Clean Pittsburgh Commission
Meeting Minutes
January 14, 2021

I. Welcome and Introductions

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

Commission members absent: Sarah Kinter, Officer Alphonso Sloan, Emily Potoczny, Jeff Skalican, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Erika Ninos

Guests in attendance: Neil Grabach, Jason

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on January 14, 2021

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 Erika Young and seconded by Kelly Wacker to approve the agenda for the January 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

The approval of the November 12, 2020 meeting minutes will be held at the February meeting.

III. Goals on Littering and Dumping: GOLD

- Chris presented Goals on Littering & Dumping to Public Works. The plan was inspired by reviewing the results of the 2019 Litter Study. This study broke down the expense of litter and illegal dumping and reviewed how each municipality handles these measures.
• GOLD is about making litter someone’s priority. Public Works gave permission to move forward and Chris is identifying a budget for 2021. The plan will start by consolidating powers in existence (with no plan to hire someone new this year).
• GOLD allows time for collaboration with CPC and the plan is to roll it out over a three-year timeline.

IV. Pick Up PGH progress
• The board has made approvals to award the grants, and award letters were scheduled to be sent the week of 11/12/2020.
• The project is currently held up in legal in regards to writing the two contracts.

V. Litterati Account and dry run update
• CPC did not meet in December and encouraged everyone to test Litterati and pick up litter.
• Because of weather, the month was not ideal, however, 813 pieces of litter were picked up during that time.
• The first Litterati public challenge will be during Martin Luther King Week of Service

VI. Finance Committee Updates
• 2021 Budget Amounts: $25,000
• Finance committee will organize to review the spend and budget for the year.
• Motion was made by Alicia Carberry and seconded by Rachel Nawrocki to formally create a finance committee to review and identify the 2021 budget. Motion carried. If interested in joining the finance committee, please email Sarah Shea.

VII. Camera Update
• Outlets need to be installed and the project continues to move forward.

VIII. OnePA Environmental Advocacy Presentation (NaTisha Washington)
• One PA is made up of environmental justice organizers and is a statewide organization that focuses on advocacy for community members in the Allegheny County, Philadelphia and Delaware Counties.
• The group focuses on engaging community members to use their vice to address issues.
• NaTisha focuses on different campaigns in areas around the County to help residents better understand issues and works with canvassing teams to help residents move forward to address issues to their benefit.
• Most campaigns are currently in the Mon Valley area, and there is a focus on the City. Current issues include Air pollution and clean energy; and these important issues continue to expand.
IX. **SWOT Analysis & 2021 Strategic Plan**

- We are looking to form a committee to review the CPC Strategic Plan for 2022-2025.
- Motion was made by Chris Mitchell and seconded by Omoye Aikhuele to formally form a Strategic Plan Committee. Motion carried.

X. **Green Space Alliance**

- A collaboration of environmental organizations around WPA. Contact Erin if interested in joining.
- Greenspace consists of parks, trails, and natural areas used for recreational or aesthetic purposes with benefits to environment, economy, and human health. The Greenspace Alliance comes together to address issues related to protecting, preserving, adding, and programming greenspace across Allegheny County.
- CPC will look to invite Green Space Alliance to join the March meeting.

XI. **Adjourn**

Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Chris Mitchell to adjourn the January 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

**Next Virtual Meeting: February 11, 2021**
6:00PM – Guest Speaker: Laura Drogowski, City of Pittsburgh – Office of Community Health and Safety.

**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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