

Oakcliffe Community Organization

Meeting Minutes– Wednesday, June 14, 2023

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on June 14, 2023 by Elena Zaitsoff. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.

Present

Millie Sass, Liz Gray, Geoff Becker, Greg Fisher, Joan Dickerson, John Berkman, Justin Dandoy, Akriti Mishra, Elena Zaitsoff

Old Business

a. OCO in-person meeting – CHS has responded that the former Community Center on Lawn Street will not be made available to OCO for in-person meetings. It was decided to pursue the UPMC Professional Building on Craft Place, where we held one meeting prior to the pandemic.

b. Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater Retention Park –The grates have been cleaned out.

c. Oakcliffe Greenway – The requested documentation regarding community engagement was submitted. No response from Mayor's office or Councilman Kraus' office as to \$200,000 funds earmarked for it.

d. Oakland Plan – City Planning requested OCO to prioritize projects in 0-2 year range. A committee met on April 18 and chose Community Service Hubs, Community Reinvestment Board, and Employer Assisted Housing. City Planning reports that Community Service Hubs and a Mobility Study will be first projects studied.

e. Oakland Pride apartment building – A Development Activities Meeting was held on June 12. OCO to consider a letter of support for the Planning Commission.

New Business

a. Panther Connect opportunity – On Monday, July 10, twenty incoming freshmen will be picking up trash in Oakcliffe.

Reports

University of Pittsburgh: Send justin.dandoy@pitt.edu if you did not get a physical copy of the Pitt News from your Neighbor. Extras will be placed in the Oakcliffe laundry.

Clutter for a Couse events at Zulema Park on July 20 and July 27 from 9-1.

OPDC:

Joe Hammer sinkhole was from a collapsed sewer pipe.

3201 Joe Hammer – Housing court on July 27 for weeds, debris, sidewalk

3101 Niagara – CLT house on the market

325 Lawn – Zoning hearing on June 15 for change to two-unit

202 Ophelia – withdrawn from housing court because issues were abated

3114 Niagara – back has been boarded up more and is deemed acceptable by City

1 Ayres – sold at sheriff's sale

31-33 Lawn - illegal deck for illegal music shows has been dismantled

386 Lawn – owner of this empty lot is working on other projects

Next OCO Meeting Wednesday, July 12 at 7 pm by Zoom