

Oakcliffe Community Organization

Meeting Minutes – October 14, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on October 14, 2020 by Dave Panasiuk. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com. It was recorded.

Present

Millie Sass, Elena Zaitsoff, Dave Panasiuk, Michelle Panasiuk, Greg Fisher, Mark Oleniacz, Joan Dickerson, Hanna Goldstein, Brooke Riscoe, Chavaysha Chaney, Evelyn Jane Garon, Unidentified Caller – 412-620-3400

Minutes

Minutes of the September 9, 2020 meeting were approved.

Old Business

Gene Rosner recognition at Ophelia/Kennett corner – (Millie) We are in the process of getting street sign. (Joan) – Money raised for sign is going to OPDC for the time being. OPDC has accepted checks that have been donated. Once located, they will write check to History and Landmarks to pay for sign. Once History and Landmarks receives the check, sign will be ordered and they will prepare plaque.

OCO becoming a non-profit as part of RCO application – (Elena). Need 2 papers from state. Then federal form gets mailed. Waiting for response.

Capital Budget process for Lawn St Promenade – No one in attendance from the city to give update.

Niagara Playground – Progressing. Grand opening ceremony?

Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater retention area – No one in attendance to give update.

Active Allegheny Grant Program - (Elena) Jeff looked into grant and replied via email. He feels we are not *yet* prepared to apply. We are lacking key details such as budget details, formal approval, project manager. Joan + Elena think we should do further research to decide if we should proceed.

New Business

Bank Account in progress. Opening regular account then will switch to nonprofit status.

OPDC Bulletin Board outside laundry. We need to ask them to post items.

Elsinore St. Paving – PWSA cleaned out mud. Will continue to push for further repairs.

Handicap Ramps – Joe Hammer/Ophelia St intersection. One will be removed. Will likely leave 1 and paint over second.

University Off Campus Ambassadors.- (Hanna) about 30 ambassadors. Daytime and evening until 8. Engaging with community. Making sure people are wearing masks. Hope to have hand sanitizer soon.

Pitt - (Evelyn) She is helping plan long term events with Pitt. Here to introduce herself and get to know community.

Reports

University of Pittsburgh – Updates were attached to zoom invite.

Oakwatch – (Elena) Noon. Zoom. Week from today. Speaker TBA. Also - Ticketing people are doing regular enforcement.

3221 Kennett – Ricardi court for over occupancy. 3202 Niagara (Redlinger House) Under investigation for over occupancy.

Neighborhood Plan for Oakland – (Elena) Action teams all had 1 meeting but neighbors can still join. [Engage.pittsburghpa.gov/Oakland](https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/Oakland) Need more neighbors to attend.

Round Robin Questions/Concerns

Millie – next to 304 Ophelia. Guys have propane fueled bbq and charcoal burner under balcony. Number of chairs – parties? Called Fire Dept. Concerned about safety of propane. Not getting satisfactory answer.

Joan – Good neighbor awards. Recommends following because of their donations: Lavelle - \$500 donation. Jardini \$200 Wheatly - \$150 to get us to \$1000 level. Millie – Donnie for wonderful garden.

Joan moves to reinstate good neighbor award. Millie second. Group in favor.

Millie recording meeting. Millie can upload to drop box but they are only there temporarily and it is extra work.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, November 11 @ 7 pm via Zoom.

This is Veteran's Day. Is that going to be a problem?

Meeting for November moved to Thursday, November 12th.

Adjourned

Meeting was adjourned at 8:12PM by Michelle Panasiuk. The next Oakcliffe meeting will take place on Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7 PM via Zoom.

