



## **Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, April 13, 2022, 7 pm**

(Meetings will be held via Zoom until further notice. Meetings are recorded.)

### **I. Introductions**

### **II. Approval of minutes** of February 9, 2022 meeting – see attached

### **III. Old Business**

#### **a. Neighborhood Plan for Oakland**

The PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT of the plan can be found at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/oakland>. Comment period extended to May 1 - comments from residents are needed. Next action will be a Planning Commission hearing on May 17; see <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/planning-commission> for information on providing public comment and submitting a letter to the Planning Commission.

#### **b. Walnut Capital's Oakland Crossings Zoning Ordinance #2021-1906**

Planning Commission has made a recommendation to City Council to adopt with some recommendations. See attached for full text of the code. City Council will hold a public hearing on it; date unknown. See <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/planning-commission> for information on providing public comment and submitting a letter to the members of City Council.

#### **c. Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater Project** - PWSA is planning a virtual community meeting for the Lawn and Ophelia Green Infrastructure project tentatively for May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. The project should start construction mid to late June and should be completed in the fall, most likely end of October.

#### **d. RCO status** – OCO is officially a Registered Community Organization with the City of Pittsburgh!

#### **e. 3221 Kennett St** – We won our appeal in the Court of Common Pleas to have it remain a single family dwelling. Decision Is not being appealed.

### **IV. New Business**

#### **a. Oakland Pride / Presbyterian SeniorCare Network Senior LGBTQ+ Housing** <https://www.opdc.org/design-development-review-projects/2021/8/10/psc-senior-lgbtq-housing>

#### **b. Pittsburgh Wayfinding Project** -

Development Activities Meeting – Thurs, April 21 at 5:30 via Zoom – see attached flyer  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88145016520>

**V. Reports**

- a. University of Pittsburgh - see attached flyer
- b. Office of the Mayor
- c. City Council
- d. Oakland Transportation Management Association
- e. Oakland Planning and Development Corporation

**VI. Round Robin Questions/Concerns**

**VII. Next OCO Meeting** – Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom

## For Your Information:

- 1) **Street Cleaning** to start in April – **will be issuing tickets.**
- 2) **Residential Parking Permit Program Ordinance #2021-1867** was passed by City Council. Its implementation is unclear as more resources are needed for enforcement and administration. Changes include Dept of City Planning no longer being involved in making regulations and setting policy with unclear roles of Parking Authority and Dept of Mobility and Infrastructure to do so, developing hybrid districts, and new non-resident permit types for landlords, contractors, medical care workers, and childcare providers. Links to the existing code, legislation, and an explanation of hybrid parking can be found here: <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/rpp-program-updates>  
Questions about the ordinance can be sent to [rpp@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:rpp@pittsburghpa.gov) and [andrew.dash@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:andrew.dash@pittsburghpa.gov)  
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- 3) **Niagara Parklet Ribbon Cutting ceremony** – Councilman Kraus' office has agreed to coordinate, but no action on it yet.
- 4) **2610 Forbes Ave** – city-owned condemned house – advocate for its demolition at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/pli-demolition-engagement>
- 5) **City Council email addresses:**  
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- 6) **Crisis Funding Available for PWSA Customers** - PWSA Press Release 01/05/2022  
Grants are now open to customers who need help with water bills or who are facing a loss of water service. <https://www.pgh2o.com/news-events/news/press-release/2022-01-05-crisis-funding-available-pwsa-customers-0>
- 7) **Capital Budget** - \$200,000 has been allotted for the Oakcliffe Greenway project for a Geotech study of the cliff. No further information at this time.
- 8) **University of Pittsburgh**
  1. The Office of PittServes continues to have grant funding available for volunteer-based projects that involve community partners, up to \$3,000 per proposal. Proposal can be centered around a Pitt Signature Day of Service (like March's upcoming Be A Good Neighbor Day) or, via a mini-grant opportunity. Project should reflect the following – check out the full criteria on here: <https://volunteer.pitt.edu/grants>:
    - a. A project that addresses an unmet community need want, that funds and person-power can help to implement.
    - b. A plan for long-term sustainability of the project, that may include continued engagement of Pitt students, staff, or faculty.
    - c. A collaborative effort of two or more community-based agencies and residents.
    - d. A commitment to environmental sustainability, focusing on reuse, recycle and (if needed) purchase of sustainable materials.

These grants could provide a very useful boost for small-to-medium sized neighbor quality of life projects across Oakland this spring. Contact Jamie Ducar to brainstorm ideas or step through the application with all interested persons – please contact her directly at [jameducar@pitt.edu](mailto:jameducar@pitt.edu) . Applications will be considered on a rolling basis or until funds are no longer available.