

WCDC Welcomes New Board Members

The WCDC is pleased to welcome three new board members for a term of three years, which began January 1. Iris Whitworth of Allegheny River Towns Enterprise Zone, Gerrod Winston of The Design Alliance Architects, and Christine Kush of the EMBA Worldwide and The Center for Executive Education have joined the WCDC board. The WCDC is excited to have the energy and experience of these new board members!

Winston is a resident of Wilksburg and has “a great deal of interest in its economic and physical development.” He is eager to be on the board because “being hands-on in the capacity of serving on the board would be a great opportunity to help realize Wilksburg’s potential as a great residential neighborhood and business district.”

Whitworth, a Wilksburg resident, has a background managing greenspace endeavors through a county-wide community garden program with Allegheny County Economic Development. One of her goals while serving on the Board is to “create new opportunities for community greenspace/vacant lot recovery.”

Kush’s expertise in small business management is a valuable skill for the Board. She says her “work with entrepreneurs for the past ten years have given me not only an appreciation of the challenges that they face, but also respect for their unending optimism and vision for the future.”

Current officers include Leslie Patterson, President; Cameil Williams, Vice President; Glenn McKenzie, Treasurer; Ralph Yearick, Secretary; Mayor John Thompson, Former President; James Butler, Jan Maczka, James Richard, and Ernestine Stevens.



Mr. Ou of Pittsburgh Asian Market finished his façade improvement in January. Will you be next?

Funding Available for Store Improvements

The WCDC is pleased to have funding for business façade improvements and interior storefront upgrades to make vacant buildings up to code. These monies must be

used soon! Applications are available on the WCDC website. Any projects will need to be approved by the WCDC. Call the office with questions at 412.727.7855.

Save the Date for Small Business Financing Workshop!

Are you a business owner or an entrepreneur? Do you want to learn more about financing options? Mark your calendars for a free “behind-the-scenes” look at how commercial loan applications are underwritten and ways to prepare for a successful loan application.

This workshop is open to existing business owners and start-up businesses. Topics will include conventional and special loan products that can help local businesses grow and prosper; public and non-profit lending resources; business planning assistance; and personal credit requirements.

A panel of lending professionals will be available who can provide advice on how to prepare for successful financing applications. Last year, representatives from Dollar Bank, Allegheny County Department of Economic Development, Regional Development Funding Corporation, and University of Pittsburgh’s Small Business Development Center presented and answered questions from the 19 attendees.

This workshop is free and will be held Thursday, April 25 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. at the Hosanna House Auditorium. Food will be provided. Reservations can be made at 412.727.7855 or by email: info@wilksburgcdc.org.



You can help by sending a tax-deductible contribution to:
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WCDC CALENDAR

3/7 (Thurs.)	8:30-10 A.M.	Business District Safety Meeting—WCDC office
3/23 (Sat.)	9-11 A.M.	WCDC Board Meeting—WCDC Office
4/4 (Thurs.)	8:30-10 A.M.	Business District Safety Meeting—WCDC office
4/25 (Thurs.)	6-8 P.M.	Small Business Financing Worship—Hosanna House 807 Wallace Ave.

