I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Alicia Carberry (Co-Chair), Sarah Shea (Treasure), Omoye Aikhuele, Chris Mitchell (Outreach Coordinator), Myrna Newman, Lori Beth Jones, Erika Ninos, NaTisha Washington, Sarah Kinter

Commission members absent: Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), Anna Archer, Kelly Wacker, Erika Young (Secretary), Emily Potoczny, Erin Tobin, Sally Stadelman, Officer Alphonso Sloan, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Jeff Skalican

Guests in attendance: Megan O’Malley (Street Stewards), Becca Simon (Grounded Strategies), Olivia Pistella, Linda Roth

II. Agenda Review & Approval

The meeting was called to order on June 10, 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 Omoye Aikhuele to approve the agenda for the June 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.
III. **May Minutes Review & Approval**

Motion was made by Sarah Kinter and seconded by Omoye Aikhuele to approve the minutes from the May 13, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

IV. **Presentation: Mayor Peduto Deconstruction Executive Order – Alicia Carberry**

- At the end of April, Mayor Peduto made an executive order for a City-led deconstruction initiative.
- Deconstruction is a systematic disassembly process that captures building materials for reuse and recycling rather than proceeding with typical building demolition.
- The City has created a 14 point plan of deconstruction principles that will be implemented to make progress with deconstruction efforts in Pittsburgh.
- By reusing certain building materials, deconstruction will help the City in attaining its waste diversion goals.

V. **The Garbage Olympics**

- This year brings the 5th annual Pittsburgh Garbage Olympics.
- The date of September 18th has been selected. This has been announced on Facebook and will be announced in the upcoming CPC newsletter.
- Goal is to get 46 neighborhoods to participate in the clean-up (1 over ½!)
- In the coming weeks, the Garbage Olympics organizing team will reach out to neighborhood team captains and meet with the Department of Public Works.
- In an effort to gather more community support, team captain training sessions may be held as a method of outreach.
- The $2000 funding donation from the CPC will be used for supplies for the event.

VI. **Finance Committee Update**

- The Committee is still in the process of allocating all CPC funds.
- $2000 of the budget has been allocated to the Garbage Olympics.
- Recent expenditure approval was given by the Commission for 25 litter grabbers, remote shutter buttons, and phone mounts for the efforts in Espllen, the neighborhood of focus.
Conversations about how to utilize CPC funding for education efforts and a Roundtable will continue in the future.

VII. **City 2021 Hard-to-Recycle Neighborhood Events**

- 8 events for the collection of hard-to-recycle items at a subsidized cost have been scheduled to occur over the Summer and Fall seasons.
- The CPC will utilize $5000 of its budget to sponsor a voucher program to provide further assistance in subsidizing the cost of waste disposal at these events. The vouchers will be divided among the 8 events.
- Likely, a check box on the sign up sheet will indicate a voucher request.
- The first event will be on July 10th at Quaker Valley High School.

VIII. **Old Business**

- 2020 Annual Report – Erika Y has created the report, which is being edited as some data is still being searched for. The report will be sent to the Commission before release.
- Pick Up PGH Contract Update – Contracts with both Allegheny CleanWays and Operation Better Block are still being executed. Conversations about utilizing Literatti with Operation Better Block will continue.
- Neighborhood of focus 2021 (Espllen) – A clean-up in Espllen with Literatti is being organized for July. Outreach to a church to connect to residents as a base of operations will continue.
- Pittsburgh Street Stewards – The Pittsburgh Street Stewards is a group of volunteers that “adopt” a block to keep clean, which is organized via Instagram and was started by Megan O’Malley. The CPC is interested in providing resources and assistance to promote this program.
- Litter Campaign with Humane Action Pittsburgh – Humane Action Pittsburgh proposed a bus advertisement to raise awareness of raccoons being injured or killed in trash collection processes. The group approached the CPC to be included in this project. Discussion concluded that the Communications Department will be contacted after the poster makes proposed changes to decide whether or Humane Action Pittsburgh should proceed alone.

IX. **New Business**

- Member Organization Updates
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- Ground Strategies – CommunityCare program for clean-ups is back up and running. There will be a clean-up event on July 18th on Monticello Street from 9:00-12:00.
- University of Pittsburgh – The Summer Clutter for a Cause program has started. This is open to Oakland residents, as well as students at the University of Pittsburgh.
- Pennsylvania Resources Council – Collection programs will continue. Interest in hosting continued events concerning waste diversion and composting has increased.
  - The CPC’s annual meeting with Mayor Peduto will be Tuesday July 22nd, and it will be an in-person event. The agenda for this meeting was discussed and will be refined. Mentions of seeking dedicated staff for the CPC and the Gold Plan were suggested as potential agenda items.
  - Starting in August, CPC meetings will be moving to 10:00 AM.
  - The idea of a City “Trash-Port” was discussed. This program would allow for the CPC to organize a way for City residents to participate in clean-ups and other events. The more events completed, more marks on the “Trash-Port” will be received.

X. Adjourn

Motion was made by Omoyle Aikhuele and seconded by Christopher Mitchell to adjourn the June 10, 2021 meeting. Motion carried.

- The July CPC meeting has been replaced with an outdoor picnic. Details to come!

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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