

# **OAKCLIFFE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION OF SOUTH OAKLAND**

## **Meeting Minutes – Wednesday, February 7, 2024, 7 pm**

### **Opening**

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

### **Present**

Michelle Panasiuk, Elena Zaitsoff, Millie Sass, Howard Stevens, Liz Gray, Mark Oleniacz, Officer Collelo , April Houser, Joan Dickerson, Justin Dandoy, Mavis Rainey, Officer Vinansky

### **Minutes**

Minutes of the January meeting will be approved at the February meeting.

### **Old Business**

Lindy Paving:

Sat. Feb 24<sup>th</sup> 10 – 2 at CCAC Allegheny and Feb 15<sup>th</sup> 6-7:30 zoom: Upcoming meetings to discuss Lindy Paving and air pollution.

2/21 OPDC Lets Talk at 6PM discussing Lindy Paving and air pollution.

Camera functional on house on Fraiser St to take pictures of plumes of smoke. Watch out for Lindy activity . They will likely start to operate again as weather warms up. Report if you see activity.

Basecamp website with info, documents, emails, etc. is operational. Training to use website on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> , at Noon.

Oakcliffe Greenway:

Lawn Street sidewalk project is on City Engage page  
<https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/lawn-street-promenade>

Work expected to start on May 1<sup>st</sup>. No new information.

## **New Business**

Upcoming meetings:

Zoning - DAM on Monday. Want to change zoning on McKee to RMU. .Louisa St to Jewish Federation.

2<sup>nd</sup> zoning action: Movement to change zoning for detached vs attached housing to get more onto less land. Details to follow.

## **Reports**

**Zone 4 Police** – Commander Vinansky – 2 robberies since Dec to now. Starbucks on Center Ave and Rite Aid at 3700 block of Forbes. 1 aggravated assault on N Craig.

Neighbors discussed parking issues. Parking too close to corners, parking on sidewalks, etc. New study needs to be done. Existing data is outdated.

**University of Pittsburgh** – Justin Dandoy – Pitt is continuing to collect thoughts and ideas to alleviate parking problems.

Pitt Days of Service – Apr 6 requesting projects until April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Oakcliffe clean up March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Spring Break March 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup>.

**University of Pittsburgh Police- Officer Collelo** - April 16<sup>th</sup> Peeling Plate Day - Penn Dot will replace these damaged plates for free.

Will have extra officers out for St Patricks Day.

Zoom 4 Public Safety Meeting Feb 15th Jewish Community Center at 6:30.

**Oakland Planning and Development Corporation – Liz**

2/12 5:30 meeting. Zoom info on OPDC website.

Mavis Rainey reports comprehensive traffic study will begin soon. Neighborhood groups, major stake holders, institutions will be included in the discussion.

### **Transportation Management Association - Mavis**

#### **Round Robin Questions/Concerns –**

**Garden –** Cars parked where they shouldn't be.

Garden possible could be restarted by Pitt group. Justin said they are looking for space to garden. Group would manage with help from Pitt. Pitt may be able to send volunteers for initial cleanup.

**Next OCO Meeting –** Wednesday, March 13 at 7 pm.  
It will be in person at 3240 Craft Place and virtually via Zoom.