

Clean Pittsburgh Commission

September 14, 2023

I. Welcome and Introductions

Members in attendance: Chris Mitchell (Co-Chair), Lori Beth Jones (Co-Chair), Deborah Steinberg, Gisele Betances, Sara Alessio Shea (Treasurer), Kelsey Ripper, Omoye Aikhuele, Myrna Newman, Sanjeeb Manandhar, Erika Young (Secretary)

Commission members absent: Jeff Skalican, Detective Alphonso Sloan, Sarah Kinter, Becca Simon, Aftyn Giles (Financial Secretary), Erin Tobin (Outreach Coordinator Chair), Joshua Schuneman, PRC Collection Events Manager

Guests in attendance: Kayla Seifert, Humane Action Pittsburgh

II. Approval of Agenda and Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order on September 14, 2023

[Lori Beth read the Values Statement from the By Laws of the CPC](#)

Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Lori Beth Jones to approve the agenda for the September 14, 2023. Motion Carried.

III. Human Action Pittsburgh Campaign

- City working with Humane Action Pittsburgh to promote education on making sure residents know proper waste contaminant to make sure local wildlife is not effected
- Residents are calling 311 when they see wildlife on their property – City is able to provide a trap, but animals will be euthanized
- Not properly containing waste can lead to wildlife getting in to garbage
- Using secure lids on containers could prevent wildlife from coming on to the property
- Campaign will push to provide education and resources to residents to mitigate the issue
- www.loveyourwildneighbor.org – resource website created by Humane Action Pittsburgh
- Looking to place ads on bus shelters throughout the City

IV. Finance Committee Updates

- Good meeting to identify ways and processes on how to spend CPC money
- We have \$21,774.50 allocated from \$30,000 budget

- We incurred \$8,000 from 2022 funds – bringing our budget to \$38,000 for the year
- A motion was made to budget \$1,000 for Humane Action Pittsburgh to support the cost of signage - motion carried
- A motion was made by Sarah Alessio Shae and seconded by Erika Young to budget \$1,500 for Friends of the Riverfront Color Park– motion carried. Kelsey Ripper abstained
- A motion was made by Lori Beth Jones and seconded by Kelsey Ripper to budget an additional \$1,000 for the Garbage Olympics– motion carried
- The CPC will incur the \$10,000 for the Hill District Stair Stewardship project
- CPC would like to support City’s Plastic Bag Ban with a purchase of reusable bags but have a few questions: types of bags; distribution plan; opportunity to voice bag preference; durability; researching if people will actually carry the reusable bags. An email will be circulated with this information.

V. Adjourn

- Motion was made by Sara Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Myrna Newman to adjourn the August meeting. Motion carried.

Next Virtual Meeting: October 12, 2023

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