

Clean Pittsburgh Commission

March 9, 2023

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Chris Mitchell (Co-Chair), Erika Young (Secretary), Myrna Newman, Lori Beth Jones (Co-Chair), Omoye Aikhuele, Erin Tobin (Outreach Coordinator Chair)

Commission members absent: Jeff Skalican, NaTisha Washington, Rachel Nawrocki, Kelly Wacker, Erika Ninos, Sally Stadelman, Emily Potoczny, Detective Alphonso Sloan, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Sarah Kinter, Sara Alessio Shea (Treasurer)

Guests in attendance: Coleen Knecht, Anti-Litter Specialist; Ashley Seiler, Grounded; Rebecca Simon, Grounded; Joshua Schuneman, PRC Collection Events Manager, Chris Czambel, Anti-Litter Specialist; Kelsey Ripper, Friends of the Riverfront

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on March 9, 2023

Lori Beth read the Mission of the Clean Pittsburgh Commission:

The CPC values Community, Equity & Diversity, Capacity Building & Teamwork and Getting Dirty.

More information about our values and the bylaws of the CPC can be found at:
https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/10435_CPC.bylaws.pdf

Motion was made by Erika Young and seconded by Sarah Kinter to approve the agenda for the March 9, 2023. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Lori Beth Jones and seconded by Myrna Newman to approve the minutes from the November 10, 2022, meeting. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Chris Mitchell to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2023, meeting. Motion Carried.

III. Neighborhood of Focus

- Last Neighborhood of Focus was Esplen – the Commission needs to set a new Neighborhood of Focus.
- Previous Hazelwood, Beltzhoover/Hilltop, Perry South and Homewood
- CPC will dedicate time over the next year to look at and review criteria used when selecting a Neighborhood of Focus to use in the future

- A poll was taken to select the Hill District as the 2023 Neighborhood of Focus. All members voted unanimously in favor.
- A motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele to approve the Hill District as our new Neighborhood of Focus. Chris Mitchell seconded. Motion carried.
- The Hill District will be our Neighborhood of Focus through Fall 2024.
- Lori Beth will reach out to City Council and community groups in the Hill District.

IV. Finance Committee Updates – create monthly committee meetings

- Looking at a budget of about \$30,000 this year.
- Carryover from last year's budget will support \$,4800 to City Surveillance to support the illegal dumping cameras. We may need to allocate later this year.
- We also have carryover from Allegheny Cleanways and the Pennsylvania Resources Council that will be paid out of the 2023 budget.
- Looking at \$21,774.50 remaining for 2023.

V. Member organization updates

- Job posting for City of Pittsburgh Inspection Team Supervisor has been posted. Interviews are being scheduled. Also posted are positions to enforce the bag ban. This person will be working with inspection team at environmental services.
- City Planning is moving forward with composting initiative. Looking for up to 300 residents to test solutions. Information and signups are at Engage PGH page – search composting. A part-time position to support the initiative can be found at the Engage PGH website).
- PRC is hiring for a part-time position to help with zero-waste events. They are also looking for a part time role to support City of Pittsburgh collections. PRC has adjusted to springtime schedule and will now be collecting e-waste on Tuesdays from 2:00-6:00 and Thursdays from 3:00-7:00. Check out the PRC for upcoming collection events.
- Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Allegheny Cleanways hosted a cleanup at McKinley Park the weekend of March 11th. Earth month is coming up – a lot of project and events will be taking place.
- Grounded hosted Community Care kick off on April 7th and they are looking to expand more opportunities for advocacy around maintenance and creating advisory committees.
- Friends of the Riverfront will be planning an Earth Day event in South Side Riverfront Park. Litter League will be kicking off – it will be 6 weeks starting on Earth Day and ending the first week of June. Three big tournaments will be hosted. Finished filling neighborhood teams and are looking for Corporate teams to join.

VI. Adjourn

- Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Lori Beth Jones to adjourn the March meeting. Motion carried.

Next Virtual Meeting: April 13, 2023

CPC Members Call to Action: Social Media: Follow the CPC Facebook page! Share content with the CPC to use as engagement and empowerment on the platform and other social medial platform.

Remember: The Clean Pittsburgh Commission is on Social Media!



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