

MANCHESTER NEIGHBORS

MEETING MINUTES

APRIL 11 THROUGH JULY 18, 2024

MINUTES OF THE MANCHESTER NEIGHBORS

April 11, 2024

The Manchester Neighbors held a meeting Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 6:00pm 1410 Hamlin St.

- I. **QUORUM.** A quorum was present based on the presence of Stanley A. Lowe, Norma Tatem, Eunice Turner Saunders, Tracy Turner, K. Darlene Wiggins, Roberta Bowra, Pamela Pryor
Absent: Karen Glenn, Carol Wright Glover, Lil Blackwell, Estelle Glenn, Liz Ivey
Charlotte Foster, Evelyn Mitchell, Deborah Blackwell
- II. The following items were discussed, and appropriate comments made by those present.
 - Discuss Sunday's Meeting at Calvary Church
 - Submit all Petitions for Micheal Carroll and Aerion Andrew Abney Regarding Manchester West End Bridge Memorial Park
 - Review Cleanup Strategy for the lot at Manchester and Liverpool St.
 - Develop a timeline for a Community Meeting at Manchester School
 - Special Agenda Item Discus possible Summer Trip for Manchester Neighbors Location to be determined
 - Other Business/Meeting Adjourned

III. AUTHORIZATONS AND FUTURE ACTIONS.

The members present reviewed the agenda and noted the exceptional attendance of the Manchester Neighbors who attended at The Calvary Church on April 7, 2024. Judge Joe Williams and his wife attended, took pictures of the Stained-glass windows, and agreed to attend future services. Reverend Nelson has not responded to our request for any future meetings. We will contact Manchester Elementary School for availability.

Deborah Blackwell-Battle and Norma Tatum were appointed chairpersons for Manchester West End Bridge Memorial Park. They were asked to meet with Representative Aerion Andrew Abney regarding the filing of the petitions. Tracey Turner and Stanley Lowe discussed the need to continue working on a date and time for establishing a cleanup at Liverpool and Manhattan Streets. The whole group agreed the streets should not be shut down for a celebration due to bus traffic. It was also noted that Manchester Bidwell is hosting a Block Party on May 23, 2024. Roberta Bowra and Darlene Wiggins will review the possibility of establishing a summer trip for Manchester residents, perhaps to Washington D.C. Mrs. Estelle Glenn was in the hospital and could not attend. Deborah Blackwell Battle called to express her regrets for not attending. Evelyn Mitchell's absence was also excused. A super special thanks to Tracy Turner for preparing the dinner meal which included Baked Chicken, Fried Chicken, Potato Salad, Mac N Cheese, a Vegetable Tray and for dessert a delicious Cake from Costco.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting be adjourned. The meeting was duly adjourned at 8:05pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tracy Turner

Manchester Neighbors

April 25, 2024 Meeting

MINUTES OF THE MANCHESTER NEIGHBORS MEETING

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- I. **QUORUM:** A quorum was present based on the presence of Stanley A. Lowe, Norma Tatem, Eunice Turner Saunders, Tracy Turner, K. Darlene Wiggins, Roberta Bowra, Pamela Pryor, Evelyn Mitchell, Liz Ivey, Absent: Karen Glenn, Carol Wright Glover, Lil Blackwell, Estelle Glenn, Charlotte Foster, Deborah Blackwell Battle

- II. The following items were discussed, and appropriate comments made by those present.
 - Review Meeting Minutes April 11, 2024
 - Petitions to be Submitted Micheal Carroll and Aerion Andrew Abney Regarding Manchester West End Bridge Memorial Park and possible Road-trip to Harrisburg, PA
 - Discuss Restoration Project for West-End Bridge
 - Review Date and Cleanup Strategy for Lot at Manhattan and Liverpool Streets
 - Establish a Timeline for Manchester Open Community Meeting and Dinner - Comfort Inn East Ohio Street
 - Special Agenda Item Summer Trip to Washington D.C. or Other Possible Event
 - Other Business/Meeting Adjourned

Authorizations and future actions

- III. **Authorizations and future actions**

Members Present Reviewed The Previous Minutes and Remarked That They Were O.k.

