

Oakcliffe Community Organization
Meeting Minutes– Tuesday, November 9, 2022

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on November 9, 2022 by Dave Panasiuk. The meeting was a virtual meeting conducted on Zoom.com. It was recorded.

Minutes

Minutes from October 12, 2022 were approved. Motion by Millie. 2nd by Elena. All in favor of approval.

Present

Michelle Panasiuk, Dave Panasiuk, Elena Zaitsoff, Joan Dickerson, Millie Sass, Pam Lupinacci, Kathy Gallagher, Howard Stevens Jr., Justin Dandoy, Jamie Ducar, Geoffrey Becker, Liz Gray, Rebekkah Ranallo, Mark Oleniacz

Presentation by the University of Pittsburgh Office of Engagement and Community Affairs - Jamie, Justin

- Engagement report
- Community.pitt.edu - Community Programs

Questions:

Subsidize sports programs for K-12? Each program is different but many do. Contact Jamie or Justin to ask for assistance. They will ask athletics for a fee waiver or if there are scholarship dollars available.

Lobby for transportation for residents? Residents would like to use Pitt vans. Want Pitt to lobby for nonstudent residents.

Update for employee housing incentive? Program for 15213 zip code. Going to be available to those renting and buying across all housing types. Better award for lower levels of income spectrum. Start date to be announced.

Old Business

a. Voting for OCO Board of Representatives

5 member board per our bylaws. Nominations were: Elena Zaitsoff, Michelle Panasiuk, Dave Panasiuk, Howard Stevens Jr., Joan Dickerson.

Motion to approve: Millie. Pam 2nd. All in favor.

b. Lawn/Ophelia Stormwater Project - Project is 90% complete.

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

- Fencing and damage to be completed. Also, new Lawn St sidewalk adjacent to park, more seating, more trees, crosswalk at Lawn and Ophelia juncture.
- Not installing fence along edge of park. Installed low wall instead. Concern is that skateboarders will use and damage wall.
- Temporary fencing along top portion of site to be replaced with permanent fencing.
- Neighbors would like walk through to discuss landscaping and finishing details.

b. OCO hybrid meetings

Possible locations:

- UPMC building
- CHS – said they were not ready for rentals and would need to consider amount of rent.

New Business

Reports

- a. Office of the Mayor
 - Rental Registration hearing pushed to spring.
 - National Search for new chief of police. Fill our survey to say what should be in job description,
 - Snow Angels – launching next week. Asking for volunteers.
 - Mayor's proposed budget. Going to city council next week for revisions.
 - Adding environmental enforcement manager. Plastic bag ban a focus.
- b. City Council
- c. University of Pittsburgh
 - Oakland Community Ambassador training to begin.
 - Community cleanup on Nov. 13th and Dec 4th. About 30 students.
 - Fall break Nov 20- to 27th.
- d. Oakland Planning and Development Corporation
 - DAM meeting

Sat Yard waste Pick up. Bundled.

17th Zone 4 Public safety Meeting holiday party.

16th – Lets Talk – Hard to recycle items. What to do with it...

e. Oakland Transportation Management Association

VI. Round Robin Questions/Concerns

- **Steps at end of Bates** – Damaged in storm last year. City has not repaired. Were told there is no money in the budget.
- Cars going up Kennett wrong way in front of Pam's house.
- Should not have to move from handicap parking for street cleaning.
- Scooters going wrong way on streets.

VII. Next OCO Meeting - Wednesday, January 11 at 7 pm (possibly Zoom and in-person)

We do not meet in December.