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Meet Central Northside Neighborhood Council's New Executive Director



Tam Little Photography

The Central Northside Neighborhood Council (CNNC) are pleased to announce the appointment of Kिलolo Luckett to Executive Director. William Buettin, President of the CNNC said Luckett has over ten years of experience in the arts, community and economic development fields, working in both non-profit and for-profit sectors. She earned her Bachelor of Arts in the History of Art and Architecture from the University of Pittsburgh. Currently, she serves on the program committee for the 2009 Girls Coalition Conference.

Talking about her appointment Luckett said, "I look forward to working closely with CNNC to take advantage of the opportunities and meet the challenges that are ahead. The Central Northside has many wonderful assets, including remarkable architecture, a rich history, ample green space, and a range of cultural attractions. My goal is to help the residents and business people of the Central Northside enhance the quality of their lives by building upon the neighborhood's unique infrastructure. This will involve strengthening existing relationships within and beyond the neighborhood, seeking out new networks and support, and engaging the community in our efforts to build a better and brighter future."

Executive Director

Kिलolo Luckett

PLEASE NOTE:

The General Membership Meeting for April will be held April 20, 2009 ~ 8:00 pm

Special Announcement: District 6 City Council Candidates Forum

We're very pleased to announce that the candidates seeking election to Pittsburgh City Council from District 6 have agreed to come to our April 20th General Membership Meeting. Issues concerning our District and the City such as economic development, crime, housing, poverty, jobs, homelessness, youth and others will be discussed by the candidates.

The format of the event will be a

moderated discussion. Each candidate will make an opening statement about their candidacy, followed by questions from the moderator. The audience will be given an opportunity to have their questions answered also. Lastly, the candidates will be given time to conclude the discussion and summarize their positions. The Candidates Forum will begin at 6:30PM and last 90 minutes. CNNC's regular monthly

meeting shall follow the forum with an abbreviated agenda.

District 6

City Council Candidates Forum

March ~ April 2009

R i c h i n D i v e r s i t y . R i c h i n P r o m i s e .



President's Message

There are so many exciting things happening at CNNC and in the Central Northside it's hard to capture them all on paper. From the hiring of our new Executive Director, Kilolo Luckett, to the progress on Federal-North including the newest Crazy Mocha, to the successful conclusion of the first round of community planning workshops, we are truly blessed by the wonderful people and tremendous promise of this special place.

All of this activity creates a new set of challenges for CNNC, admittedly a problem many communities would love to have, and I'm writing to you to ask for your help. One of the most important events that happens at CNNC every year is the election of our Board of Directors at the May annual meeting. This year is by no means an

exception. We need your help in nominating a set of candidates, eight in total, that are willing to dedicate themselves to this organization for the two year term. More importantly, we need your help in electing a group of candidates who represent the broad diversity that makes this community so special.

Perhaps you've been thinking about running for the Board or know someone who would be perfect, but you're not sure what it means to be on the Board, how big of a commitment it will be or what kind of skills you need to serve on the Board of Directors of CNNC. As someone who has been on the Board for nearly a year now and had many of the same questions a year ago, I thought it would be useful to share my perspective.

First, regarding the time commitment, there is no sugarcoating this one. Being a CNNC Board member is an

enormous time commitment. Our monthly Board

meetings typically run late into the evening. Additionally, many Board members co-chair CNNC committees, while others serve on one or more committees and others volunteer to represent CNNC in other organizations such as the Northside Leadership Conference. As far as skill sets go, one of CNNC's strengths is we have people from all walks of life who serve on the Board. We hope this will continue with the next group of elected Board members. To be successful, the position requires patience, respectfulness, honesty, integrity and hard work. So what does it mean to be on the Board? I can honestly say it has been the most meaningful and worthwhile experience of my entire life. There are few opportunities that will give you the kind of direct ability to affect positive change in many people's lives that serving on the CNNC Board does.

I hope you will consider running for the Board or nominating someone you know is interested in serving at the April 20th General Membership Meeting

"Help your neighborhood organization by identifying qualified candidates and by voting in the May election!"



- To get INVOLVED in your neighborhood organization
- To identify qualified candidates for CNNC board membership
- To nominate qualified candidates for CNNC board membership
- To vote during the May 2009 CNNC board elections
- To join CNNC various committees

Please contact: info@cnn-c-pgh.org or 412.321.7742 for further information



By-Laws Process Moves Forward

Following a twelve month review, the By-Laws committee presented their recommended changes to the general membership at the March 9th General Membership meeting and the first of two required votes to amend the CNNC By-Laws was taken. Eighty-Six ballots were cast for the proposed changes. Approval required 75% of the vote. Members were instructed to vote on each Article of the by-laws. Ultimately, the membership in attendance approved all articles except the article dealing with committees, which will go back to the by-laws committee for further editing. The articles that were approved will be voted on for the second and final time at the CNNC General Membership meeting on April 20th. This vote requires a majority approval from the members in good

standing in attendance. Any and all articles receiving the required majority vote will be passed and become part of the bylaws. Any and all articles that fail to receive the required majority vote will fail and will be referred to the by-laws committee for additional editing. If an article fails to receive a majority vote, the current article as it is worded today will remain in effect until such time as another amendment can be presented for vote at a future meeting.



