Clean Pittsburgh Commission
November 22, 2021

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Alicia Carberry (Co-Chair), Omoye Aikhuele, Chris Mitchell (Outreach Coordinator), Myrna Newman, Kelly Wacker, Erika Young (Secretary), Lori Beth Jones, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Sara Alesio Shea (Treasurer), Erin Tobin, Sarah Kinter

Commission members absent: Officer Alphonso Sloan, Jeff Skalican, NaTisha Washington, Sally Stadelman, Rachel Nawrocki (Co-Chair), Erika Ninos, Emily Potoczny

Guests in attendance: Honorable Richard King, Honorable Mik Pappas, Hayly Hoch, Dani Kramer, David Finner, Colleen Knect, Gisele Betance, Honorable James Hanley, Alan T

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on November 22, 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.*

The approval of the October meeting minutes will take place at the December 9 meeting.

III. Conversation with Local Magistrates

- Chris presented the GOLD (Goals on Litter and Dumping) Plan to the local magistrates.
- CPC will be sharing a survey to magistrates to share feedback and suggestions on the GOLD plan and to learn how we can help build upon this initiative.

IV. Pick it up PGH Project Update
Allegheny Cleanways (ACW) – Targeted East Hills and through October, volunteers and ACW cleaned up 20 tons and 208 tires. They saw volunteers at every clean up with the exception of one. Each site had material like TVs, tires, household debris, furniture – large items that are harder to clean up than litter. Through this grant, ACW has worked with dozens of great volunteers. Biggest challenge is finding volunteers from the community they are working in. ACW is going to work on a step/stairway stewardship to adopt these areas to help keep them clean.

Operation Better Block (OBB) – Homewood Cluster Stewards – OBB has Homewood broken in to nine clusters. For this program, they identified 6 program participates with 5 completing the training and program. Each participant was assigned a cluster or section of clusters. These leaders were paid $15 hours to clean up litter hot spots in their assigned cluster(s). Leaders could work up to 10 hours per week for up to 10 weeks. After three months, leaders devoted 453 hours to litter pick up through 125 different shifts. They filled 345 trash bags, which is estimated to be 5,190 lbs of litter. Each completed shift included a site report with litter ratings, before/after photos, and documentation of the amount of material removed.

V. Finance Committee Updates

- Identified a surplus of funds – either funds allotted that were not used or funds that were still waiting to be allocated
- Reviewed expenses to approve and spend the remaining Budget by the end of the year.
- Sarah will share funding requests from partnership organizations to support the work they are doing in partnership with the CPC.
- Email will be sent to CPC members to formally vote on these budget items.

VI. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned on November 22, 2021.

Next Virtual Meeting: December 9, 2021

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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- Tweet with us: @CleanPghComm