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Community Relations Committee
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Community Relations Committee Meeting
February 18, 2020
12:00 Noon-1:30 PM
Conference Room 918 William Pitt Union
University of Pittsburgh

Minutes

Attendees: Victor Bench, Wanda Wilson, Lina Dostilio, Jamie Ducar, Paul Supowitz, Amanda Ritchie, Dasia Williams, Mariarosaria De Rosa, Kelly Gilliam, David Salcido

Regrets: Amani Attia, Judy Callan, Tim Coleman, Jennifer White, Dominic DiSanto, Jacob Kariuki, Kenneth Batista, Andrea Kriska, Georgia Petropoulos, Mavis Rainey, Mary Beth McGrew, Jennifer Jones, James Williams III, Kenneth Thompson, Hannah Green, Eric Macadangdang.

Presiding: Jennifer Cousins and Shenay Jeffrey

Call to Order: 12:34

Welcome to Everyone and Introductions: Ice breaker – if you were a vending machine what would you be.

Approved minutes from January 21, 2020 meeting

First Issue: Development of Action Items and/or recommendation items that the committee would like to explore. The Carnegie Classification, which was approved in January 2020 was listed on the Senate Website as an action item. The committee would like to explore additional action items. Two main ideas arose: 1) assessing the recommendations that are necessary for the renewal of the Carnegie Classification that will begin in 2024. 2) Explore the Master Plan for areas that may need involvement from this committee. The website for the Master Plan is <https://www.campusplan.pitt.edu/>

Carnegie Classification on Engagement Update

CGR: Lina Dostilio - As of January, the University of Pittsburgh received the high honor of earning the Carnegie Classification for Community Engagement. This classification demonstrates how community engagement is a part of the institution, by way of multiple partnerships across the University and community. The Carnegie classification is for 6 years and the renewal process begins in 2024. The Community Engaged Scholarship Forum celebrates community engagement across the university. The celebration for the 2020 CESF is on March 3rd. The keynote speaker is Diana Bucco,

President, The Buhl Foundation, in addition there will be speaker panels and poster sessions about numerous community engagement projects and goals. The Faculty pre-conference is on Monday March 2nd from 11am to 3pm. More information can be found at cesf@pitt.edu.

Updates from Community Relations Liaisons and Engagement Officers at Pitt

CGR: Jamie Ducar – Continuing to see some great work in the Community Engagement Centers in the Hill District and Homewood. The website for the CEC's is cec.pitt.edu. Other information about upcoming and ongoing events can be found at <https://www.cgr.pitt.edu/>.

P.R.I.D.E. Program spring 2020 speaker series runs from February through September. The first event is on Tuesday February 25th with speaker Medina Jackson, MSW. The P.R.I.D.E. Program, which is affiliated with the The Office of Child Development helps to create a positive racial identity for youth. More information about this program can be found at <http://www.racepride.pitt.edu/speaker-series/>

PittServes: Be a good neighbor day will happen March 28th. About 20 sites throughout the city where volunteers can go paint or get ready for spring. More information can be found at volunteer@pitt.edu. Faculty and staff are encouraged to attend. There are still grants available from the Student Government Board. Information about the grants can be found at student affairs pittserves@pitt.edu. The focus of the grants is for student and/or faculty engagement or innovative or creative ideas around engagement that are being developed. Project must be completed by June 30th.

Updates from Community Pro-team Members and Partners

OPDC: *Wanda Wilson* - Oakland adopt-a-block program is on Saturday March 28th, volunteer from 10:30am to 12pm help clean up Oakland. Spring term tenant workshops start next week, Wednesday February 26th and Thursday February 27th. Panel of city, community experts, police, etc. to serve as a resource for Pitt rental students. More information on both of these can be found at <https://www.opdc.org/home-1>.

Oakland community land trust update on house renovations. There are more open houses on Robinson Street. The organization will be working towards building other houses on vacant lots in the area. The organization is starting another class called financial wellness, a 5-week series, 5 Wednesdays with dinner and childcare and individuals meet with a financial coach and learn about financial literacy, employment, services and financial coaching. All of this is geared to help build a journey toward better financial health. The next Oakland-wide Community Meeting is on Tuesday February 25th from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Oakland Career Center. The discussion will be the Carlow Master Plan.

OTMA: *Mavis Rainey*. The information below was submitted by Mavis for an update from OTMA.

Port Authority of Allegheny County Conducting System Wide Evaluations of Current Bus Stops

Calling all Port Authority transit riders! Did you know that the Port Authority of Allegheny County is currently in the process of conducting a system wide evaluation that will result in the consolidation of stops on a number of bus lines? <https://www.portauthority.org/inside-Port-Authority/projects-and-programs/bus-stop-consolidation/>. According to the Port Authority, *'Your bus stop is the welcome mat to our service. For a better transit experience, we plan to reduce the number of bus stops throughout our*

system to improve on-time performance while ensuring that you can safely and comfortably access our service’.

No bus stop consolidations have been proposed at this time in Oakland. Although the comment period has ended, [feedback is still being accepted here](#).

Waze.com Real-Time Traffic Congestion App

Free app that provides registered users with (a) real-time traffic congestion updates from other drivers in the area (b) the ability to preview driving directions and arrival times before beginning their commute.

For registered users of the Waze.com app, a new commuter service called Waze Carpool will be coming soon!

Although new to Waze, Waze Carpool is a fresh way to share the road and the cost of commuting. A cost-effective alternative to on-demand-services such as UBER and LYFT, Waze Carpool lets you choose to drive or ride with people already going your way, who are also registered with Waze.

Use the Waze app to drive and the Waze Carpool app to catch a ride. For more information visit www.waze.com/carpool

Oakland Plan: David Salcido – The steering committee for the Oakland plan is underway. A group of about 35 individuals comprised of staff, students, faculty from schools in Oakland, business representation and residents. One concern that has arose is the composition of the committee; does it represent Oakland? Discussions continue and the development of action items will begin later in the spring.

Final Updates

Tuesday March 3 from 5-8pm in Alumni holding information session on city bike lanes.
Update on Plan for Pitt information sessions and dates.

Adjourn: 1:26

Next CRC Meeting: Tuesday March 24, 2020 12:30 -2:00pm in WPU 918 Conference Room