

Oakcliffe Community Organization
Meeting Minutes– Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Opening

The regular meeting of the Oakcliffe Community Organization was called to order at 7:00 PM on April 10, 2024 by Dave Panasiuk. The meeting was in person and virtual conducted on Zoom.com. It was recorded.

Present

Michelle Panasiuk, Dave Panasiuk, Elena Zaitsoff, Liz Gray, April Houser, Howard Stevens, Commander Vinansky, Millie Sass, Mavis Rainey, Lucy (student), Carmello (student), Officer Butch Zone 4, Anna MacKinnon Off student services at Pitt, Kate Brownlee, Officer Collelo

Minutes

Minutes of the March meeting were approved. Howard motioned. 2nd. By Elena Unanimous in favor.

Old Business

Lindy Paving - Submitted by Christine Graziano, Read by Elena -

- *No reply from Strassburger office regarding a meeting with Strassburger, Lavelle, Charland
- *Requested an update from Allegheny County Health Dept about Lindy permit for 2nd Ave - no response
- * The new Neville Island Lindy plant is being proposed
- * The camera is waiting for a part
- * GASP reports that their EPA grant is still winding its way through the system
- * Lindy ad hoc will meet on April 18 to do a final review of Options Document and decides next steps; full breadth of interested parties will be convened after that and will start to attend County Council and City Council meeting

Oakcliffe Greenway – No updates at this time.

[Lawn Street sidewalk project is on City Engage page](https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/lawn-street-promenade)
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Lawn Street Community Garden – Is indeed part of the greenway. Waiting to hear from law department about reinstating it as a community garden. Elena, Joan, and Justin met with Plant to Plate at the garden to see if they would like to garden there. Waiting for a report from them.

Water Catchment at Lawn and Ophelia– Garden has been cleaned up. General maintenance is scheduled for every four to six weeks.

New Business

Carmello & Lucy, Pitt Students - Treasure Trove Recycle project, furniture Apr 24-25 and Apr 26th at Sennot parking lot. Looking for larger furniture items that are usually not accepted at recycling events. Clutter for A Cause will be focused on smaller items.

Kate Brownlee – Pitt Vaccination Hub, Did mass vaccine clinics at Pete. University Pharmacy located next to Soldiers and Sailors, is open to public. Will validate parking if you park at Soldiers and Sailors. Offers most adult vaccines and travel vaccines. Hours vary.

Reports

OTMA – Outbound Armstrong Tunnel closed for at least a year.

Zone 4 Police – Gave update on cases occurring in Oakland during the past month.

Office Butch – Stats from this year have been almost the same as last. Major crime is down overall in the city.

CHS Food Bank – looking for a new location for food bank and a long term solution to traffic issues.

Officer Colello – Pitt Police have been out. Goal to slow down motorists and increase visitor safety.

Anna Mackennon – Reported on Treasure Trove Recycling project.

OPDC – Let's Talk – Clutter on 4/17

VI. Round Robin Questions/Concerns

VII. Next OCO Meeting – Wednesday May 8, at 7pm. It will be in person at 3240 Craft Place and virtually via Zoom.