

Clean Pittsburgh Commission Meeting Minutes

January 9, 2020

I. Welcome and Introductions

In attendance: Myrna Newman, Allegheny Cleanways (Chairperson); Sarah Shea, PA Resource Council (Treasurer); Erika Young, Waste Management (Secretary); Ted Lohner, City of Pittsburgh School District; Kelly Wacker, City of Pittsburgh School District; Officer Alphonso Sloan, City of Pittsburgh Police Department; Sally Stedman, City of Pittsburgh; Rachel Nawrocki, Community; Anna Archer, Grounded Strategies; Lori Beth Jones, Community; Masoud Sayles, Grounded Strategies; Chris Mitchell, City of Pittsburgh

Commission Members Absent: Alicia Carberry, Mayor's Office (Vice Chairperson); Justin Stockdale, PRC ; Missy Rosenfeld, DPW; Aftyn Giles, Mayor's Office; Patty Chavez, DOMI; Omoye Aikhuele, Environmental Services; Cindy Pendleton, Homewood Children's Village; Teresa Bradley, Environmental Services; Erika Ninos, Uni. Of Pittsburgh

II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

A few names were spelling incorrectly; Myrna was in the process of editing. Motion was made by Rachel Nawrocki and seconded by Kelly Wacker to approve the minutes of the December meeting. Motion carried.

III. City Funding – How it Works

- Per Patrick Cornell, \$55,000 has been budgeted for the CPC in the Public Works' Bureau of Operations general fund.
- Only the City has direct access to spending – CPC funding will move through Director Gable since the funding is through his department. Funding will elapse at the end of the year if not spent.
- There are a few options to receive the money: DPW can purchase supplies or perform services inhouse on behalf of the Commission; One organization can receive and manage everything on behalf of the Commission, including subcontracting; The city can enter into numerous agreements on behalf of the Commission for different projects.
- Rachel, Sarah and Myrna will continue to work through the details of the budget and how funds can be spent.

IV. Memberships

- All resumes have been submitted to City Council for membership approval.
- Pending members will be contacted to schedule an interview to become an approved CPC member.

V. Neighborhood of Focus – Homewood

- Natisha identified a dumping issue near a local bus stop but had some issues reporting the site through 311. Working with Chris and Allegheny Cleanways, they were able to address and clean up the issue.
- There is still a need for trash and recycle bins through the community.
- Grounded is working with the City to participate in a vacant lots program – 100 additional lots will be maintained through this program.
- Cameras were recently installed in Homewood at one dumping location.
- Erika, Lori Beth, Myrna and Chris have agreed to continue discussions concerning our Neighborhood of Focus Framework with the committee being led by Myrna.

VI. Strategic Plan Priorities

- Please take a moment to review the attached strategic priorities prior to our February meeting.
- Rachel requested to include State Road Accountability as part of the priorities for 2020 as this was a specific request during our meeting with the Mayor.

VII. Policy and Advocacy

- The litter study will be released sometime at the end of January/February.
- Keep PA Beautiful is planning a press event to review the findings of the litter study; it will be beneficial to have the CPC plan for a press event/release a well to announce how the Commission can address some of the issues identified in the study.
- Erika, Sarah, Chris, Sally and Rachel have agreed to form a small committee to discuss and plan with Chris taking the lead.

VIII. Officer Voting based on December nominations

- Myrna announced that she will be stepping back as co-chair due to potential conflict of interest.
- The following members were voted in as chairs through a motion made by Kelly Wacker to accept the nominees and seconded by Anna Archer. Motion carried.
 - Alicia Carberry – Co-chair
 - Sarah Shea – Treasure
 - Afton Giles - Financial Secretary
 - Erika Young – Secretary
 - Chris Mitchell – Outreach
- **Nominees for the Co-Chair position to serve in partnership with Alicia will be accepted up until the February meeting. Voting on nominees will take place at the February meeting.**

IX. Member Organizational Announcements

- Pennsylvania Resource Council: Check out their new offices at 828 W North Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15233
- Grounded hosted a “Healing Our Soils Together: Building a Culture of Soil Keepers” in Wilkinsburg this past January. They also announced funding received to develop an advocacy guide for what citizens can do to address abandonment and blight. Anna will be taking maternity leave at the end of January through May and Masoud will be her contract during her leave – Congratulations, Anna!
- Chris and the Department of Public Works will be relaunching Beautify our Burgh. Chris also tackled a bandit sign pilot program at the end of 2019. He placed a sticker on all illegal signs stating, “This sign is illegal”, with an additional sticker on the back with information on how to help– because of his efforts, half of the signs have since been removed.
- City of Pittsburgh Public Schools – currently working with Tree Pittsburgh and “one tree per child” initiative. Also working with Women for a Healthy Environment.
- Allegheny Cleanways – KCI Engineering is looking to create a trash trapper on the local waterways (similar to the wheel in Baltimore). They are currently piloting a few projects in the area and are also working with undergraduates at Pitt.

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 platforms.

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