Clean Pittsburgh Commission
Meeting Minutes
August 12, 2021

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Alicia Carberry (Co-Chair), Anna Archer, Chris Mitchell (Outreach Coordinator), Myrna Newman, Erika Young (Secretary), Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), NaTisha Washington, Lori Beth Jones, Erika Ninos, Emily Potoczny, Sally Stadelman, Neil Grbach

Commission members absent: Sarah Kinter, Officer Alphonso Sloan, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Erin Tobin, Sarah Shea (Treasure), Omoye Aikhuele, Kelly Wacker, Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), Jeff Skalican,

Guests in attendance: William Lamar, David Finer

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on August 12, 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 Chris Mitchell and seconded by Alicia Carberry to approve the agenda for the August 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Chris Mitchell and seconded by Lori Beth Jones to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

III. Meeting with Mayor Peduto Update

- Thank you note and next steps for GOLD plan – met in July with Mayor Peduto, got to show of and discuss the great work we have done along with sharing the challenges. Chris presenting our goals on litter and dumping in a detailed way.
- Support for 3 positions in the GOLD plan and build in to 2022 Op. Budget for 2 environmental inspectors and specialist for environmental services. Staffing
support request, and the Mayor was excited to hear about our plans for the 5th annual Garbage Olympics.

IV. Garbage Olympics
- Garbage Olympics will be held Sept. 18 from 9AM-11AM with an in-person closing ceremony at Threadbare at 12PM.
- CPC will budget $2,000 to be used towards the litter pick up sticks. Fundraising will be done to help provide food, swag, etc.
- Online registration at PhgGo.org—participants can join teams, too.
- This year will be focused on informing participants and captains how to prepare the trash to ensure everything can be recycled that can be

V. Finance Committee Updates
- Scheduled expenditures to be discussed at September meeting

VI. Old Business
- Pick Up PGH contract update (Alicia Carberry) – agreements not executed yet.
- Neighborhood of Focus for 2021 - Esplen—Smart grabbers and Literatti clean up, first schedule cancelled due to weather. Next event scheduled in August, handed out smart grabbers, with some left for another event with a Literatti focus effort. Need to regroup with Esplen to discuss more of what they want.
- City 2021 Hard-to-recycle neighborhood events- Voucher update at September meeting update

VII. New Business – Member Organization Updates
- City captured good footage on the installed cameras with City Surveillance – information taken to public safety to catch illegal dumpers (https://triblive.com/local/we-will-find-you-pittsburgh-officials-start-illegal-dumping-crackdown/)
- PLI – changing workforce processes in regard to co-enforcement, update hopefully at next meeting.
- Pitt – Clutter for a Cause just wrapped up, working with Oakland Planning and Dev. Corp.; close to 14K lbs of goods collected that are still in good condition, working to get items back out and rehomed in the community.
- PRC – Three collections in August and a lot of other zero waste events. They are in the process of hiring Environmental Program Specialist. See all updates at www.prc.org
- Send NewsLetter suggestions and stories to Chris Mitchell

VIII. Adjourn
Motion was made by Sally Stadelman and seconded by Chris Mitchell to adjourn the August 12, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
Next Virtual Meeting: Sept. 9, 2021 at 10:00AM

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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