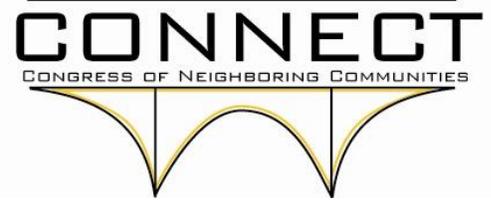


CONNECT Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday | November 21, 2019 | 10AM

Ross Township Municipal Building

1000 Ross Municipal Dr



Municipal Attendees: Brittany Reno, Sharpsburg; John Stinner, Jefferson Hills; Darla Cravotta, Allegheny County; Mark Sampogna, Green Tree; Tim McLaughlin, Aspinwall; Bettina Jones, Castle Shannon; Patricia DeMarco, Forest Hills; Steve Beuter, Carnegie; Ben Estell, Dormont; Jack Betkowski, Ross; Bill Stout, Millvale; Mary Ellen Ramage, Etna; Kate Abel, Dormont; Cindy Bahn, West Homestead; Frank Stupar, West Mifflin; Diana Yankes, Churchill; JR Henry, West View; Marita Garrett, Wilkinsburg

Other Attendees: Jeanne Clark, ALCOSAN; Eduard Bakos, University of Pittsburgh; JoEllen Marsh, LEAD/CONNECT, Kat Sutherland, ACHD

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

Introductions and Agenda overview

- Roundtable of what each person's role is and where, and what projects they are currently excited for and/or stressed about in their municipality. *
- Working groups are the place for our on-going and deeper discussions on what we can learn about and do to advance progress on our stated priorities from the July 2019 visioning session
- Use the rest of the time during today's executive committee to advance our conversation on a 3-5 year Strategic Plan

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Motion to approve minutes – Ben Estell, Dormont

Second – Patricia DeMarco, Forest Hills

Motion approved.

Working Group Launch Reports

- All working groups have met once, had at least one quick study done by GSPIA capstones, and all have engaged robust groups of partners who want to work with CONNECT to achieve shared policy goals.
- All meeting minutes have been sent out in the Member Minute.
- "Quick Three" comments on each of the launch meetings from attendees.

CONNECT business

- Be on the lookout for Municipal Dues at the end of the year
- Introduction to bus shelter funding program and growing our partnership with PAAC
- CONNECT has funding to hire 2 full time staff to pilot LEAD
- Explanation of the strategic planning process: we will submit an LOI to Forbes Funds for facilitation and we will engage close partners in it to advance our mission.

Strategic Planning Round Robin Brainstorming Session to inform funds requests and to go in our facilitation RFP

- 3 categories: communications, operations, partnerships
- Initial feedback/report back: the three facilitators summarize the common themes/ideas brought during the round robin

Bylaws Committee

- The bylaws were last revised May 2017
- Explanation of the need to update CONNECT member bylaws. Due to time, the actual work of going through and doing this will need to be done outside of this EC meeting
- Let Lydia or Tess know if you would like to be in on this meeting chaired by Mark Sampogna of Green Tree.

Adjourn 11:54am

*(We received a lot of informal feedback on this part of the meeting: multiple members came up right after saying this is one of the most beneficial parts of CONNECT meetings and were pleased to see the time granted again, and one member saying it takes too much time, we will strive to find a good balance).