

Oakcliffe Community Organization

Meeting Minutes

June 10, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 10, 2020 by Elena Zaitsoff. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com.

Present

Elena Zaitsoff
Millie Sass
Dave Panasiuk
Michelle Panasiuk
Geoff Becker
Jamie Ducar
Joan Dickerson
Liz Grey
Greg Fisher
Alex Toner
Pam Lupinacci
Hersh Merenstein
Mark Oleniacz

New Business

Greenway/ Promenade Time again for capital budget allocations. Millie suggests that we work on proposal and request that Krauss resubmit plan to capital budget. Possibly add photos, history, etc. to gain interest.

OCO Seeking Nonprofit Status OCO is looking into becoming a Registered Community Organization. Communities must become their own nonprofit or have a nonprofit pass through to do so. Not able to find nonprofit pass through. To become nonprofit we must complete paperwork and advertising. Costs are involved. \$125 to state, \$ 275 federal, \$75 advertising notice in legal journal plus about same for Post Gazette. Organization would need liability insurance.

Motion for OCO pursue becoming a nonprofit organization. Motion by Joan. Second by Dave. Vote: Geoff opposed. In Favor: Millie, Elena, Greg, Joan, Dave, Michelle, and Pam.

Motion to uses all necessary OCO funds up to \$1000 to pay fees and advertising for OCO to become nonprofit. Motion by Dave. Second by Michelle. Vote: In favor: Millie, Greg, Joan, Dave, Michelle, Elena, and Pam . Opposed: Geoff.

Gene Rosner Recognition (Millie/ Joan) Former owner of corner store at Ophelia and Kennett and former Oakcliffe property owner. Recently passed away. Joan and Millie propose we honor him with marker/street sign near corner store. Hersh said Mayor may be willing to help. He will look in to it. Joan and Millie will move forward with plans.

New Niagara St Playground Hersh said project was bid on and should break ground shortly after 4th of July. Project should only take a few months.

Lawn & Ophelia Rain Garden Hersh reports that planners hope to finalize plan over summer and meet with community at later date.

Building on Boulevard remodel Harvey Light emailed to say remodel has been delayed due to Covid-19 and permit delays. Will give future updates.

Wexford Scientific Building (Former CVS building) Developer lost their case to build higher than code. Appealed. Community benefit agreement was negotiated with OPDC. As a result , 3 community groups do not feel they were being represented. There was a vote to file an appeal in the event the petition was lost to intervene. Wexford fought. Judge was to decide today. Geoff notes that OPDC did not support or oppose. They “removed their objection”.

Oakwatch / Liz Oakland Survey part of neighborhood plan. Ask people to fill out survey. 2020 Census in trouble. Needs people to fill out. Door to door workers were not allowed to knock on doors due to pandemic.

Magee Hospital chillers have been removed. New generator building to be built.

PITT (Jamie) PITT students welcome week Aug 10th. Classes begin Aug 19. In person classes end Nov 20th. Students will not return until Jan 4th. Hybrid classes - all classes may be taken remotely.

Students on roofs (Pam) Concerned that students are running across rooftops and partying.

Meeting was adjourned by Elena Zaitsoff. The next general meeting will take place on July 8, 2020 at 7PM on Zoom.com.