



Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, March 9, 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

Stephanie Joy Everett – Oakland Plan Project Manager, Dept of City Planning
Andrew Dash – Deputy Director of City Planning

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

Report on the Planning Commission hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 8.

c. Liability Insurance for OCO

d. RCO application

e. 3221 Kennett St – We won our appeal in the Court of Common Pleas to have it remain a single family dwelling.

IV. New Business

V. Reports

a. University of Pittsburgh - see information attached

b. Office of the Mayor

Rebekkah Ranallo – Neighborhood Services Manager

Jessica Ferrell – Neighborhood Services Coordinator

Chrisarah Johnson – Community Liaison

c. City Council

d. Oakland Transportation Management Association

e. Oakland Planning and Development Corporation

VI. Round Robin Questions/Concerns

VII. Next OCO Meeting – Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7 pm via Zoom

For Your Information:

1) **Street Cleaning** to start in April – will give warning tickets for first month.

2) Neighborhood Plan for Oakland

From <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/oakland>

“Over the last year, Action Teams met monthly to review input from last summer's online open house which attracted ~2,500 visitors who made ~800 comments, reviewed data, heard from local and national experts, and generated a set of strategies.” The Steering Committee is reviewing a draft of the strategies and working to integrate public comments and strategies into a draft plan. **It includes making all RPP areas in Oakland hybrid.**

You can click the links on that page to go to each Action Team's page, review strategies and the input received.

3) Walnut Capital's Oakland Crossings Zoning Ordinance #2021-1906

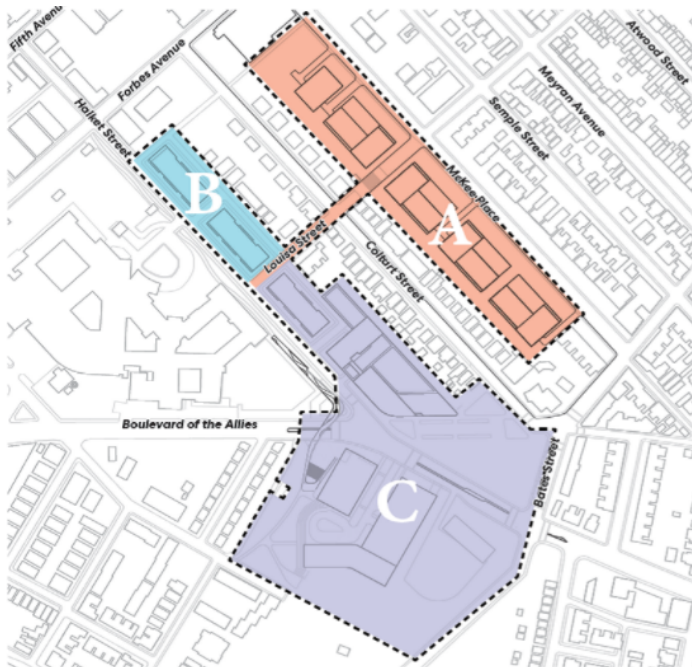
This ordinance calls for a zoning change for the Isaly's site, the Panera on the Blvd site, Zulema Park, Zulema Street, Halket Street, and McKee Place. The Planning Commission hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, March

8. The proposed ordinance:

<https://pittsburgh.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5142329&GUID=9062D907-C667-40D3-A042-49A9EE86787C&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=2021-1906&FullText=1>

Walnut Capital's presentation prepared for postponed Jan 11, 2022 Planning Commission hearing:

https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/16949_Council_Bill_2021-1906_OPR-E_2022-01-11_Hearing_Presentation_updated_WEB.pdf



4) **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 and andrew.dash@pittsburghpa.gov

Comments can be sent to bruce.kraus@pittsburghpa.gov and daniel.lavelle@pittsburghpa.gov

5) **Niagara Parklet Ribbon Cutting ceremony** – Councilman Kraus' office has agreed to

coordinate, but no action on it yet.

- 6) **2610 Forbes Ave** – city-owned condemned house – advocate for its demolition at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/pli-demolition-engagement>

7) **City Council email addresses:**

bruce.kraus@pittsburghpa.gov and his Chief-of-Staff brosha.tkacheva@pittsburghpa.gov
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- 8) **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>

- 9) **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.

10) **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 jamieducar@pitt.edu .

2. Pitt is soliciting projects for Be A Good Neighbor Day on Saturday, March 26. [Complete the form linked here](#) to submit your interest; email Jamie Ducar directly at jamieducar@pitt.edu with questions.
3. Pitt News is looking for a member of the Oakland community to sit on the Pitt News Advisory Board. The Pitt News is striving to be even more of a factor in reporting all things Oakland. If interested, contact Rich Lord at rich@publicsource.org

11) **News from State Senator Fontana's office:**

<https://enews.senatorfontana.com/mail/util.cfm?gpiv=2100167518.2089.362&gen=1>