

Clean Pittsburgh Commission March 12, 2026

Members in attendance:

Omoye Aikhuele (Co-Chair)
Lyssa Eberhardt (Co-Chair)
Aftyn Giles (Co-Treasurer)
Larson Scheller (Co-Treasurer)
Halena Procopio Ross (Outreach Coordinator)
Anna Bagwell
Emily Embrey
Pat Kelly (pending)
Sanjeeb Manandhar
Kelsey Ripper
Katie Wettick

Members absent:

Joshua Schuneman
Debbie Steinberg (Secretary)
Erin Tobin (pending)
Ben DeVore (pending)

Guests in attendance:

None

I. Welcome & Introductions

A. The meeting was called to order on March 12, 2025.

II. Agenda Review

A. Asked to move the Finance report up to earlier in the posted agenda


III. Minutes Review & Approval

A. Motion was made by Lyssa Eberhart and seconded by Larson Scheller to approve the minutes. Emily Embry abstained. Motion carried.

IV. Finance Committee (Aftyn Giles & Larson Scheller - Committee Co-chairs)

A. Aftyn Giles shared the current budget document.

1. No 2026 expenses as of date.
2. Reminder that \$500 approved for Sheraden outreach. Also \$11,000 encumbered from 2025 to be used for education collaboration programs.

3. Vouchers for e-waste collection questions - Helena to talk with Noble
 4. Tentatively reserve \$4000 for Garbage Olympics
 - B. Began discussion for a standard operating procedure (SOP) for submitting and selecting funding requests.
 1. Draft SOP:  Funding Approval SOP All Commissions to review in advance of the April meeting.
 - C. Reminder that the Finance Committee meets the Tuesday before the monthly CPC meeting, which is the 2nd Thursday of the month.
- V. Neighborhood of Focus Committee
- A. Suggestion to invite 311 staff to attend NOF community meetings, to provide instructions on submitting issues.
 1. Omoye Aikhuele inquired about existing resources to support a 311 presentation. Is there a one-pager?
 2. Hands-on work with MyBurgh app. 311 had a flyer about the app. The hands-on interaction seemed to lead to more reports.
 3. 311 verse 911 flyer. Emily Embrey to find or recreate.
 4. Good to share the digital file with partner organizations to print and have on hand as they are working in different neighborhoods.
 - B. Suggest moving monthly NOF meetings to quarterly. Moving from leading to supporting community organizations, so a good time to transition to fewer meetings as work is moving to the community members.
- VI. Membership Committee
- A. Actively seeking a representative from the Mayor's Office. Once they are on board we will have guidance on the process to get pending members approved.
- VII. Outreach Coordinator Update
- A. City website updated with member information
 - B. Annual Report progress:
 1. Seeking a few more photos for the annual report photo collage
 2. Waiting on a few more member updates and Co-Chair message
 3. Goal to finish and publish by end of March, please submit outstanding items to Helena by March 20th
 - C. Allegheny County recycling coordinator shared hard to recycle event information and wondered if this is better shared via the CPC social instead of City socials.

- D. Tabling at Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy Earth Day event, on April 18 from 1-4 at Frick Park.
- VIII. Advocacy Committee
- A. No meeting yet
- IX. Member organization updates
- A. COP - Office of Management and Budget: expanding zero waste plan and compost pilot. Bids close on Monday, March 16.
 - B. Allegheny CleanWays: Many cleanups occurring March and April, especially in advance of the Draft. Every Saturday in April will be hosting dump buster and litter cleanups. Big Earth Day cleanup on Sunday April 19 URA lot in Washington's Landing. Lots of opportunities to assist!
 - C. Friends of the Riverfront: Many opportunities! Check the website as they are adding more events all of the time.
 - D. PRC: announced the first 4 collection events in Allegheny County and surrounding counties. Butler area and Harmar area, North Park chemical collection, etc. Focus efforts on Mon Valley, hosting a pick up program to collect from individual's residences.
 - E. COP - Dept of Public Safety: working with city planning's Adopt a Lot program, on beautification of abandoned lots. Connections between, litter, blight, and public safety. Joined a cohort with Neighborhood Resilience on crime prevention through environmental design.
- X. Adjourn
- A. Motion was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Larson Scheller to adjourn the March meeting. Motion carried.

Next Virtual Meeting: April 2026