Clean Pittsburgh Commission
Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2021

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Alicia Carberry (Co-Chair), Sarah Shea (Treasure), Anna Archer, Omoye Aikhuele, Chris Mitchell (Outreach Coordinator), Myrna Newman, Kelly Wacker, Erika Young (Secretary), Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), NaTisha Washington, Lori Beth Jones, Erika Ninos, Jeff Skalican, Emily Potoczny,

Commission members absent: Sarah Kinter, Officer Alphonso Sloan, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Erin Tobin, Sally Stadelman

Guests in attendance: Neil Grabach, John Bagley, Dani Kramer, Aly Caito, Sabrina Culbya; No Plastic Please, Kelsey Ripper; Friends of the Riverfront, Maya Knee, Kathryn Hunninen; Pittsburgh Parks

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on February 11, 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 Chris Mitchell to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Jeff Skalican to approve the minutes from the January 14, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

III. Neighborhood of Focus

- 2020 started out strong but was impacted by COVID.
- CPC tried neighborhood of “unfocus” – funding Love Your Block Grant applications that were not accepted; however, there was only one project that carried through
• City Council provided recommendations for 2020 Neighborhood of Focus; CPC will review list and recommendations for consideration in 2021
• Litter index could be used to determine next Neighborhood of Focus - West End area was identified as a potential target
• Motion was made by Erika Young and seconded by NaTisha Washington to form a committee that would meet prior to next CPC meeting to discuss Neighborhood of Focus opportunities to present at March CPC meeting. Motions carried.

IV. Advocacy Conversation Report Out
• Try to re-forgc relationships with the Mayor’s Office and City Council – doing this by providing updates to Council members and the Mayor’s Office.
• Quarterly updates to share; including meeting minutes and accomplishments
• Reviewed items asked for in previous years and continue to identify those needs and requests.
• Short term goal is to get the project agreements approved
• CPC will consider forming a formal Advocacy Committee to continue building out our plan and engagement

V. 2020 Annual Report
• We are requesting annual report information needed for – Erika Y and Erika N will be reaching out to capture this information:
  o Hard to Recycle Collection Information
  o ACW illegal dump site clean ups
  o City – Recycling numbers
  o Stats from Pitt
  o Garbage Olympics
  o DPW Volunteer Events
  o Any other departments interested in including information

VI. Ideas and Calls for Planning Committee
• Litter Roundtable idea for a broadcast discussion re: environmental racism & justice, Illegal dumping site surveys and redlining maps - incorporate in CPC Strategic Plan (see 2015 Litter Roundtable at https://pittsburghpa.gov/clean-pgh/litter-dumping)
• Invite PennDOT, racism & justice advocates, etc. to participate
• More of a formal setting to discuss advocacy issues and topics important to the CPC and parties involved.
• Creating a highlight reel video to issue with 2020 Annual report; Utilizing social media to highlight commission
• A motion was made by Chris Mitchell and seconded by Sarah Shea to approve a planning committee to discuss round table/meet and greet opportunities. Motion carried. This Committee will also discuss the CPC Strategic Plan.
VII. Pick Up PGH contract execution, next steps (Alicia)

• Alicia will write a letter for the CPC to send to the Mayor’s Office asking for an update on this process.

VIII. Finance Committee Update

• Sarah will share a proposed budget for 2021 and will send via email.

IX. Camera Update

• All outlets have been placed and cameras will be in place by week of February 15. First place of installation will be Larimar.

X. Guest: Laura Drogowski, City of Pittsburgh - Office of Community Health & Safety re: illegal dumping around homeless encampments

• New office created in 2020
• Unsheltered population varies – could also include individuals who live in a building, under bridges, etc.
• City is aware of the resources these populations need, including dumpsters.
• ACW and Friends of the Riverfront were part of conversations to see how they can assist the City to provide service to camps – primarily camps on the Riverfront
• Sanitation is always a concern – City is trying to identify a solution to offer restrooms and are always exploring ideas.
• City currently contracts with Republic to offer 30-yrd containers at sites, but they are looking to provide smaller containers to avoid rodents, etc.
• ACW and Friends of the Riverfront are interested in exploring opportunities to provide a waste removal service to these camps. This would include providing trash cans/containers and then returning to collect and dispose of the material.

XI. Adjourn

Motion was made by Myrna Newman and seconded by Sarah Shea to adjourn the February 11, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

• Next Virtual Meeting: March 11, 2021
  10:00AM – Guest Speaker: City Councilperson Erika Strassburger re: proposed plastic bag ban

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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  Tweet with us: @CleanPghComm