

Oakcliffe Community Organization
Meeting Minutes– Wednesday, April 14, 2021

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 14, 2021 by Michelle Panasiuk. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com. It was recorded.

Attendance

Dave Panasiuk, Michelle Panasiuk, Elena Zaitsoff, Millie Sass, Mavis Rainey, Liz Gray, Danielle Rodriguez, Chavaysha Chaney, Geof Becker, Joann Cohen, Eric Williams, Pam Lupinacci, Alex Toner, Jamie Ducar, Greg Fisher, Joan Dickerson, John Berkman

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the March 10, 2021 meeting were approved. Elena motioned. John Berkman 2nd. Unanimous approved.

Old Business

- a. **Gene Rosner plaque dedication at Ophelia/Kennett corner** – (Millie)
Plaque dedication on April 15th at 6PM. Candi Shapiro, mother + family will attend. Other expected attendees are Eric Williams/ Hersh Merenstein/ Bruce Krauss/ Jake Wheatley. Covid guidelines apply.
- b. **OCO becoming a non-profit as part of RCO application** – Nothing new to report
- c. **Renaming Niagara Parklet** – (Elena) – Naming commission asked for extension. OCO agreed. Waiting for City Council.
- d. Pam recommended park closes at dusk and leash dogs signs be posted at the playground.

New Business

- a. **Residential Permit Parking Survey** - closes 4/25
You can fill out survey multiple times if you forget to mention something. Suggests each areas need are different so each needs to be addressed separately. 2016 before nonsticker program our area was 30% oversubscribed. We are now 58% oversubscribed.
 - People getting legal permits but don't live here.
 - Parking on sidewalk regularly

- Some students have cars that don't really need them but don't want to take public transportation due to covid.

Reports

University of Pittsburgh – (Alex Toner & Jamie Ducar)– Shelter in Place in effect to keep campus safe to end of term. Report concerns to hotline. Pitt has students working as Covid Ambassadors. Out normally in the afternoons. Not see too many people out. Giving masks and information to those they see. Pitt is planning hybrid graduation at Petersen.

Jamie - May to Aug 2021 demo of parking garage. Then demo of RIDC Aug to Jan. New rec center will start building in spring of 2022. 18 – 20 month time line. 1 lane both directions will be maintained. Parking immediately adjacent to site will be removed.

Panera – rumors that it was closing. Not in master plan. Pitt owns property. Anything happening there will go through community process. Nothing to speak about at this time. Workers at Panera said lease would not be renewed but did not know when lease ended.

Office of the Mayor – (Eric Williams) –

Covid rental assistance program available

2021 Paving Season starting

Pot hole blitz - crews working 12 hour shifts. Report holes to 311.

Sat April 24 spring yard debris clean up.

Street cleaning has started but no ticketing.

OPDC – (Liz Gray) –

Call 911 for cars parked in front of fire hydrant or corner handicap ramps.

Landlords meeting coming up.

No Oakcliffe streets included in this years paving schedule.

Port-a-john on Lawn St was removed.

Hamlet Street camera reinstalled.

Oakwatch – Meeting: Wednesday, April 21 at noon via Zoom.

Neighborhood Plan for Oakland - Action teams still active and accepting new participants.

Round Robin Questions/Concerns

Millie – Oakland Ave to stay closed through Dec.

Greg concerned about speeding on Lawn St. Wondering if speed bumps would work. Speeding on Hamlet also. Eric said there would need to be an application for traffic calming. It's a form to fill out.

Next Meeting – Wednesday, May 12 at 7 pm via Zoom