



OAKCLIFFE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF SOUTH OAKLAND

Meeting Agenda – Wednesday, March 8, 2023, 7 pm

(This meeting will be held via Zoom. Meetings are recorded.)

I. Introductions

II. Approval of February minutes– minutes provided in a separate email

III. Old Business

- a. Oakland Plan rezoning <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/oakland/oakland-zoning>
- b. Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater Retention Park – ribbon cutting

IV. New Business

- a. Status of Registered Community Organizations
survey at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/registered-community-organizations-program>

V. Reports

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

VI. Round Robin Questions/Concerns

VII. Next OCO Meeting - Wednesday, April 12 at 7 pm by Zoom

For Your Information:

- a. **2610 Forbes Ave** – city-owned condemned house – advocate for its demolition at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/pli-demolition-engagement>. It is close to moving up into the next demolition category.
- b. **Walnut Capital's "Parcel A" proposal for Panera site and Halket Street from Panera up to Louisa** – this project has been put on "pause"
- c. **Zone 4 Public Safety meetings** – third Thursday of every month at 6:30 pm.
Email pghzone4publicsafetycouncil@gmail.com for Zoom invite.
- d. **Oakcliffe Greenway** - \$200,000 has been allotted for the Oakcliffe Greenway project from the Capital Budget. Our priorities as determined at our June meeting have been sent to Councilman Kraus.
- e. **Quality of Life Ticketing** - Bill has been introduced in City Council.
<https://pittsburgh.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5863136&GUID=B425D2FE-1512-42DD-B43B-C11CFADBC73A&Options=ID%7CText%7C&Search=Quality+of+Life&FullText=1>
- f. **Anderson Playground Renovation**- <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/anderson>
- g. **Oakland Pride residential building** – corner of Forbes and Craft Ave – construction expected to begin this summer; there have been no design changes from what we were shown.
- h. **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
- i. **Pittsburgh Residents Can Now Drop Off E-Waste and Household Chemicals for Recycling**
<https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/electronic-waste-disposal>
- j. **Link to Oakland Construction Map**
<http://www.otma-pgh.org/news/smart-commute/new-construction-resource-map-shows-transportation-related-construction-projects->
- k. **Crisis Funding Available for PWSA Customers**
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>

I. Wayfinding Presentation

https://downtownpittsburgh.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/Pittsburgh-Pedestrian-Wayfinding-Project-Overview-DAM-Presentation_4.25.22-V2.pdf

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n. AARP Community Challenge Grants

AARP has opened its Community Challenge grant program for the 7th year with some exciting new funding opportunities added! This program funds quick-action projects to make communities more livable and jump-start long-term change.

Applications are being accepted now through March 15 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time and must be submitted through AARP.org/CommunityChallenge. Projects must be completed by November 30, 2023. The program is open to 501(c)(3), 501(c)(4), 501(c)(6) nonprofits and government entities.

In 2023, the AARP Community Challenge is accepting applications for projects that benefit residents (especially those age 50 and older) across three different grant opportunities, two of which are new this year:

□ Flagship Grants

This is AARP's flagship Community Challenge grant program where grants have ranged from several hundred dollars for smaller, short-term activities to tens of thousands of dollars for larger projects. These grants will support projects that improve **public places; transportation; housing; diversity, equity and inclusion; digital connections; community resilience; civic engagement; and community health and economic empowerment.**

□ NEW in 2023! Capacity-Building Microgrants

This new opportunity combines \$2,500 grants with additional resources, such as webinars, cohort learning opportunities, up to two hours of one-on-one coaching from [America Walks](#) or [880 Cities](#), and AARP publications. These new grants will accept applications for projects that support **Walkability** and **Community Gardens**.

□ NEW in 2023! Demonstration Grants

Supporting demonstration efforts that encourage replication of promising local efforts, this new grant opportunity will accept applications for projects that **build capacity towards transportation systems change** and **accessory dwelling unit (ADU) design competitions**.

Since 2017, AARP has awarded over 1,060 grants through the Community Challenge to organizations in all 50 states, D.C, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Past projects have demonstrated an ability to help grantees garner additional funds or support from public and private funders, encourage replication and overcome local policy barriers and receive greater overall awareness and engagement.

Please visit AARP.org/CommunityChallenge for more information and to see some of the past grantees in action – helping to revitalize alleyways, create vibrant public spaces, design safer crosswalks and much more! Feel free to email communitychallenge@aarp.org with any questions.