

OAKCLIFFE COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION

Meeting Minutes– Wednesday, May 8, 2024

OPENING

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

PRESENT

Elena Zaitsoff, April Howsare, Howard Stevens, Commander Vinansky, Millie Sass, Mavis Rainey, Officer Butch, Officer Collelo, Jasir Chavis, Cate LeCrone, Joan Dickerson, Dennis Howsare, Christian Umbach, Caitlyn Crowder, Justin Dandoy, Greg Fisher, Maymo, Sharon Elinoff

MINUTES

Minutes of the January and April minutes were approved. Millie motioned, 2nd. By Howard; unanimous in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Lindy Paving - Ricardo Llovet was added to the Lindy Ad Hoc Committee. Recommendation is to speak at the County Council meetings.

Oakcliffe Greenway – No updates at this time.

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

Lawn Street Community Garden – Plant-to-Plate group is ready to act on it.

NEW BUSINESS

Halket Street possible development – These notes are from a meeting with them and Joan and Elena -Trinitas Ventures is looking into developing the section of Halket St from Louisa St to Iroquois Way; considering 280 units consisting of studio, 1 2, and 3 bedroom units, with 10% inclusionary zoning in each of those categories; would pursue Performance Points to build higher than permitted; have sales agreements good for 2 years with the owners of the 12 houses; when asked for a meeting room and/or gym for community use, they said everything is on the table.

REPORTS

Community Human Services - No action has been taken on any suggestions to improve the traffic situation on Food Bank days or to find a new location for the Food Bank. Mavis and Councilman Charland are getting data from CHS as to where Food Bank clients live, considering does it need to be in Oakland as it is a County Agency. If clients are driving, a parking lot with shuttle is a possibility. The Isaly's lot was suggested. Nearby residents' reports: It seems the majority of people driving to

the food bank are families or older people; clients park illegally when there are legal spots; some students use it; we are told it is servicing Oakcliffe, but Oakcliffe's 80% students are not the majority of the users. No one from CHS was in attendance.

OTMA – Mavis is waiting to hear from RPP program manager regarding how Permit Area E gained 44 parking spots from 2019 to 2023, and what methodology was used to determine number of spaces.

City of Pittsburgh and Southwestern Pennsylvania Commission hosting a Public Meeting on the City's Transportation and Infrastructure Projects DOMI and Southwest PA Commission are hosting a public meeting (hybrid) to outline the next 4 years.

May is National Bike Month; first Open Streets is May 11 from Downtown to South Side.

Zone 4 Police – Commander Vinansky – Will get us April Statistics. Parking complaints were up, assault, burglary, and theft complaints were down.

Pitt - Information sheet will be switching to a digital newsletter. Block Party date is needed. Students are looking for service opportunities, including neighborhood clean-ups. In September, there will be a meeting on How To Be An Off Campus Student.

OPDC – Let's Talk – Mental Health - May 15 at 6 pm

ROUND ROBIN QUESTIONS/CONCERNS

- Not all streets are getting Street Cleaning
- Street Cleaning next week – remember to move your car!

NEXT OCO MEETING – Wednesday June 12, at 7pm. It will be in person at 3240 Craft Place and virtually via Zoom.