

Oakcliffe Community Organization

Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2020

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on July 8, 2020 by Dave Panasiuk. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com.

Present

Elena Zaitsoff
Millie Sass
Dave Panasiuk
Michelle Panasiuk
Joan Dickerson
Alex Toner
Mark Oleniacz
Candi Shapiro
Justin Shapiro
Joann Cohen
Bernie Swiech
John Birkman
Darlene Stevens

New Business

RCO Oakcliffe has applied to become a Registered Community Organization. Paperwork has been filed with the state and we are waiting for a response. The next step will be to file for an EIN number.

Greenway/ Promenade Letter has been sent to Bruce Krauss. He is will submit for consideration in the capital budget. Millie and Elena have updated previous year's letter. Five people will vote on which projects will receive funding. Those involved will be invited to Oakcliffe for a walk through so residents can present the greenway/promenade plan for their consideration. .

New Niagara St Playground Bidding has closed for project. Expected to break ground in 2-3 weeks.

Lawn & Ophelia Stormwater Retention No update. Project is still in design. We may get an update in the fall.

University Of Pittsburgh Updates (Alex) Fall planning is underway. Chancellor has released guidelines for students to return to campus. Term starts Aug. 19th. Week of Aug. 13th students will begin moving in. University has rented space in local hotels to loosen dorm density. Elena concerned that if students are housed at the Hampton it result in an increase of party goers in Oakcliffe.

City Of Pittsburgh Updates (Leah) Office of Community Health and Safety has created a new LGBTQIA+ Advisory Council to consist of 11 members. Currently seeking members to represent community.

2020 paving schedule is out. Liz concerned it will coincide with student move in/ move out dates.

Environmental Services is short staffed due to Covid-19. Please leave recycling out for pick-up.

Oakwatch Updates (Elena) Next zoom meeting July 15th at 6PM. Bruce Krauss will be featured speaker. Email question for Krauss in advance of meeting to OPDC.

Neighborhood Plan for Oakland will launch soon online. Waiting for more info.

Other Business

Joann would like to organize monthly meeting location for Jewish and Orthodox people to meet. Meet up would be for anyone interested in Orthodox or Jewish culture and religion. Joann has volunteered to organize.

Millie reported waterline break on Lawn ran down Elsinore Square. Mud is now covering storm drains. Complaint sent to PWSA. Leah will reach out to PWSA.

Meeting was adjourned by Dave Panasiuk. The next general meeting will take place on Zoom.com on August 12th at 7PM.