

Clean Pittsburgh Commission Meeting Minutes

August 13, 2020

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Omoye Aikhuele, Anna Archer, Alicia Carberry (Co-Chair), Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Lori Beth Jones, Chris Mitchell (Outreach Coordinator), Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), Myrna Newman, Erika Ninos, Kelly Wacker, NaTisha Washington, Erika Young (Secretary)

Commission members absent: Sarah Kinter, Emily Potoczny, Sarah Alessio Shea (Treasure), Jeff Skalican, Officer Alphonso Sloan, Sally Stadelman, Erin Tobin

Guests in attendance: Shelly Danko+Day; Adopt a Lot, Faith; Penn Hills Garbage Olympics, Kelsey Ripper; Friends of the Riverfront

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on August 13, 2020

The meeting began by reviewing the CPC's Equity and Diversity Values:

Equity & Diversity

The Clean Pittsburgh Commission celebrates the three hundred thousand neighbors in ninety neighborhoods of Pittsburgh and affirms member representation must be geographically, socioeconomically, and racially diverse in order for the body to be effective, relevant, and creative. The Commission recognizes deficiencies and actively engages different perspectives through a platform of mutual respect. This engagement and respect will be a tenet of all regular meetings and all program functions of the Commission, as well as in all communications. When a distinct neighborhood is in 'focus', initiatives developed with that neighborhood will be shared as replicable project templates. Work within neighborhoods of focus will be informed by neighbor input. Obtaining input will be done thoughtfully by meeting people of different ages and levels of civic participation where they are.

Motion was made by Chris Mitchell and seconded by Kelly Wacker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Alicia Carberry and seconded by Chris Mitchell to approve the June 9, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

III. Litterati conversation report out

- Potentially two different type of accounts: MAP (municipal assessment program account – provides cartograph like data that we can use) Social Account (helps collect information – crowd sources an audit of what trash is out there).

- Great way to support national and local trash audits; provides data that can be useful – may be helpful in moving the needle toward holding manufactures accountable; would get CPC name out there to the people already doing the work.
- ACW and No Plastic Please could contribute to make it more regional.
- Recommendation from review committee (Sabrina, Chris Mitchell and Myrna Newman) to go forward and work with Litterati. There is an annual fee and will have one more meeting to get full investment.
- Aftyn Giles made a motion to table the approval discussion until more financial information is available. Motion was seconded by Rachel Narwocki. Motion carried.

IV. Finance Committee

- Neighborhood collection event to be hosted with ECSR – CPC will allocate \$5,000 to help further extend the ongoing voucher program; funding will be used to provide residents a \$20 voucher to use towards disposal of a TV or other electronic waste at a collection event.
- Chris has plans moving forward with a camera and electric company to install outlets at five different locations to house a streaming video camera. Current agreement with a camera company to install cameras at one location and move these cameras between five pre-determined location one time every three months. Installation should occur within 2-weeks. Invoice include 2 cameras, monitor to access all data on the cameras, installation and cost to move the cameras every three months.

V. Neighborhood of Focus/Funding Love your Block

- After deciding to use money this year to fund un-funded LYB grants, the CPC reached out to 10 projects with a response from two. One of the two projects have decided to continue moving forward with their LYB grant project. They will be working with Erin Tobin and the Parks Dept. to fix a walkway/plant shrubbery in a park in the Mexican War Streets. This applicant has experience with this type of work and will invoice the CPC directly for the work complete – they plan to spend the full \$2,500.

VI. Garbage Olympics

- Previous years captains have been contacted. After party is cancelled but a Facebook Live event, hosted by the CPC, will be hosted post clean up to announce winners.
- Money will be used to provide more supplies to participating organizations. Supply boxes for Captains will include trash grabber sticks, gloves, masks and hand sanitizer. Organizers are thinking of providing a reusable water bottle with the Garbage Olympics logo to defer use of single-use plastic.

- Currently 10 registered neighborhoods. The City is currently seeing about half as many applicants for litter cleanups this year vs previous years. Big media push encouraging neighborhoods to participate.

VII. Adopt a Lot process overview

- Shelly Danko+Day from the City of Pittsburgh Department of Planning joined the CPC meeting to provide an overview – Shelly manages the Adopt a Lot program.
- The ALP began in 2013 and is the first time in the history of the City for people to access City owned land legally for food, flower or rain gardens.
- Land includes City lots with no sale pending or development plans; projects include community gardens, farms, and flower beautification projects. A vacant lot tool kit is available providing what you can/cannot do through the program.
- Currently over 7,000 vacant lots – currently over 150 lots adopted with 48 projects. 60% are food gardens, several are large farms.
- For more information, visit <https://rb.gy/o355nm>
- Currently no streamline process for ALP to allow the person to purchase the lot – this occurs through a separate program

VIII. RFP

- Public Works will issue the RFP on 8/17/2020 on behalf of the CPC. RFP will be open until 9/17/2020.
- A selection committee comprised of City representatives and CPC members without a conflict of interest will review and rank proposals, with contracts being awarded. Please contact Alicia if you would like to be on the selection committee.

IX. Meeting with the Mayor recap

- The CPC held a productive meeting with Mayor Bill Peduto on DATE and has been tasked with planning projects and programs to support the City's 2030 Zero Waste plan.

X. Member organization updates

- ACW and No Plastic Please will host a viewing of the "Story of Plastic" through 8/14/2020. A panel discussion will be hosted on 8/14 at 6:00PM. Allegheny Cleanways is in the process of purchasing surveillance cameras for Homewood and plan to place between 6-9 cameras.
- Friends of the Riverfront and Allegheny Cleanways received funding to support ramped up stewardship to subcontract with local nonprofit organization to hire displaced workers whose hours were reduced due to the pandemic. They are looking to hire people to work part time between FOR and ACW. An RFP

was issued the week of 8/6/2020 – jobs will include liter clean up, volunteer management and invasive species management along riverfronts.

- Check out the City of Pittsburgh recycling PSA starring CPC member, Omoye Aikhuele: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSHBSvGXGiE>

XI. Adjourn

Motion was made by Rachel Narwowki and seconded by Kelly Wacker to adjourn the August 13, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

**Next Virtual Meeting:
September 10, 2020 at 10AM**

Important links shared during the meeting:

Pittsburgh Vacant Lot Toolkit:

https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/1760_VLTK_FINAL_10-28-15.pdf

Burgh's Eye View:

<https://rb.gy/bqecmn>

Real Estate Department Website (Property Search):

<https://rb.gy/0xqddj>

Garbage Olympics Facebook and Locations:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/344437433388896>

<https://sites.google.com/view/gopgh/register>

CPC Members Call to Action: Social Media: Follow the CPC Facebook page! Share content with the CPC to use as engagement and empowerment on the platform and other social medial platform.

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