



Conference Room, 1 Trimont Lane  
Pittsburgh, PA 15211

**Board of Directors Meeting  
Thursday July 11th, 2024**

**Agenda**

1. Call to Order and intros 6:30-6:35 PM **(Perry)**
2. Approval of June Minutes with slight verbiage correction **(Sheen/Perry)**
3. Executive Director's Report 6:45 PM **(Mike)**

**See addendum ED 07112024**

**Remaining Property:** 4 Gaskel continuing work to discharge, buyer withdrew after closing

**August Meeting: Focus on Community:** Carnegie Library of Mount Washington, possibly the Garden Club, and potentially the Lions Club

**September: Mental Health Summit** by Sheen

**4th of July** - per Shiloh businesses, so far all positive feedback - will look forward to vendor feedback. Plan to continue to do the 4th of July and apply for the permit as soon as available, to improve planning time, as 2024 was a late offering

**Grants:** we need capacity building. Board members to research potential possibilities which were discussed

**Molly's Trolleys Update:** a long time wish of residents and visitors is transport between the 2 inclines. There is a proposal to try a pilot with Visit Pittsburgh, 3 busiest Saturdays of the summer. This would be a routed free ride, not scheduled transit. A courtesy shuttle to view the whole neighborhood

4. Program Director's Report **(Greg)**

5. New Business

- A. Michael Biography/Photo - Mike submitted, Jean condensed, LA, Annie and Mike to build upon and proof etc.

6. Committee Reports

- A. Finance Perry working on portfolio with Keybank (Perry)

- B. Hilltop Alliance (Mary Causey)

Received meeting handout with Reminder that you can sub from you organization, if unable to attend. Contact: [blake@pghilltopalliance.org](mailto:blake@pghilltopalliance.org)

- C. Governance and Nomination Committee no report (Sheen and John)

- D. Organizational Advancement / Advocacy - (Sheen)

Farmers Market on The Mount has its own Facebook page - under NOTM MWDCDC the nonprofit partner Pop Up August 21st, Sept 18, Oct 16th Currently asking citiparks for \$3k for handicapped accessible portapotty ADA bathroom?What about the church bathroom?

Vendors: Call to vendors is on FB.

Local farmers - Western PA / Eastern OH small farmers

We hope that Mt Washington Community Garden to sell next year

- E. EVPS and EVP Master Planning (Anne)

The EVPS Committee held the bimonthly July meeting at Grandview Park (Wednesday due to holiday) where we reviewed ongoing tree care and began planning an event for our next date:

Thursday September 12th 5:30-6:30

In the works is a Tree ID and History walk in Grandview Park, hosted by MWDCDC EVPS and Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy. Stay tuned for confirmation.

The committee also discussed concerns for more prominent entryway signage at the Emerald Street Entrance, by Grandview Elementary school.

- F. Advocacy no report (Sheen)

G. Development, PCRG & VPWG no meeting since last report  
**(Christina)**

H. POTM - **instead this year, a fundraiser more like a bar crawl (Perry)**

Keep the same time frame, a fundraiser, on a Saturday, highlight anywhere on the Mount as a fundraiser.

Potential Dates: - Oct 5th a big football weekend \*\*\*\*

Discussed ideas, practicality and feasibility.

I. NOTM **(Mike)**

ILO Farm dinner, Wine dinner - tix to go on sale for Aug 1st,

La Tavola 6 Sicilian wines, hoping to sell out, 130 tix, \$99 benefits food bank

NOTM wants another fall Mountie Mixer - discussed options

7. Action Items: ED to pursue transportation ideas

Mike's Bio to website

Annie to send resume/ cover letter to Perry, to nominate me to go to hilltop

Event coordinator to connect for doing the event

8. Adjournment

● **Next Meeting: Thursday August 1st, 2024**

Board Members: Perry Ninness (President), Sheen Sehgal (Vice President), Anne Burroughs (note taker today) , Christina Grossman, Leigh Ann Wilson, Jean Novak

Executive Director:

Michael Carlin

Absent: John Albrecht (Secretary), Programs Manager: Greg Panza , Ria Ferreria-Hendricks

Guests:

Gary Bole, Resident

David Binkoski, Resident

\*\*\*\*\* Executive Directors Report July 11, 2024

Food Bank: Awaiting permits to begin construction. \$2250 raised this month. Total raised \$122,000. ED is in touch with the architect and things seem to be proceeding on schedule.

ED met with potential Funders including the Hillman Foundation. Terry Moss is working on the grant. We are hopeful they'll grant \$100,000 and BirminghamFoundation will match with an additional \$50,000.

ED met with GBU who are interested in helping market our Food Bank situation in their network. They also will finance a direct mail campaign in 15211. Hopefully this bears fruit, as grants and other funding take time

Community meeting in June: The Deer program meeting with Park Ranger Marya was very informative, and relatively well attended. Aside from one vocal opponent, it seemed the community is behind the limited bow hunt.

Other Grants: Project Director has applied for all the NPP , NIF, and outdoor dining grants. He has worked with the Parks Conservancy and everything has been submitted on time.