

Clean Pittsburgh Commission
August 13, 2026

Members in attendance:

Omoye Aikhuele (Co-Chair)
Lyssa Eberhardt (Co-Chair)
Aftyn Giles (Co-Treasurer)
Halena Procopio Ross (Outreach Coordinator)
Debbie Steinberg (Secretary)
Will Allison
Anna Bagwell
Pat Kelly (*pending*)
Juno Martin (*pending*)

Members absent:

Larson Scheller (Co-Treasurer)
Ben DeVore (*pending*)
Emily Embrey
Sanjeeb Manandhar
Kelsey Ripper
Erin Tobin (*pending*)
Katie Wettick

Guests in attendance:

Desmond Hargrove, Steel City Squash

I. Welcome & Introductions

A. The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am on August 13, 2026.

II. Minutes Review & Approval

A. Motion was made by Anna Bagwell and seconded by Will Allison to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

III. Guest Speaker: Desmond Hargrove with Steel City Squash

- A. Requests \$5000 mini grant funding for litter cleanup and beautification in Larimar. Funding for coordination, planning, marketing, and supplies for the event.
- B. Detailed funding proposal shared visually to attendees and reviewed the itemized requests.
- C. Committee members had no questions beyond what was presented

- D. Motion to approve \$5,000 mini grant funds to Steel City Squash was made by Omoye Aikhuele and seconded by Will Allison. Motion passed.

IV. Finance committee update

- A. Balance is \$19,121; remaining balance after approved expenditures is \$14,121
- B. Garbage Olympics funding update
 - 1. Deposit has been paid on the location for the event

V. Neighborhood of Focus (NoF) Committee update

- A. Mini-grant is still open until September 1. Encourage communities to submit a proposal!
- B. Camera program - currently working on placing a few anti-dumping cameras in the NoF neighborhoods.
- C. Halena updated that the city is working on planning a collection event in the NoF area. Need a parking lot space with drive through access. Reaching out to PPS, but have not heard back. Open to location suggestions.
- D. Education funding CleanWays received is working with PPS science liaison to present their education menu at their teacher inservice sessions at the start of school year. Teachers will be able to invite CleanWays to their classroom. Offering menu to any PPS school, not just NoF schools, and they are free.
- E. Need to decide on the 2027-2028 NOF. Voting in Oct or Nov.
 - 1. Current suggestions are:
 - a) District 9 - East Hills; CleanWays has received dumping reports. Repeat issues after cleanups. Other groups are also beginning to work on initiatives, so opportunities for collaboration.
 - b) District 4; council person is doing great litter work in this area
 - 2. Suggestion to set up an SOP on selecting NoFs. Want to have a process to not duplicate neighborhoods, to spread out footprint, and make sure selection of areas is consistent and equitable.

VI. Membership Committee update

- A. Confirmed with Will that Mayors Office is waiting until after recess to submit the commission recommendations. Pending members will receive information via email about next steps.

VII. Outreach Coordinator update

- A. Will continue website updates, adding agendas and minutes
- B. Garbage Olympics social media posts to be complete and posted
- C. Create a mini grant post to share via social media? Members feel that the word has been spread enough already, there is knowledge of a few proposals in the work, but prepare for next year's mini grants communication plan.
- D. NOF wrap up post scheduled for end of calendar year
 - 1. Review of work
 - 2. Shout out Sheraden Community Council

VIII. Advocacy Committee update

- A. Proposals to focus on preparation regarding Mayor's meeting and the CPC job position update. Will discuss with Erin or anyone else on the committee.
- B. Suggestion to host Mayor's meeting on regular committee day. Pending confirmation.

IX. Member organization updates

- A. The Garbage Olympics is celebrating its 10th year! September 19, hours for collection was shifted to 11am and the celebration will be hosted at Spirit. Visit <https://www.pghgo.org/> for info and to sign up.
- B. Allegheny CleanWays: September 15th is 3rd annual trash talk fundraiser: dinner with virtual speaker, the author of Total Garbage and Garbology.
- C. COP - Office of Management and Budget: Shore Thing is an enjoyable and exciting resource for the city to have.
- D. COP - Recycling Division: curbside HHW collection with Nobel has been going smoothly. Looking into weekly recycling and it's looking like a real possibility! Start in 2027.
- E. RiverLife: Omo mentioned that Shore Thing is an enjoyable and exciting resource for the city to have. Open through Oct 18. They are also collaborating with PRC on composting opportunities

X. Adjourn

A. Meeting adjourned at 11:16

Next Virtual Meeting: September 2026