While A Few Board Members were Delayed, The Meeting Started On Time. The Items Of The Agenda Were Discussed Out Of Order Because Those Present Reviewed A Map Of Manchester And Surrounding Areas Which Indicated over 1 Billion Dollars Of Planned Or Existing Developments. The Developments Included Continental Development,

\$26 Million, Ultra At PNC Park \$75 Million, Acrisure Stadium \$150-300 Million, Ft. Duquesne, West End And McKees Rocks Bridge Improvements \$132 Million, Kamin Science Center \$65 Million, And Esplanade \$500 Million.

One Of The Members Questioned If We Were Too Late In Sharing The Information Because It Appears The Development Activities Are Already Written In Stone. Another Member Commented That She Doesn't Believe Most Neighborhood African American Residents Are Aware Of The Magnitude Of The Proposed Changes. After A Brief Conversation, Concerning Possible Next Steps, It Was Noted That The Entire African American Community Must Meet To Learn About These Activities. The Group Also Decided That No Matter The Process Or Outcome As An Organization We Must Stick Together, Trust Each Other, And Provide The Information. It's Having A Great Impact On Our Community And Our People. The Consensus Was That We Convene a Community Meeting June 6, 2024, At The Comfort Inn East Ohio Street. We Will Invite Dr. Daniel Holland To Speak And Review The Data. The Meeting Will Be Called Manchester Community Meeting and Dinner. Dinner Will Commence At 6 p.m. The Presentation Will Commence at 7 p.m. The Results Will Determine If We Will Sponsor A Manchester Community Housing And Economic Development Billion Dollar Bus Tour. It Will Detail Every Possible Housing and Commercial Development Site Effecting The Community. The Members Established A Program and Dinner Committee. Roberta Bowra agreed to Seek Staging For the Bus Tour.

The Next Manchester Members Meeting Is scheduled for Thursday May 16th, 2024, At 1410 Hamlin Street 15233 6 p.m.

There Being No Further Business For Discussion, The Meeting Was Adjourned At 8:30p.m.

**Respectfully submitted
Tracy Turner**

PS: A Special Thank You To Tracy For the Spaghetti and Chicken Dinner.

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May 16, 2024 Meeting

MINUTES OF THE MANCHESTER NEIGHBORS MEETING May 16, 2024

The Manchester Neighbors held a meeting Thursday, May 16, 2024, at 6:00pm 1410 Hamlin St.

- I. **QUORUM:** A quorum was present based on the presence of Stanley A. Lowe, Norma Tatem, Eunice Turner Saunders, Tracy Turner, K. Darlene Wiggins, Roberta Bowra, Pamela Pryor, Evelyn Mitchell, Liz Ivey, Lil Blackwell, Deborah Blackwell Battle Absent: Estelle Glenn, Charlotte Foster
- II. The following items were discussed, and appropriate comments made by those present.
 - Review Meeting Minutes April 25, 2024
 - Petitions will be submitted to Michael Carroll and Aerion Andrew Abney Regarding Manchester West End Bridge Memorial
 - Review a timeline and Program for Manchester Billion Dollar Community Meeting and Dinner.
 - Review and Discuss Responsibilities and Activities for Meeting And Dinner
 - Prepare Mailing List to be sent to the Community
 - Other Business/Meeting Adjourned

Authorizations and future actions

- III. Members Present Reviewed The Previous Minutes and Remarked That They Were Approved as noted. The Organization agreed that the Petition should be submitted to State Representative Aerion Andrew Abney. Stanley Lowe agreed to call Jamal L. Craig and set up a meeting to present the petitions. Deborah Blackwell and Norma Tatem agreed to go, hopefully, by May 21, 2024. Regarding the Manchester Billion Dollar Community Meeting and Dinner, those present reviewed 4 separate documents including, The Invitation for June 6, 2024, The Pittsburgh Vanishing Neighborhood Pamphlet, and the Manchester Billion Dollar Map, and the Program Agenda. Everyone understood that the information was a draft, and they could make whatever comments or thoughts they believed to be relevant. After careful deliberation, it was decided that we would proceed with the Save the Date notice and the Invitation. It was stated that Educator Tyi-Sanna Jones PhD. was added to the program and Daniel Holland PhD. has accepted the invitation.

