

## Clean Pittsburgh Commission Meeting Minutes

February 13, 2020

### I. Welcome and Introductions

**Members in attendance:** Omoye Aikhuele, Lori Beth Jones, Anna Archer (Odere on behalf of), Christopher Mitchell, Rachel Nawrocki, Kelly Wacker, Alicia Carberry, Myrna Newman, Erika Ninos, Erika Young, Sarah Alessio Shea

**Commission members absent:** Sally Stadelman, Alphonso Sloan, Patty Chavez, NaTisha Washington, Ashley DiGregorio, Aftyn Giles

**Guests in attendance:** Odera Igwe (on behalf of Anna Archer), Ted Lohner

### II. Approval of Meeting Minutes

Motion was made by Myrna Newman and seconded by Omoye Aikhuele to approve the minutes of the January meeting. Motion carried.

### III. Bylaws and Members

- The bylaws will be a living document that can be edited and updated as needed.
- Lori Beth is updating and will resend
- Bylaws will be voted on at 3/12/2020 meeting
- Alicia thanks the Commission for the nomination as Co-Chair and thanks Myrna for her time served in the Co-Chair role
- A motion was made by Sara Shea and seconded by Kelly Wacker to nominate Rachel Nawrocki as Co-Chair – motion carried. Thanks to Rachel for taking on this role!
- Chris updated the CPC website and we are waiting for Council to vote/approve new members

### IV. Anti Litter Specialist Updates

- Chris and Alicia are working to address enforcement issues concern litter and dumping in the City
- Chris and Omye are meeting with the Ellis School in May to pilot a project focused on “Advocacy to Activism”. The mini course is for two-weeks and will give students an opportunity to learn about how committees, commissions and community organizations are structured and act according to the Roberts Rule of Order.
- They would like to host May’s meeting to include students from the Ellis School – Chris Mitchell made a motion to include the Ellis School in Mays meeting, the motion was seconded by Omoye Aikhuele. Motion carried.

#### **V. Neighborhood of Focus**

- We would like the process to be very open – starting fairly wide through the City
- The CPC is seeking approvals from City Council to nominate neighborhoods in their District, but would like to make sure a connection to Council to have input
- Asking for recommendations from Council by 2/19/2020

#### **VI. Litter Study**

- Nine municipalities, breaks down how much money is spent in addressing litter issues
- Pittsburgh spends approx.. \$6-\$7 million with the biggest spend being in prevention (trash cans, street sweeping, etc.)
- Abatement and illegal dumping represent a very small portion of the spend
- Per capita cost to address litter clean up in Pittsburgh is \$21 per person
- City will release a press release around the litter study, quote from CPC will be included
- Can we make the Meet and Greet a follow up to the litter study and use this as part of a press event for the CPC?

#### **VII. Money Update**

- Still waiting to hear from Public Works on what expenditure process will look like
- Alicia will escalate and have a budget update at the 3/12/2020 meeting

#### **VIII. Member Organizational Announcements**

- Allegheny Cleanways hosted their trash audit over five days in the fall. During this time, they collected 6,902 lbs, or 12K pieces of trash. Clean up locations were held at 3 Riverfront sites, 2 Dumpsites and 3 Litter sites. They found 8K pieces of plastic, and 20% had a readable brand. More information will be made available for sharing. Allegheny Cleanways will also be rolling out their Storm Drain Adoption Program – stay tuned!
- Pitt will be hosting ReUse Fair on campus on March 19, 2020 from 1:00PM – 3:00PM. Be a Good Neighbor Day will be March 28, 2020 and there is a call for projects – project must be submitted by March 1, 2020. There is still grant money available!

#### **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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