By-Laws

“The only limit to our realization of tomorrow will be our doubts of today. Let us move forward with strong and active faith.”

Franklin D. Roosevelt

CNCP Completes the First Set of Meetings

We have almost completed the 1st set of meetings for the CNCP. They have been very well attended. We have had 25 to 55 people at each of the meetings. The urban designers from Pfaffmann and Associates have presented some interesting and informative data and maps regarding the current state of the Central Northside. They have facilitated lively and respectful discussions that have focused on what the participants feel are the current challenges we face and how we could enhance our assets.

The last meeting in this series will provide an opportunity to summarize and assess what we have learned to

date. The meeting will be held on March 25th 6:30 pm, at the Unitarian Church (corner of Resaca Place and North Avenue.) If you have not been able to attend some or all of the past meetings please attend this one and learn about what your neighbors feel are the priority issues we need to deal with. There will be opportunity for you to offer your thoughts. Please come and participate in planning for a better Central Northside and don't forget to bring your friends and neighbors.

Moving forward, the second round of working group meetings will be held on Saturdays in May (except for Memorial Day Weekend) and the first 2 Saturdays in June. We are still in the

planning process for these meetings but they will take place between 10am to 1pm. Lunch will be provided. We will focus on solutions and will brainstorm (with you!) creative ideas to address the issues that were identified in the last set of meetings. To get the creative juices flowing the urban designers are planning on taking us on some field trips around the neighborhood and having activities to stimulate innovative solutions.

Lastly, the Steering Committee for the CNCP would like to give a big thank you to Allegheny Unitarian Universalist Church for hosting the first set of meetings and to Dave Brown of New Image Press for printing our brochures.



“The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort and convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy.”

Martin Luther King, Jr.

Safety Committee Installs Security Cameras

The Central Northside Neighborhood Council Safety Committee will be installing Security Cameras throughout the neighborhood. Inclement weather and a technical support slowdown delayed the project for some time. Once again a big thank you to Giant Eagle for their donation and support.

You might think reporting a crime or nuisance property is a waste of time. It is not. Your help in reporting issues in our neighborhood is the most effective way to bring the attention of the police and our elected officials to

areas we need to address. Crime statistics are collected monthly in every neighborhood of the city. Your help in identifying local concerns will go a long way in assisting our community.

Come to the next General Membership Meeting to hear more or voice your concerns about neighborhood safety.

Safety

Earth Day Neighborhood CleanUp ~ April 25, 2009

This year our neighborhood CleanUp in honor of Earth Day will be held on Saturday ~ April 25, 2009 at 10:00am. This is also part of the Great PA Cleanup (Event 1139) which is part of the larger national event, *The Great American Cleanup*. They are hoping to beat last year's record which was more than three million volunteers nation wide. Some amazing things can be accomplished with a "few" volunteers. Last year over 86 million pounds of litter were collected and

included in that figure over 189 million plastic bottles were recycled. Also, near and dear to my heart, over 91,000 acres of parks and public lands were cleaned.

To participate in our local event, volunteers are asked to meet at Mechanic's Retreat Park, located on the corner of Buena Vista Street and Jacksonia Street. As usual, I am hoping to see many volunteers that morning so mark your calendars now.

We will focus on the collection of street litter and the preparation of our garden beds for new spring growth. Coffee, tea, some kind of breakfast goodies will be provided along with gloves and bags. If you can give 15 minutes or a couple of hours, we can use you. Even 15 minutes can make a noticeable impact. If you have any questions or suggestions of areas that need extra attention, you can call me at 412.231.4359.

John Engle, Greenspace Chair, MWSS



Pittsburgh Public Schools Will Offer Parent Forums

Pittsburgh Public Schools will offer parent forums on April 28, 2009 from 10:00am to 11:30am and also on May 21, 2009 from 6:00pm to 7:30pm at the Jefferson Recreation Center. The purpose of the forums is to educate and include parents in the development and support of inclusive practices. Attendees will receive a

stipend in the form of a check for \$25.00. Light refreshments will be served.

Email questions to Weston White at jeffersonred@aol.com





Development Committee ~ Crazy Mocha ~ Before/After

This rendition is the "latest" rendition, but CNNC is still working with the developer on alternate designs.

