Clean Pittsburgh Commission Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2020

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, Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), Sally Stadelman, NaTisha Washington

Commission members absent: Sarah Kinter, Officer Detective Alphonso Sloan, Lori Beth Jones, Sarah Alessio Shea (Treasurer)

Guests in attendance: Kelsey Ripper; Friends of the Riverfront, Sabrina Culbya; No Plastics Please, Emily Best, Leanne Davis; Independent Ethics Board, Zach Spodek

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on November 12, 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.

Alicia asked to move Leanne Davis to the top of the agenda. Motion was made by Alicia Carberry and seconded by Chris Mitchell to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Sally Stadelman to approve the October 8, 2020 minutes. Motion carried.

III. Sunshine Act and Ethics Training (Leanne Davis, City of Pittsburgh Law Dept.)

- As a public official serving on the Commission, CPC members are considered public officials and qualify for free ethics advice
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- Per City and State Code, CPC members must take an Ethics training and complete the State Ethics Commission Statement of Financial Interest. A training for CPC members will be scheduled in 2021.
- More information about the City’s Ethics Hearing Board: [https://pittsburghpa.gov/ehb/](https://pittsburghpa.gov/ehb/)

IV. Pick Up PGH progress
- There have been two meetings with the RFP selection committee; at the second meeting, the committee reviewed results from responses to their follow-up questions.
- The committee has made approvals to award contracts, and award letters were scheduled to be sent the week of 11/12/2020.

V. Finance Committee Update
- Currently allocations include:
  - $9664 for cameras
  - $5000 for subsidies for Hard to recycle2R events
  - $3500 for Mobile Toolbox Expansion
  - $30000 for Pick up PGH RFP
  - $2000 for Garbage Olympics
  - $4500 Litterati (includes additional license for nonprofit, volunteer groups underneath CPC Access to dashboard, unlimited amount of challenges, campus licenses)
  - **Total = $54,664**

- Love Your Block project will not be able to be completed until the spring; unfortunately, we will not be able to support this year. Chris will work on earmarking this for next year.
- There are some vouchers remaining from H2R events and the money will come back to the budget. The money left will be used in the neighborhood of focus for ongoing support.
- Motion was made by Aftyn Giles and seconded by Erika Ninos to approve the amended budget for 2020. Motion carried with members Myrna Newman and NaTisha Washington/Operation Better Block recusing themselves from the vote.
- The finance committee plans to have the 2021 budget ready for review in January.

VI. Camera Update
- Chris will talk to Allegheny City Electric and City Surveillance to move forward to install cameras.

VII. Recycling Campaign Sign Discussion
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- Omoye thanked everyone that joined and helped pull the collection events together. They picked up more material than expected.
- Omoye and volunteers have been visiting three Department of Public Works different divisions on Saturday mornings AM and collected approximately two 96-gallon containers of plastic film. There was a lot of interest from people to hold their own collections.
- Collection will run through Dec. 4 at three DPW division yard drop-offs https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/drop-off

VIII. SWOT Analysis
- Will review at our January meeting and will use this analysis to begin working on our two-year plan moving forward.

IX. Member organization updates
- PRC hosting Hard to Recycle event in Councilman Krause’s district – 11/17, 11/18 and 11/19. Currently 64 registers and the PRC can accommodate up to 250. PRC will collect e-waste with a focus on TVs (max 2 per household) and Computer monitors.
- The City of Pittsburgh will begin a recycle bin distribution pilot in Highland Park, East Liberty and Garfield. Residents can visit pittsburghpa.gov and search “blue bin” for more information.
- Allegheny Cleanways is cleaning up trash from homeless camps along the river and would like to revisit contracting with City of Pittsburgh to pick up this waste. DPW does pick up trash from several of the camps, but they would like to restart the conversation. Myrna, Erin, Chris and Kelsey will work on outreach and discussions.

X. Adjourn
Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Erika Young to adjourn the November 12, 2020 meeting. Motion carried.

Next Virtual Meeting: January 14, 2021 at 10am

We will not be meeting in December – CPC members are asked to participate in a clean up day in place of the monthly meeting.

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.

Remember: The Clean Pittsburgh Commission is on Social Media!