Clean Pittsburgh Commission
February 10, 2022

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Omoye Aikhuele, Chris Mitchell (Co-Chair), Myrna Newman, Kelly Wacker, Erika Young (Secretary), Lori Beth Jones (Co-Chair), Erin Tobin (Outreach Coordinator Chair), Emily Potoczny, Erika Ninos, Sara Alesio Shea (Treasurer), Sally Stadelman,

Commission members absent: Officer Alphonso Sloan, Jeff Skalican, NaTisha Washington, Rachel Nawrocki, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Sarah Kinter

Guests in attendance: Rebecca Simon, Kelsey Ripper, Heather Watson

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on February 10, 2022

The meeting began by reviewing the Values Section of the CPC Bylaws:

Community
The Clean Pittsburgh Commission values community engagement and believes the best approach to neighborhood improvement is always directed by the people in that neighborhood.

Capacity Building & Teamwork
The Clean Pittsburgh Commission acknowledges its partnerships with individuals, businesses, organizations, schools, and the City of Pittsburgh as essential to address community needs. Further underlining its held value for community, the Commission expands capacity in imaginative and collaborative ways. The Commission recognizes that making expectations and vulnerabilities transparent creates opportunities for clear communication and more thoughtful implementation of programming.

Getting Dirty
The Clean Pittsburgh Commission is capable of thoughtful deliberation within the structure of meetings but does not limit its functions to discussions only. Commission members implement programs through participation, and embrace getting dirty.

Motion was made by Erika Young and seconded by Omoye Aikhuele to approve the agenda for the February 10, 2022 meeting. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Kelly Wacker and seconded by Omoye Aikhuele to approve the December meeting minutes. Motion carried.
Motion was made by Kelly Wacker and seconded by Omoye Aikheule to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion carried.

III. Ballot Bins

- Pittsburgh received grant from KAB to purchase ballot bins where you can vote “yes” or “not” or two answers to a specific question.
- City will receive 35 of these bins with different mount options for each.
- CPC should be developing a system for publicizing the ballot bins. We are looking for content like public input on questions for inside the bins, contests to choose questions to go on the bin, etc.
- The bins have a metal sign that can be created by the City signs department.
- There is also a magnet and dry erase marker to change questions.
- Looking for ideas from the Commission on where these should be placed and what should be written on them? Myrna, Omoye, Lori Beth, Chris, Erika N. and Erika Y. are interested in forming a subcommittee.

IV. Esplen Neighborhood of Focus

- PRC has offered to host an electronics recycling collection event in March with a CDBG grant.
- At the same time, Allegheny Cleanways will also host a dumpster day for residents.
- There is a request of CPC budget dollars to help offset some costs absorbed by PRC and Allegheny Cleanways to manage these events. The maximum amount needed is $4,500 to cover expenses to recycle e-waste, permit collection fee, staff time and trucks ($1,200 to Allegheny Cleanways, $800 to PRC, additional $2500 to subsidize e-waste recycling). A motion was made by Lori Beth Jones to earmark $4,500 to support this event in March. No one opposed, Emily, Sarah and Myrna abstained. Motion carried.

V. Finance Committee Updates

- Clean Pittsburgh Commission will receive a $30,000 budget for 2022.
- In addition to the e-waste and dumpster day event in Esplen, CPC will also earmark $2,000 to support the Garbage Olympics in 2022. In addition, CPC will cover the expenses of the City Surveillance Cameras, with the City picking up the expense in 2023.
- Christ will reach out to Litterati to gather information about our license expense for the year.

VI. Member organization updates

- Omoye and the City are finalizing the e-waste contract and hope to have more information in May.
• PLI – City Council passed a lead safety ordinance that requires the City and PLI to demolish unsafe structures in a lead safe manner, beginning in June 2022. PLI entered an agreement with Construction Junction to deconstruct properties that have elements that can be saved and recovered.
• Chris is working on releasing a new volunteer application for those interested in hosting cleanups within the City.
• Allegheny Cleanways is revamping their database to be more user friendly and hope to have it finalized within the next month. They will be promoting the grate keepers/storm drain adoptions. Litter Kits, in partnership with Friends of the Riverfront, will be distributed soon.
• Upcoming speaker ideas: PADEP member to discuss PA Litter Study; ACW Leading Tire Task Force.

VII. Adjourn
• Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Kelly Wacker to adjourn the February meeting. Motion carried.

Next Virtual Meeting: March 10, 2022

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.

Remember: The Clean Pittsburgh Commission is on Social Media!
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Tweet with us: @CleanPghComm