

## January Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday | January 16, 2020 | 10AM

Millvale Community Center

416 Lincoln Ave, Millvale, PA 15209



**Municipal Attendees:** Brittany Reno, Sharpsburg; Darla Cravotta, Allegheny County; Tim McLaughlin, Aspinwall; Patricia DeMarco, Forest Hills; Steve Beuter, Carnegie; Jack Betkowski, Ross; Bill Stout, Millvale; Mary Ellen Ramage, Etna; Cindy Bahn, West Homestead; Diana Yankes, Churchill; Marita Garrett, Wilksburg; Patty Sorg, Millvale; George Zboyovsky, Brentwood; John Frombach, Brentwood; Lindsay Powell, Pittsburgh; Betsy Monroe, Fox Chapel; Ben Estell, Dormont

**Other Attendees:** Kimberly Slater-Wood, ALCOSAN; JoEllen Marsh, LEAD/CONNECT; Joe Heffley, Office of Congressman Mike Doyle; Natasha Williams, GSPIA

**CONNECT/GSPIA Staff:** Lydia Morin, CONNECT; Tess De Jong, CONNECT

### Welcome to Millvale!

### Summary of the November 2019 strategic planning goals

#### Information on the 2020 Census

- There is a direct correlation between federal resources and communities' participation in the census (\$2,000 per person per year)
- Residents' distrust filling it out. Nothing about immigration status, but if people really are uncomfortable with some questions, they can leave them blank and they will still be counted.
- Events to educate the public, innovative ways to get the word out
- Temporary, part-time jobs up to \$23.50/hr
- A municipal building or library can be a Census Hub, a place to fill it out electronically. \$2,500 mini-grants available
- People will only receive a paper census if they request one
- Jessica Mooney from the county is happy to help municipalities

#### LEAD Convening Report

- Review of the December 19 pre-LEAD study report out and things learned
- [Post Gazette article](#)
- Police overtime
- We will want to draft a resolution around LEAD for the legislative session

#### I & U Working Group Report to EC

- Energy consortium, Coordinate PA, stormwater

- Discussion around a stormwater resolution for the Legislative Session: neutral third parties to work with, budgeting, fees, legislators, and the unfortunate politics of stormwater
- CONNECT to co-host a Stormwater convening/workshop during Pitt's NOIR International Stormwater Conference in May

### **E & E Working Group Report to EC**

- Resolution discussion around recycling
- Special working group session with PAAC next month. We will only have these by demand from our members.
- Reminder you are still allowed to join a working group at any time
- You can send other staff to them, too – code enforcement, zoning, etc

### **Nominating Committee Announcements**

- Four seats are up for nomination, yes you really are allowed to have one of them! Three volunteers to be on the committee to guide the process. (Ben Estell, Marita Garrett, Tim Rogers).
- Look for a nominating form via email to fill out

### **Bylaws Committee Announcement**

- We're meeting next week – it is healthy to periodically review them, to see if we adhere to them, and if not, to see why and adjust either our behavior or the bylaws

### **CONNECT Business**

- Working for a \$1 million endowment from McCune, they think cross-boundary work is very important. This is a testament to the last 10 years of CONNECT
- With it, we won't necessarily have to own the projects ourselves to help others get funding. CONNECT can become more of a convener and communicator. And we can help projects grow into their own entity and work to eventually make operational grant funding totally obsolete
- There are centers and people at Pitt who are doing incredible things and don't know how to get connected to municipalities.
- Keep your eye out for Urban Land Institute's UrbanPlan for Public Officials workshop that we will host
- Please pay your municipal dues by March 30
- Thank you for being patient as the website is being completely overhauled
- Ask businesses you work with to sponsor CONNECT this year

Motion to adjourn – Mary Ellen, Etna

Second – Bill Stout, Millvale

Motion approved.

Adjourn at 11:49am