard Piacentini to prepare for SHUC Public Meeting

The project that involves the park behind Summerset was also discussed. Summerset was a slag dump from 1920 - 1970s. Phase 3 includes a road that involves many significant trees being removed, there is a group convened by the URA that will consider alternatives.

9. New Business - January 15<sup>th</sup> (tentative) There will be a community event getting merchant districts together.

10. Announcements Corey O'Connor Happy Hour, Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, details to follow.