

## Organizing Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting was held on November 15, 2006 beginning at 6:30PM at Miryam's. Fourteen people were in attendance.

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The meeting was called to order by Rod Dobish which was followed by Jeanne making the following announcements:

She spoke about the Hill District Gaming Task Force meeting that was being held concurrently with this meeting and maybe responsible for the small attendance.

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Jeanne also mentioned parking concerns with a temporary casino in the Hill (proposed to be built on the Mellon arena parking lot). Uptown should not provide the parking solution for the parking lost by the temporary casino.

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She shared the parking issue and design concerns with the Hill District Gaming Task Force and the design team of the Pittsburgh Gaming Task Force, which also met on Nov. 15.

Jeanne and Mike Bonato will attend a training session on Nov. 30, downtown, on how to use the Community Data Inventory research software through the Community Technical Assistance Center.

In addition, UPMC has recently begun parking in large vacant lots on Fifth Avenue, parking lots of their size are out of compliance with zoning, and the owner of the lots does not have an occupancy permit.

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Jeanne shared properties that were renovated by OPDC and are for sale.

She mentioned that Duquesne Light is interested in talking to the group about several programs they have available for communities. This would probably take place at the February 2007.

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Kirkpatrick and Lockhart law firm have provided Uptown Partners handbooks on responsibilities and ethics for our new board.

Also mentioned was the last student clean up day which is scheduled for Saturday, December 2, 2006.

Alida Baker of CTAC gave valuable insight.

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The meeting was then turned over to Evan to discuss the Bylaws.

Evan mentioned the steps necessary to get the organization operating:

Step 1. Get the organization reorganized.

Step 2. Get the organization to operate.

Step 3. Get Federal recognition. (501 (c) (3)).

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Evan provided a working draft of by-laws, which the group reviewed, with recommendations. Evan will provide the updated version to the organizing committee, and we will continue to review the remainder of the draft at the next general meeting.

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In the meantime, a small group will meet with the Duquesne University law school to review the articles of incorporation on November 29.

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The meeting ended at 8:30PM.

| The next meeting will be held at Miryams on Wednesday,  
December 6, 2006 at 6:30PM.

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