



Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, September 9, 2020, 7 pm

Meeting was recorded via Zoom conferencing

Attendance: David Panasiuk, President, Elena Zaitsoff, Vice President, Michelle Panasiuk, Secretary, Joan Dickerson, Millie Sass, Joanna Slomnicki Cohen, Greg Fisher, Jamie Ducar, University of Pittsburgh, Sophia Robison, Dept of City Planning, Mark Oleniacz, Eric Williams, City of Pittsburgh Community Liaison.

Meeting brought to Order at 7:02pm

I. Introductions

II. Presentation of Dept of City Planning's Engagement Platform Website

Sophia Robison – Project Coordinator - Neighborhood Plan for Oakland

- Website: **Engage.Pittsburghpa.gov/Oakland**
- Oakland Plan 10 Year vision.
 - Community, Development, Mobility & Infrastructure.
- Action teams are forming. Go to the website to become involved.
 - Website is very interactive and ready for you to follow.
- Steering committee has been formed.
- Full site is ADA accessible.
- Sophia is involved with long term planning for City Planning.
- Q: Joan asked what happens after this engagement A: Planning commission will adopt the plans per review. Zoning will review any zoning changes.
- Universities, Institutions & Non-profits are involved to align their plans with what the city residents want.
- Q: Millie asked what happens to my comment on the website. A: Your comments will go to Engagement reports will be generated and responses will be posted as much as possible. You will receive postcards for your participation as well.
- If you post anonymously there won't be any way to engage with you personally.
- Sophia reviewed the Topics of the Action Teams as listed in the online presentation.

- Other info on the site including Christopher Columbus Statue and 2021 Budget.
- Your testimony is recorded for use in proceedings.

Eric Williams has taken over for Hersh as Community Liaison for the City of Pittsburgh

III. Approval of minutes of July 8, 2020 and August 12, 2020 meetings – see attached

- Minutes approved

IV. Old Business

- Gene Rosner recognition at Ophelia/Kennett corner
 - Sign is up and contributions are being accepted for the bronze plaque to be displayed on the corner store.
 - We need to get our non-profit straightened out.
 - There is money that people wish to donate.
 - We will open a bank account and deposit what we can then find a pass through to obtain additional funds.
- OCO becoming a non-profit as part of RCO application
 - Insurance policy for the board of directors – President, Vice President & Treasurer.
- Capital Budget process for Lawn St Promenade
 - Krause has not gotten back about standing
- Niagara Playground
 - Reached out to DPW – and reported by Liz & Joan the playground is nearing completion
- Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater retention area
 - Eric reached out to PWSA – still in planning
- Active Allegheny Grant Program
 - Will follow up with Jeff for information, Tie in to Rock Alley/Lawn Promenade design money.

V. New Business

- Paving of Lawn Street not extended to Elsinore Pl.
- Paving contracted by PWSA not the City

VI. Reports

- University of Pittsburgh
 - Monthly Update

Highlights – peer to peer interaction job posted for students (10 hours a week) to get students to wear masks and be responsible. Door to door.
 - University to focus on how to handle tailgating and gathering for activities.
 - Masterplan going forward to November. Comments and Edits being done on this “Very Large Document”. Public input on the record after city council.
 - Tell Jamie hotspots to see on weekends with parties and gatherings.
 - Block talks – alexjtoner@pitt.edu to schedule your block for a meeting.

b. Oakwatch

- Wed Sept 16, 6pm Zoom – Ian Reynolds Disruptive properties

office. Lgray@opdc.org

c. OPDC

- 3109 Hamlet car is being targeted - keyed, tires flattened, etc..
- Census push – please fill out the census.
- 32 Gallon Blue Recycling Bins – Summer/Fall 2021 for Oakland.
- Anybody that has been tagged, let Liz know so you can be compensated

if someone is caught.

d. City of Pittsburgh

- CDC ban on evictions until end of the year.
- Private Public Partnership with 95 beds+ for homelessness
- Sept 30 Census deadline
- Comprehensive land use citywide
- More attached

VII. Round Robin Questions/Concerns

- Michelle asked for Deer crossing signs in Schenley Park
- Elena asked us to please get involved with the Action Teams of Neighborhood Plan for Oakland

VIII. Next Meeting – Wednesday, October 14 @ 7 pm via Zoom

Meeting adjourned at 8:53pm