

Allegheny West Civic Council, Inc.
Membership Meeting Minutes
December 9, 2025

7:36 PM Call to Order by Elizabeth Barbush, president. A quorum was achieved at the outset.

Motions Passed:

1. The minutes of the November 11 membership meeting were approved.
2. The Treasurer's report was accepted for audit.
3. Membership dues for 2026 will remain at the current levels..

I. Reports of Elected Officials, City Departments, and Other Organizations

- A. City of Pittsburgh Zone 1 Police (Ofr. Defeo)**
 - No one from Zone 1 attended the meeting.
- B. City of Pittsburgh Mayor's**
 - No one from the Mayor's Office attended the meeting.
- C. Pennsylvania State Representative – Rep. Aerion Abney (Thomas Harnett)**
 - No one from Rep. Abney's office attended the meeting.
- D. Pittsburgh City Planning Department (Nazia Tarranum)**
 - No one from the Pittsburgh City Planning department attended the meeting.
- E. Pittsburgh City Council District 1 – Cllr. Bobby Wilson (Jordyn Gilliard)**
 - Cllr. Wilson has drafted legislation creating a Northside legislative district for modern signage. City Planning has approved the legislation. It will move forward to a public hearing.
 - Cllr. Wilson attended a signing ceremony for the Land Bank financing agreement between the City of Pittsburgh and the Pittsburgh School Board.
 - It is now budget season for the City of Pittsburgh. There will be a public hearing, probably on December 20 (a Saturday) at 11:00 AM.
- F. Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy (Erin Tobin)**
 - No one from the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy attended the meeting.
- G. 1112 Galveston Avenue (C. Furman and S. Pultz)**
 - Workers continue stabilizing the building. They are currently working on the decking on the first and second floors, and removing rotted material. They are also doing electrical work inside the building. There will be no water service any time soon.
 - They intend to have a more formal presentation for AWCC membership, probably in February.
 - They already have a 2023 environmental and structural report.
 - They will have a feasibility study performed in the coming months.

II. Minutes

- The November 11, 2025 minutes were approved. (C. Gomrick / H. Harris)

III. Reports of Officers, Standing Committee Chairs, and Others

- A. Treasurer's Report – Cathy Serventi**
 - There are no details yet of the 2025 Christmas House Tour net profit, since not all ticket sales and expenses have been received. Members were asked to submit their expense receipts as quickly as possible.

- Under the bylaws, annual dues must be reviewed and approved each year. After discussion, the membership voted to retain the current annual and lifetime dues levels. (C. Serventi / F. Barbush)
- B. Communications – Sarah Cook**
- Ms. Cook was unable to attend.
- C. Friends of Allegheny West – Trish Burton**
- Ms. Burton was unable to attend.
- D. Housing & Planning – Tom Cihil**
- Mr. Cihil had nothing new to report.
- E. Membership – Yulia Bhonsle**
- Ms. Bhonsle announced she is planning a neighborhood social event to be held in the new year
- F. Ways & Means Committee – Carol Gomrick**
- The annual Victorian Christmas House Tour was a great success.
 - Ms. Gomrick was thanked for all her hard work the past two years.
- G. Property – Aaron Bryan**
- The 806 Western Avenue renovation work is ongoing.
 - The heating at 806 Western Avenue is not working. The heating unit will need to be repaired or replaced. In the meantime, there is some heat from the adjoining unit, so the pipes will not burst.
- H. Executive Committee – President Elizabeth Barbush and Secretary Bob Griewahn**
- The executive committee took no official actions at its November 25 meeting.
 - President Barbush intends to invite Mr. Corey Buckner of the Mayor’s Office to an upcoming meeting to discuss Allegheny West concerns.
- I. Old Business**
- **Western Avenue Disturbances** – President Barbush will be sending documents to Cllr. Bobby Wilson so that he can aid in ameliorating the disturbances.
- J. New Business**
- None

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM(F. Barbush / H. Harris).

— Bob Griewahn, secretary