

Board Meeting, September 17, 2024, 6:30 PM

JCC Room 202

September Minutes

1. Board Attendees: Ray Baum, Justin Berk, Dalia Belinkoff, Lisa Murphy, Marshall Hershberg, Martha Isler, Lisa Murphy, Vida Passero, Mary Shaw, David Vatz

2. Guests: John Tokarski, Jonathan Alexander, Nolan Grimes, Andrew Dash, Paul Cancilla, Sean Harrington, Patsy Boone, Lance Chimka, Ann Belser, AJ Herzog, Barb Warwick

3. Action Items

a. Approval of August Minutes: Mardi Isler Moved; Vida Passero Seconded; Amend to read Motion carried and Strick All in favor; Motion carried

4. President's Report

a. Congregation Poale Zedeck Update – SHUC supported the congregation's request for bollards and trees before the Planning Commission. The Commission approved and the bollards should be installed before the Jewish High Holidays.

b. Neill Log House Update – Expected finish is mid-October with a tree cutting most likely the last weekend in October.

c. Neighborhood Plan; Beautification; Health Initiatives – Three basic ideas for the neighborhood going forward. Speak with Ray about the Neighborhood Plan if you are interested in joining the committee. Beautification committee does not have a chair. Health Initiative – Vida and two other doctors are currently part of the committee. Our first initiative is NARCAN distribution.

d. SHUC Annual Meeting (October 15th) – Rachel Heisler, City Controller will speak. Councilwomen will speak; there will be an opportunity for neighbors to speak with our committees.

5. Fiscal Report

a. August P & L:

Beginning balance: \$14,046.24

Deposits: \$89,022.40 (\$74,400 DCED grant, \$10, 500 TD Sponsorships and over \$2,000 in Magazine ads)

Expenses: \$21,140.62 (Magazine – printing, editing, layouts: Office furniture).

Ending balance: \$85,030.87

6. Executive Director's Report

a. Volunteers needed for the upcoming September Night Market, Farmers Markets and Treasure Dinner. We need board support for the upcoming September Night Market and the upcoming Farmer's Markets (9/22, 10/6 and 11/17). The Night Market needs litter patrol help for set up. Litter has been on the rise so additional support is helpful. We also need a photographer and booth support.

b. JCC CFLK Rosh Hashanah collection and Yom Kippur event – SHUC is again partnering with the JCC CFLK for a collection for Rosh Hashanah. We are putting together care kits for those who need them. Opportunities: Donate items or gift card; Thursday, October 3rd packing (3 -4:15 pm). You can also volunteer to deliver the care kits.

c. Garbage Olympics - Saturday, 9/21 is the city-wide Garbage Olympics from 10 – 12 pm meeting at Forbes/Murray (Library). We will forward sign up information this week.

d. Day of the Dead - Plans are underway for the Day of the Dead Parade and event on Saturday, November 2nd from 11 – 2 pm. We have volunteers from CMU PACE but will need more volunteers. We hope that you can come out to support us!

7. Committee Reports

a. Treasure Committee Report – Last year, \$68k and this year at about \$89k and our goal is \$100k.

b. Built Environment – No report

c. Litter Patrol

i. Garbage Olympics - Saturday, 9/21 is the city-wide Garbage Olympics
See Above

d. Ped-Bike – Planning a walk/ride in May or June 2025 mirroring the past Fern Hollow Event. Discussed ARL provision by city council – mostly beneficial, with some privacy concerns. Commercial Bridge replacement might overlap the Squirrel Hill interchange project. Bike-ped is seeking more information and will report back to the board.

i. October 8 th event in Hazelwood regarding Duck Hollow

e. Trees and Parks -15 trees CDS, 8 trees Shaarei Torah, 8 trees Poale Zedeck. There will be an evening scheduled to plant the trees. They may request volunteers. For the benches, DOMI still needs more info. Barb Warwick will follow up with Rachel and Mardi. Plan to have a Tree Captain for city blocks throughout the neighborhood. Eddie Shaw is joining our tree committee and helped to get trees at Shaarei Torah.

i. Murray Ave Trees – Legislation that if a RCO wants to plant trees in the city they can do so as long as they take responsibility for maintenance and any damages.

8. Old Business–None

9. New Business

a. Presentation on changes in zoning in city of Pittsburgh (30 minutes including Q & A) – See presentation (Includes: ADU, Inclusionary Zoning, Parking Requirements, Minimum lot size reform, Fair Housing Amendment – personal care homes, women’s shelters, drug rehab facilities, assisted living facilities, senior housing, multi-suite residential, interim housing, rental registry and smaller version; Amendment to personal care home, removal of permission for dormitories outside of an EMI and wrap around services. PRO Housing Grant, Pittsburgh Comprehensive Plan and PRT’s Equitable Transit-Oriented Development Policy)

i. Q & A: How will regulations prevent over occupancy? Uses are aligned with state licenses. This is being taken out of the code and will be the responsibility of the health department. The issue is enforcement. The community needs to understand who to go to when there are issues. Where are the resources?

10. No Announcements

Adjourn Dalia Belinkoff Adjourned