Before

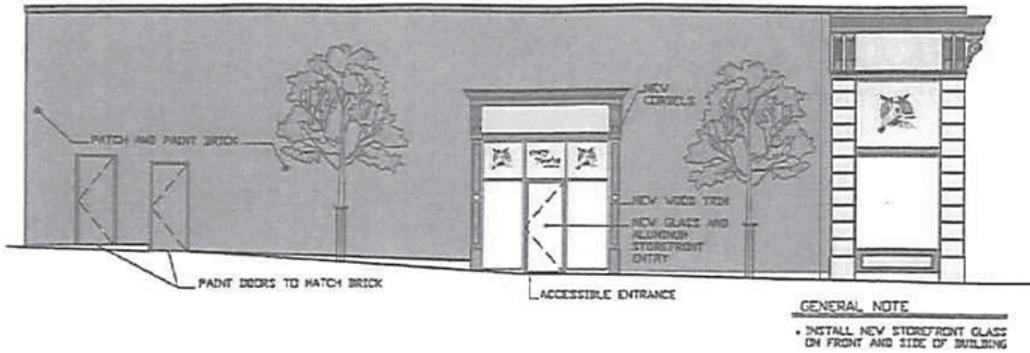


"Side view of 2 East North Avenue viewed from Federal as it exists currently"



"Front of 2 East North Avenue as it exists currently"

After



"2 East North Avenue with proposed changes to Federal Street entrance and front entrance on East North Avenue."

A SIDE ELEVATION
1/8" = 1'-0"

Federal North Development



April 2009 General Membership Meeting

DATE April 20, 2009

TIME 8:00 pm

LOCATION Allegheny Traditional Academy

Meeting Agenda

- **Vote to amend By-Laws:** This is the second of two required votes to amend the CNNC By-Laws. This vote requires a simple majority of the attending members in good standing.
- **Nominations for Board of Directors Election:** Nominations will be taken from the floor for the election to the Board of Directors at May's annual meeting.

Upcoming Events

March 31 (Tuesday) ~ Foster Care: The Coffee House Tour 2009 ~ 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ~ Beleza Coffeehouse

April 7 (Tuesday) ~ Foster Care: The Coffee House Tour 2009 ~ 10:00 am to 11:30 am ~ Beleza Coffeehouse

April 17 (Friday) ~ Foster Care: The Coffee House Tour 2009 ~ 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm ~ Beleza Coffeehouse

April 20 (Monday) ~ City Council Candidates Forum ~ 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm ~ Allegheny Traditional Academy

Curious About Being a Foster Parent?

Family Services of Western PA will kick off its **"Foster Care: The Coffee House Tour 2009"** this month on the 23rd and it will run into mid-April. The Coffee House Tour provides a unique opportunity for people who would like to know more about becoming a foster parent. Join Family Service's foster care staff for a cup of coffee and a casual conversation at a local café to discuss how the foster care system works, what the requirements are to be a foster family, and the training, preparation, and support that foster parents receive from Family Services. These are laid back, personal sessions with no pressure to commit. Visit their website at www.fswp.org or call 412.661.1670 for more info on specific tour dates, times, and café locations. Beleza Community Coffeehouse, located on the corner of Jacksonia and Buena Vista, will be hosting four sessions.

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2009 CNNC Membership Registration Form

Dues run from January 2009 to December 2009

(Please print legibly)

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE (home) _____ PHONE (other) _____

EMAIL _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

Do you want to receive the Newsletter via email? YES _____ NO _____

If you do not reside in the Central Northside please list properties you own in the Central Northside.

I am interested in participating in the following CNNC committees:

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|-------------------------------------|---|
| _____ By-laws Committee | _____ Litter/Beautification Committee |
| _____ Communication Committee | _____ Membership Committee |
| _____ Community Planning Initiative | _____ Planning and Evaluation Committee |
| _____ Development Committee | _____ Safety Committee |
| _____ Finance Committee | _____ Youth Committee |

Enclosed is _____ \$5 _____ \$3 (Seniors 60+) for my dues for 2009

If your organization/business would like to become a CNNC member, dues are _____ \$25 Please name the delegate for your organization: _____

Enclosed is an additional tax-deductible donation of: _____ \$20 _____ \$40 _____ \$60 _____ \$80 _____ other

(Office Use Only)

Date _____

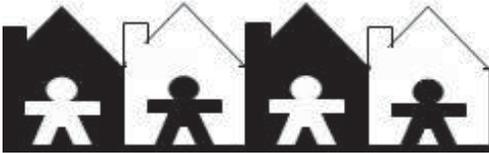
Amount Paid _____

Received by _____

Check No. _____ Cash _____

Mail to or drop off at the CNNC office with your dues (Check or Cash.) Make check payable to CNNC





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Richard Florida

“The great urbanist Jane Jacobs was among the first to identify cities’ diverse economic and social structures as the true engines of growth . . . Jacobs argued that the jostling of many different professions and different types of people, all in a dense environment, is an essential spur to innovation — to the creation of things that are truly new. And innovation, in the long run, is what keeps cities vital and relevant.”

