

Tuesday March 5th Polish Hill Civic Association Community Meeting

Minutes taken by Hollis Luffy

Meeting ran by Colleen Shuda, President

Meeting Began: 6:38

Meeting Adjourned: 7:20

Old Business

Board introduction, newest member is Hollis Luffy as interim Secretary.

The Documentation Request from the state was introduced to the membership, this process has been largely completed.

New Business

The LLC Advisory Committee was introduced to the membership. Those interested in having more involvement with what happens within the LLC should contact phca@phca.org.

There have been changes to the PHCA's access to the Heinz History Center and associated institutions (Fort Pitt Museum, Western Pennsylvania Sports Museum, and Meadowcroft Rockshelter and Historic Village). There will **no longer** be individual membership card entry. Instead, the PHCA has been given one membership card that allows for up to 4 guests of any age to attend for free. John Carson (wjcarson@phca.org) has taken on the card. Contact him with the day/time that you want to use it and you will be able to pick it up from him.

Motion:

Purpose: To amend the membership bylaws to expand the definition of Polish Hill from the city's definition to a cultural definition as stated in the bylaw amendment. There is a historic basis for this change.

The motion is introduced by Colleen Shuda.

The motion is seconded by Gus Pionati.

The motion is passed unanimously.

It has been 12 years since bylaws have been updated, there will be updates coming soon later this year.

If participating in Japanese knotwood treatment, now is the time to cut dry stalks if you sprayed them at the end of the summer. It is important that you **do not** pull out the bulbs, they must be left undisturbed. Cuttings can be burned, composted, or discarded through city yard debris pickup on **April 20th, 2024**.

Reminder that LIHEAP applications are open. This is a low-income grant program for gas bills. More information is available online or by calling 1-866-857-7095.

State Rep. Lindsay Powell was in attendance and made the following announcements:

- March 11th is the next veteran assistance day at her office. There will be a representative from the VA office in attendance to assist with navigating benefits.
 - This reoccurs every second Monday each month.
- Property Rebate and Tax program
 - Program for homeowners or renters age 65+ and making 45k or less a year
 - This provides a property tax / rent rebate
 - An ID and rent/tax info of home is required to apply.
- Unclaimed Property
 - Money owed to individuals that has gone unclaimed
- Bigelow/Herron
 - Rep. Powell's office is currently working with PennDot about safety at the intersection, they are currently discussing a no u-turn study.
 - A traffic officer sitting at the intersection was suggested by a member.
- Her office is located at 5154 Butler St and can be contacted at 412-781-2750.