

**Senate Community Relations Committee Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**April 20, 2010**

**Attendees:** Genevieve Barbee, Community Human Services; Dacia Beard, GSPH/BCHS; Denise Chisholm, Co-Chair; G. Reynolds Clark, Community Initiatives; Susan Hansen, Senate Liaison; Wesley M. Rohrer, Co-Chair; Wanda Wilson, OPDC; Steve Zupcic, Community Relations.

**Presentation: UCP/CLASS**

Melva Gooden-Ledbetter, Chief Professional Officer and Jeff Parker, Director, Human Resources shared information about UPC/CLASS.

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United Cerebral Palsy/Community Living and Support Services (UCP/CLASS) is a nonprofit organization that offers different services to individuals of varying abilities. Previously known as UCP of Pittsburgh, UCP/CLASS is growing into new regions, and expanding its services. UCP/CLASS is driven by organizational values that foster community inclusion for people with disabilities. UCP/CLASS offers a variety of individualized services ranging from independent living skills training in the classroom to the community-based case management for social, recreational, and residential supports.

Visit <http://www.ucpclass.org/> for more information on UCP/CLASS.

**Old Business:**

Minutes from CRC Meeting of March 16, 2010: Distributed and approved.

**New Business:**

Commonwealth Relations Committee luncheon - Representative Jaret Gibbons – Denise attended and provided a brief summary of the discussion.

Sustainability at Pitt Event – Denise attended and provided a brief summary of the panel discussion – visit <http://www.bluegoldandgreen.pitt.edu/> for more information.

Sprout Fund Grant for Public Art – Denise and Wes wrote a letter of support for the application submitted by Peoples Oakland.

Community Service Events – The No-Nonsense Food Drive – a Visit

<http://www.pittsburghfoodbank.org/pitt> Steve reminder everyone that only by donating through this site will your contribution be “credited” to the University of Pittsburgh, doubled by the Office of the Chancellor and purchase deep-discounted food that will be made available to the Oakland Food Pantry.

ONE: Pittsburgh (Oakland Neighbors Engaged) – Genevieve provided information that was sent out via email – she will provide additional information at the next meeting.

Free Health Screenings – Genevieve provided information that was sent out via email.

OPDC Update – Wand shared information about the Frazier Street Community Garden Project; South Oakland Community Day; National Night Out scheduled for August; and the Keep It Clean Oakland Program.

University Update – Renny shared that the removal of Children’s Hospital is planned to begin in May and the site will be a green space at least temporarily; the opening of the

park at the intersection of Darra/Terrace was a successful event; and Eat'n Park Hospitality Group is proposing to build a full-service sit-down restaurant in Schenley Plaza with completion expected in the spring 2011 – the name of the restaurant will be Currant – visit <http://www.post-gazette.com/pg/10079/1044306-53.stm> for more information.

**Future Meetings:**

Next CRC meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 18, from 12:00 – 2:00 pm.

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