

**Oakcliffe Community Organization**  
**Meeting Minutes– Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on May 12, 2021 by Dave Panasiuk. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com. It was recorded.

**Attendance**

Elena Zaitsoff, Dave Panasiuk, Michelle Panasiuk, Millie Sass, Derek Dauphin, Alex Toner, Mark Oleniacz, Greg Fisher, Liz Gray, Terry Rajasenan, Jessica Chau, HK Stevens Jr.

**Approval of Minutes**

Approval of minutes of April 14, 2021 meeting – Elena motioned to approve. Millie second. All in favor. Minutes approved.

**New Business**

- a. Oakland Plan Project Team workshops and tours (Derek Dauphin) -  
Virtual workshops and tours at 2 locations – Location 1 - Boulevard Of The Allies & Zulena Street Location 2 – Forbes Ave & Meyran Ave.
  - Isaleys building./ Zulema - Plan to keep Isaly building. Seeking community input on what to put in around building. Zulema site – Likely to be developed sooner.
  - Forbes site – current parking garage.
  - Zulema St. - Mention of closing street to allow better access to park. Street is used and necessary to the community. Why push to close it?
  - Possible rezoning of Oakcliffe to mixed use. Can mean large office buldings as well as small corner stores. Opens us up to big business. Some residents feel rezoning should be considered on case by case basis.
  - Derek will come back next month to continue conversation.
  - Want to change zoning on Blvd. But why necessary since it's already commercial?
- b. Residential Permit Parking Survey - closed 4/25  
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/rpp-program-updates>  
Public meeting(s) to be held – none scheduled yet.
- c. Rosalie Panasiuk will be helping to keep website updated.
- d. Group insurance needed now that it's 501c3. Fundraise for insurance?

## **Old Business**

a. Gene Rosner plaque dedication at Ophelia/Kennett corner – Occurred as planned. Well attended. Plaque now installed. Candi Shapiro said she may consider a donation in future.

b. OCO becoming a non-profit as part of RCO application – We are official!! We are in the process of completing our RCO application. Dave will open a checking account for the group.

c. Renaming Niagara Parklet – City Council hearing - May 25 at 1:30pm. Naming commission sent to city council. 1<sup>st</sup> vote occurred. City Council over ride unanimously. Hearing will occur then city council will vote again. You can sign up to speak at the hearing. Comments to be sent via email.

## **Reports**

### **University of Pittsburgh (Alex)**

- Successful spring term.
- Demolition of Ohara garage started.
- Community Leisure Learn offering summer virtual camps for kids.
- Osher Life Long Learning taking applications now.
- Fall term begins Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. No word on how classes will look – capacity, restrictions etc.
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**Oakland Planning and Development Corporation** –Zone 4 Public safety meeting on Thursday May 20 - 6 pm – zoom.

**Oakwatch** – Wednesday, May 19 at 6 pm via Zoom

**Neighborhood Plan for Oakland** – Suggestion has been made to change zoning in residential part of South Oakland. Comments can be made at:

<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/index.php?cID=581>

## **Round Robin Questions/Concerns**

- Millie reported one abandoned vehicle.
- Amazon Smile – Select Oakcliffe Community Group Of South Oakland on Amazon Smile and Amazon will donate portion of your cost to Oakcliffe.

**Next Meeting** – Next Meeting – Wednesday, June 9 at 7 pm via Zoom

