I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Alicia Carberry (Co-Chair), Anna Archer, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Omoye Aikhuele, Chris Mitchell (Outreach Coordinator), Myrna Newman, Erika Ninos, Kelly Wacker, Erika Young (Secretary), Erin Tobin, Emily Potoczny, Jeff Skalican, Lori Beth Jones

Commission members absent: Sarah Kinter, Officer Alphonso Sloan, Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), NaTisha Washington, Sally Stadelman, Sarah Alessio Shea (Treasure)

Guests in attendance: Kelsey Ripper; Friends of the Riverfront

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on October 8, 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 Myrna Newman and seconded by Kelly Wacker to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Lori Beth Jones and seconded by Kelly Wacker to approve the September 10, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

III. Garbage Olympics Results

- Big success
  - 30 Neighborhood Teams
  - 774 volunteers
  - More than 1,130 bags 670 tires, 254 TVs, 12 shopping carts, 6, couches, 5 fridge, 5 mattresses, 4 lawnmowers, 2 satellite dishes, 1 juke box
This year was dedicated to Boris Weinstein
Received a $500 donation from Earth Volunteer Fund thanks to Allegheny Cleanways
Carrick was the winner, Mayor announced winners via Facebook with over 2,000 views

IV. Finance Committee Updates
- $55,000 carved out of DPW budget
- $5,000 for the cameras approved
- Camera Project quote has increased as a whole – Max $9,663.50 for 5 cameras (service of moving is included in price for 1 year and will be an annual fee)
- November Meeting – Finance Committee will update budget and share at meeting. Table Camera discussion and approval until further review of budget

V. Neighborhood of Focus/Funding Love Your Block
- Project moving forward; all approvals received. Late in the year and work being done next year that travels through the project she is working on. Will be planting in the spring – can continue to ear mark money for her. Can accept more money if available for the project.

VI. Campaign Signs – Recycling Opportunity
- Committee of Alicia, Omoyme, Myrna, PRC, Erika Y, Erika N and Kelsey will meet to discuss a recycling collection program for campaign signs post-election. This will be modeled after the Christmas Tree collection program hosted by the City and will run through Dec. 4th, 2020.

VII. Pick Up PGH
- Committee issued questions to the responding organizations; awaiting responses and will meet to discuss awarding of the grants.

VIII. City of Pittsburgh Office of Community Affairs (Guest Leah Friedman, Manager)
- Community Affairs on Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/ocapgh
- Leah: leah.friedman@pittsburghpa.gov
- Interface with neighbors across the City, meet virtually (in person pre-pandemic) to create relationship with community groups to address priorities, concerns, etc.
- Handle non media communication for Mayor’s office
- Run four programs - all programs are focused on City residents and quality of life issues
  - Civic Leadership academy – 11-week course where adults in the City learn about the operations of City Government. The course educates
residents about operations and how to become more self-sufficient neighborhood leaders.

- Love Your Block Program – provides $1500 for groups across the City for projects that contribute to social cohesion and beautification.
- City Cuts Program - free grass cutting for seniors, veterans and residents with disabilities.
- Snow Angels Program – volunteers are matched with neighbors to help shovel sidewalks etc.
- Illegal dumping/litter issues – direct people to DPW clean ups/volunteer clean ups (Chris’s website); help shepherd violations and issues through Clean and Lean program

IX. Member organization updates

- City will host first collection Hard to Recycle event on 10/17 in the North Side/District 1 – North Charles Pittsburgh Project Parking Lot, 9:00-1:00 with ECSR, No vouchers requested as of 10/7, 25 people registered and can host 280 people at event, Omoyle checking to see if residents can request a voucher and allow someone else to take the tv (for residents that do not have cars)
- PRC hosting Hard to Recycle event in Councilman Krause’s district – 11/17, 11/18 and 11/19. Emily will distribute fliers with a focus on Knoxville, Allentown and Beltzhoover. Registration will close on 11/13/2020. PRC will collect e-waste with a focus on TVs (max 2 per household) and Computer monitors. Registration is limited to 150. PRC will also host the Wild and Scenic Film Festival virtually on 10/15/2020.
- Rachel and Lori Beth will be hosting another cleanup on 10/17/2020 on West Carson St. to collect material not captured during the Garbage Olympics.
- ACW and Friends of River Front – Trash or Treat – alternative or in addition to Trick or Treat; dress up, pick up trash – giving out kits! On 10/24, Friends of the Riverfront will be handing out kits in the Southside, on 10/25 ACW will handing out kits on the riverfront in Millvale.
- PMADD – Different this year due to COVID, office in the midst of Civic Action Week (revamp for PMADD During COVID) visit https://pmadd.doc.pitt.edu/ for information.

X. Adjourn

Motion was made by Omoyle Aikhuele and seconded by Chris Mitchell to adjourn the October 8, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Next Virtual Meeting:
November 12, 2020 at 10AM
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 media platform.

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