

Oakcliffe Community Organization
Meeting Minutes– Tuesday, July 13, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on July 13, 2022 by Elena Zaitsoff. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com. It was recorded.

Minutes

Minutes from June 8, 2022 were approved. Motion by Elena. 2nd by Joan. All in favor of approval.

Present

Michelle Panasiuk, Elena Zaitsoff, Joan Dickerson, Millie Sass, Liz Gray, Mark Oleniacz, Pam Lupinacci, Justin Dandoy, Greg Fisher, Geoffrey Becker, Sharon Ellinoff, Rebekkah Ranallo,

Old Business

- a. **Walnut Capital's Oakland Crossings Zoning Ordinance #2021-1906** was passed by City Council.

- b. **Walnut Capital's proposal for Panera site and Halket Street from Panera up to Louisa**

Link to new presentation, made available on July 6:

<https://stradacloud.egnyte.com/fl/iwVfSuzTGS#folder-link/?p=e30039bc-e9fc-42fd-811a-6854eebe7834>

Link to the Development Activities Meeting on Monday, July 11 at 5:30:
Hearing in Sept. Public comment will be taken then.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84022095504>

- 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.

- d. **Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater Project** - The project start date has been moved to August because contractor didn't have enough crews. Work expected to take 4 months. Traffic plan has been changed as a result of comments by residents. 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.

No parking signs are already up starting July 18th. Work delayed to Aug - October.

- e. **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. No further information at this time. Andrea Ketzler is the park planner.

New Business

Quality of Life Ticketing –Goal for on the spot ticketing for weeds, garbage, etc. Similar to a parking ticket. Pay and correct the problem or argue the ticket.

V. Reports

University of Pittsburgh

Numbers of students from freshmen classes by class link:

<https://www.ir.pitt.edu/university-information/common-data-set>

2021-2022 – 4,875

2020-2021 – 4,230

2019-2020 – 4,026

2018-2019 – 4,126

2017-2018 – 4,019

Meetings between Pitt police and zone 4 – to start in August.

Block Party Sept 14 At Playground. Flyers to come.

Clutter For A Cause - Friday, July 29 and Mon Aug 1 drop off at Zulema Park.

Garbage education initiatives for students – Justin working on plan to address with students.

Oakcliffe Walking tour – Justin would like a volunteer to show him around the neighborhood and talk about history, projects, and problems.

Pitt employee incentive plan – Waiting for info. Hope to have by next meeting.

Panel for off campus living - Last year was a series of tables with papers. Previously a live discussion with speakers such as Liz, police, fair housing, lawyer, landlord, etc. Each represented a different aspect of off campus living. Hope to return future events to speaker format.

Hyacinth parking lot fence – Work in progress.

Office of the Mayor - Rebekkah.

Neighbors unhappy with Mayor's role in planning process for Oakland Crossings. Rebekkah asked for complaints to be written in email and she can try to get response.

Series of virtual trainings for new Agency Counter computer systems. Email Rebekkah for training info.

Oakland Planning and Development Corporation

Let's Talk - July 20th

Garbage Olympic – anyone interested in participating contact Liz.

Next OCO Meeting – Wednesday, Aug 10 at 7 pm via Zoom.

