

Virtual Clean Pittsburgh Commission Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 14th, 2020 10am

Members in attendance:					
✓	Omoye Aikhuele	✓	Christopher Mitchell	✓	Alphonso Sloan
✓	Anna Archer	✓	Rachel Nawrocki	✓	Sally Stadelman
✓	Alicia Carberry	✓	Myrna Newman		Kelly Wacker
✓	Aftyn Giles	✓	Erika Ninos	✓	NaTisha Washington
✓	Lori Beth Jones	✓	Sarah Alessio Shea		Erika Young
Guests in attendance:					
✓	Masoud Sayles - Grounded Strategies				
✓	Melany Arriola - City of Pittsburgh, Sustainability & Resiliency				
✓	Josh Schuneman - Pennsylvania Resources Council				
✓	Zach Spodek - City of Pittsburgh, Department of Public Works				

1. Meeting called to order by Alicia at 10:03am

2. Approval of March and April minutes

- a. Will send and vote to approve by email

3. Membership updates!

- a. 8 members approved by City Council last week! An official welcome to NaTisha Washington, Aftyn Giles, Kelly Wacker, Erika Young, Chris Mitchell, Anna Archer, Myrna Newman, and Alicia Carberry. Letters from the Mayor saying so are in the mail!
- b. Please complete Conflict of Interest disclosures as emailed out

- c. Need to find out who within DOMI can join CPC

4. Questionnaire + SWOT analysis

- a. Rachel Nawrocki introduced survey for each member to note Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats to inform the Commission 2 year strategic plan, and how everyone can participate in the strategic plan
- b. Please complete prior to June 11th meeting

5. News Litter

- a. Chris Mitchell is re-starting Boris Weinstein's News Litter, a round up events, initiatives, volunteer opportunities of the to , as Public Works + Clean Pittsburgh Commission
- b. News Litter was previously sent to neighborhood steward list, will resurrect
- c. Chris Mitchell will send out reminder email to all CPC members asking for content or reminders from each participating non-profit org, City department or residents
- d. First (new) Newslitter edition will be going out the week of May 18th
- e. Using free Mailchimp account for now, will upgrade when made available by City

6. Litter Index App

- a. Chris and Sally working with City Innovation & Performance (I&P) Dept. to develop user-friendly app to survey litter in neighborhood, assess and assign # of 'how littered'
- b. App to be launched mid-June
- c. Litter Index uses Keep PA Beautiful rating of 1 to 4
- d. Myrna noted that Keep PA Beautiful requires Allegheny CleanWays to do a litter index, as Allegheny CleanWays is Pittsburgh's KAP affiliate, need to find way to involve all organizations in planning and implementation going forward
- e. Making video to explain to volunteers what each rating means, must be reviewed before allowed to use app
- f. New page added to City website that for now has email collection function for when app launches

7. Climate Action Plan 3.0

- a. Aftyn introduced Chapter 5: Waste & Resource Recovery in the plan to note where the Commission may be able to help fulfill objectives toward achieving zero waste by 2030
- b. Objectives the Commission may be able to help with/ advocate for
 - i. Improve education around waste diversion efforts
 - ii. Increase collection of yard waste

- iii. Increase 'hard to recycle' events and drop off locations (in works - Enviro. Services)
- iv. Distribute recycle bins to all residents (3 year plan in works - Enviro. Services)
- v. Enforce existing waste and recycling policies
- vi. Increase recycling participation rates
- c. Aftyn shared that reducing waste reduces diesel. Enviro.
 - i. Enviro. Services travel to landfills after route collection are ~75 mile round trip
- d. Alicia noted that at Commission current capacity can further broadcast efforts from Sustainability & Resiliency, help with communications
- e. Full plan is on City website at <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/climate-action-plan>

8. \$ (Sarah/ Aftyn)

- a. Aftyn looking into getting a city payment card for explanatory funding

9. **Neighborhoods of Focus**

- a. Neighborhoods of Focus is typically the Commission's way to leverage resources and in-kind support by focusing work in one neighborhood and working with the community group there to direct projects.
- b. For 2020, Chris embarked on asking each City Council for nominations/ feedback, and was planning to work with the nominated areas to develop projects.
- c. Chris proposed adapting process for selecting Neighborhoods of Focus to 'Neighborhoods of Unfocus' :) in light of COVID-19 restrictions
- d. Discussion on how to support neighborhood groups with existing beautification plans
- e. ~11 beautification project applications for City's Love Your Block grants did not get funded, may be an opportunity for the Commission to pick up
- f. Aftyn moved to set aside \$5,000 to fund some of these projects, with the contingency of a subcommittee's recommendation of which projects, what amount of \$, and through what reporting process to prove money used.
 - i. Anna, Sarah, Chris, Aftyn to form committee, Chris to schedule
- g. Sarah seconds. The motion carries! All in favor.

10. **Member organization announcements**

- a. **Garbage Olympics** → figuring out how neighborhoods can participate with social distancing requirements/celebrate and receive awards without an all-neighborhood Closing Ceremony celebration
 - i. Planning for Saturday, September 26th

- ii. Omoye brought up that City vendor ECS&R will be able to drive around and pick up electronic waste from the collection piles

b. Environmental Services

- i. **City recycling bin distribution updates:** Omoye reports getting communications queued up, like 'bins are coming' postcards, to lead up to first phase of distribution this fall
- ii. **electronics waste recycling** vendor ECS&R considering what a scaled down (maybe Sunday only) and safe collection will look like-- on hold until June

c. **Graffiti**--> Detective Sloan reports usu. amount of tags

d. **Allegheny Clean Ways:** staff called back from furlough, preparing to move into yellow phase, working on a grate keepers "adopt a storm drain" program. Told of offer to contribute drivers, dump truck to Enviro. Services and other organizations if addtl help needed

e. **Grounded:** figuring out what a modified season and volunteer will look like, Community Care program will operate

f. **Public Works:** back to encouraging litter clean-ups within safe guidelines. City will pick up collected items if registered in advance through volunteer@pittsburghpa.gov

- i. Dump sites have been completely added to Cartegraph to track work done at each

- 1. Chris Mitchell will work on finding ways Allegheny Cleanways can incorporate their dump site database into Public Works cartegraph

- ii. Myrna will share guidelines from Keep Pennsylvania Beautiful, please credit KPB when used

g. **Pennsylvania Resources Council** is still moving workshops online, delaying scheduled hard-to-recycle events

Sarah Shea motioned to adjourn at 11:53am. Omoye Aikhuele seconds. All in favor.

Next meeting (2nd Thursday of the month):

June 11th, 2020 at 10am, virtually