

Oakcliffe Community Organization
Meeting Minutes– Tuesday, August 10, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on August 10, 2022 by Dave Panasiuk. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com. It was recorded.

Minutes

Minutes from July 13, 2022 were approved. Motion by Howard. 2nd by Millie All in favor of approval.

Present

Michelle Panasiuk, Dave Panasiuk, Elena Zaitsoff, Joan Dickerson, Millie Sass, Liz Gray, Justin Dandoy, Greg Fisher, Geoffrey Becker, Sharon Ellinoff, Howard Stevens Jr., Bob Charland, Chisarah Johnson, Jamie Ducar, Mark Oleniacz

Old Business

a. Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater Project - The project has started. It is expected to take 4 months.

See the presentation given and recording of their May 16 meeting as well as the new traffic plan and other information at www.pgh2o.com/lawn-ophelia.

- Traffic ok. Road closed but allowing residents.
- Sink holes are getting worse between Hamlet and the park.

b. Walnut Capital's "Parcel A" proposal for Panera site and Halket Street from Panera up to Louisa – possibly at Planning Commission in September.

c. Neighborhood Plan for Oakland

The PUBLIC REVIEW DRAFT of the plan can be found at <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/oakland>. On June 14 the Planning Commission made a positive recommendation to City Council with some recommendations. It has not been sent to City Council yet.

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.

- Bob Charland – Confirmed that project is going to DOMI. Pleased to see plans were usable and professional – something to work from.

- DPW will be helping but project will be headed by DOMI.
- Letters of support helpful to get project moving.
- Separated in two parts – Overlook and lower trail. Overlook to be addressed first.

e. Quality of Life Ticketing

- On the spot ticketing for property violations.
- Focusing trash violations right now. Can apply to other violations in future.
- Letters of support helpful to get up and running.

Redistricting process has gone through. 3rd Council District, Kraus, will have all of Oakcliffe.

New Business

a. OCO Bylaws draft – Please read draft. We will discuss and vote in October.

Reports

- a. **University of Pittsburgh** – Justin + Jamie
 - Pitt police and Zone 4 Communication Improvement Plan – Working together. Ask community members to contact 911 and Pitt police to report violations.
 - Return to panel discussion for student seminars? Started planning but panel format was a challenge.
 - Students start move in next weekend. Classes start before Labor Day.
 - Arrival Survival? Doing full programing. Details undecided.

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- b. **Office of the Mayor** – Chrisarah

Environmental services going to Clean Pittsburgh Commission tomorrow for trash issues @ 11am.

Study showed correlation between trash and violence. Therefore taking trash seriously.

Neighborhood Economic Development Grant. <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/2022-NED-Grant>

c. **Oakland Planning and Development Corporation**

- 2610 Forbes being condemned. May be soon eligible for city funded demolition.
- 3114 Niagara St – condemned.
- 380 Lawn – empty lot – court on Sept 29th for weeds and debris. Must find owner. She may or may not show up in court.
- Let's Talk on 17th @ 6 – 7PM. Health oriented.

Next OCO Meeting – Wednesday, October 12 at 7 pm via Zoom

(September 14 “meeting” will be Pitt’s Be A Good Neighbor Block party at the Oakcliffe Community Playground.) 5 – 7PM.