It was stressed that the “No Exception Rule” would be enforced, where everyone must stick to the time limits allotted in the program. Also, Deborah Blackwell-Battle agreed to do the Welcome, Evelyn Mitchell agreed to introduce the speakers, Roberta Bowra agreed to do the “Elephant in the Room, ” and Tracy Turner agreed to provide the closing remarks. All the questions that were asked were answered to the satisfaction of the group. Deborah Blackwell-Battle and perhaps Roberta Bowra agreed to meet with the attorney Rocco Cozza, May 22, 2024, at 1:30pm. Tracy Turner graciously accepted the responsibility of organizing the June 6th Dinner committee.

The Next Manchester Members Meeting Is scheduled for Thursday May 30th, 2024, At 1410 Hamlin Street 15233 6 p.m.

There Being No Further Business For Discussion, The Meeting Was Adjourned At 8:30p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tracy Turner

PS: A Special Thank You To Tracy For the Rigatoni Dinner.



Notice to Manchester Neighbors

June 1, 2024

Manchester Neighbors will hold a community meeting and dinner with guest Speakers. It will inform Manchester Neighbors of the need for the inclusion of all Manchester residents when the city is engaged in billions of dollars in economic developments in and surrounding our community.

Flyer invitation is attached for your review.

No Meeting will be held in the month of June.

Manchester Neighbors Leadership Team

Deborah Blackwell-Battle, President

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YOU'RE INVITED TO MANCHESTER'S BILLION DOLLAR

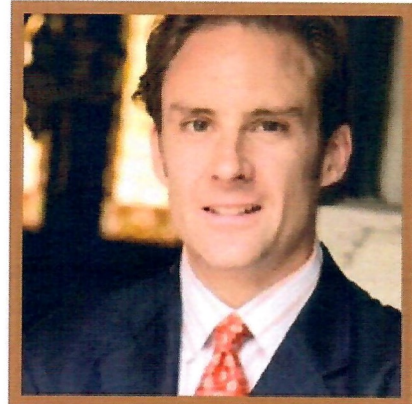
COMMUNITY MEETING & DINNER THURSDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2024 - DOORS OPEN 5:30PM

COMFORT INN & SUITES 820 EAST OHIO STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 15212
CITY VIEW ROOFTOP- 6TH FLOOR

SPEAKERS LEADING THE BILLION DOLLAR NEIGHBORHOOD DISCUSSION WITH CRITICAL DATA



EDUCATOR AND MANCHESTER'S OWN
Tyi-Sanna Jones, PhD.



HISTORIAN AND RESEARCHER
Daniel Holland, PhD.

OVER A BILLION DOLLARS IN NEW PUBLIC/PRIVATE INVESTMENTS SURROUND MANCHESTER

JAMBO LENYEWE LINASEMA - "THE THING SPEAKS FOR ITSELF"

Manchester - Pittsburgh's Most Expensive and the Next Vanishing African American Neighborhood

The Manchester California-Kirkbride neighborhood lost 5% of its population between 2010 and 2020, especially among African Americans, which declined by 24%.

Simultaneously, the White population grew dramatically, increasing by 69% in that same decade, while over 500 financial institutions did not make one loan to an African American attempting to buy a home in Manchester.

Manchester California-Kirkbride is Rapidly Gentrifying. What are the Community Benefits?

PRODUCTION OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN MANCHESTER IS AT LEAST 10 YEARS LATE AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS SHORT.

ULTRA AT PNC PARK
\$75M

ESPLANADE
\$500M

GETGO GAS STATION
\$6M

KAMIN SCIENCE CENTER
\$65M

BRIDGE IMPROVEMENTS
WEST END, FT. DUQUESNE,
& MCKEES ROCKS
\$132M

CONTINENTAL DEVELOPMENT
\$26M

WESTERN PENITENTIARY REDEVELOPMENT
\$10M

AGRISURE STADIUM
\$150-300M

HOSTED BY MANCHESTER NEIGHBORS LEADERSHIP TEAM

DEBORAH BLACKWELL, LILLIAN BLACKWELL, ROBERTA BOWRA, DAVE DAVIS, CHARLOTTE FOSTER, WILMA HARRIS, ESTELLE GLENN, ELIZABETH IVEY, JEROME JACKSON, MICHELLE JONES, STANLEY LOWE, EVELYN MITCHELL, MELVIN MCCORMICK, TYRONE SIMPSON, PAMELA PRYOR, NORMA TATEM, CHRISTINA THOMAS, EUNICE TURNER-SAUNDERS, TRACY TURNER, DARLENE WIGGINS, BRUCE WILLIAMS

PLEASE RSVP BY THURSDAY MAY 30TH 5:00PM
SCAN QR CODE OR EMAIL: MANCHESTERNEIGHBORS@YAHOO.COM SEATING IS LIMITED



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Pittsburgh's Vanishing Black Neighborhoods

Most Expensive Black Neighborhoods in Pittsburgh:

Manchester & California-Kirkbride	\$220,500
Garfield	\$162,000
Fineview	\$126,000
Northview Heights-Summer Hill	\$122,000
Hill District Combined	\$117,660
Perry South	\$81,550
Beltzhoover & Bon Air	\$78,500
East Hills	\$70,900
Homewood Combined	\$54,233
Hammer	\$48,300
Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar	\$45,100

No Longer Black:

East Liberty	\$230,550
Point Breeze North	\$187,250

Citywide Median Home Value: \$209,200

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MINUTES OF THE MANCHESTER NEIGHBORS MEETING

July 18, 2024

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- I. **QUORUM:** A quorum was present based on the presence of Stanley A. Lowe, Norma Tatem, Eunice Turner Saunders, Tracy Turner, Roberta Bowra, Pamela Pryor, Evelyn Mitchell, Liz Ivey, Lil Blackwell, Darlene Wiggins Ebony Evans, Wilma Harris Absent: Charlotte Foster, Estelle Glenn, Debra Blackwell
- II. The following items were discussed, and appropriate comments made by those present.
 - a. **Manchester Neighbors Discussion Action Plan Strategy For Implementation**
 - Follow up- Actions Necessary for information to be shared
 - Group Interview with Manchester Neighbors Regarding Their Thoughts on the Manchester Plan
 - Follow up- Actions Necessary for RCO Requirements*
 - Follow up discussion - Billion Dollar Bus Tour*
 - Manchester Chateau Neighborhood Plan: Guest*
 - Schedule a Manchester/City Council Public Hearing/Manchester Plan*

Authorizations and Future Actions.

- III. Members present discussed Manchester Neighbors Strategies for moving forward on Action Items. This was a particular concern raised by Roberta Bowra at the previous meeting. Five action items were discussed for future implementation. Regarding the Manchester Plan we agreed to put together a video concerning the "Aha Moments" of what we did not know. Several Members discussed their "Aha Moments" and agreed to participate in a video outlining their concerns. Roberta Bowra agreed to discuss question number 3. Evelyn Mitchell agreed to discuss item number 4. Pamela Pryor agreed to discuss item number 7. Tracy Turner will do item number 9. Darlene has agreed to do item number 11. Debra Blackwell was assigned question number 10. The video will be taped Tuesday, July 23, 6:00pm, 1410 Hamlin Street.
- IV. The Manchester 1.7 Billion Dollar Bus Tour has been rescheduled for August 17, 2024 and the itinerary remains the same

Respectfully Submitted by Tracy Turner

Leadership Team - Deborah Blackwell, Lillian Blackwell, Roberta Bowra, Charlotte Foster, Estelle Glenn, Wilma Harris, Elizabeth Ivey, Stanley Lowe, Evelyn Mitchell, Pamela Pryor, Norma Tatem, Eunice Saunders, Tracy Turner, Darlene Wiggins

Deborah Blackwell, Convener · Roberta Bowra, Organizer