

Oakland Landlord Alliance Meeting

09.12.2019

1. Welcome and Updates – Lizbeth Gray
2. Community Updates
 - a. Rooftop Partying
 - i. Tenants up on roof is violation – complaint would go directly to tenants and not landlords
 - ii. Asking landlords to take pictures so we can compile a file for it to be addressed
 - iii. Liz will make legislation available to all landlords
 - iv. Council President Bruce Kraus: Ordinance empowers police officer to tell people to come down from roof – cannot drink / party on roof. Imperative to call the police if residents are on the roof
 - b. Backyard fires/fire pits
 - i. Allegheny County Legislation – 15 ft. from building, no overhanging trees.
 - ii. No rubbish allowed to be burnt
 - iii. Fire Dept. will respond to complaints and can ban people from burning more fires in the future
 - iv. Landlords can put that in their lease
 - v. Council President Bruce Kraus: He will speak to law department about putting ban on fires in the lease
 - c. Landlord / tenant document – waste document
 - i. Is required by the city to be part of the lease
 - ii. Landlords required to go over trash regulations with their residents
 - iii. Council President Bruce Kraus – waste management is a major problem – highest year for reporting of rats
 - d. [Revised Recycling Rules](#)
 - e. Bi-Weekly recycling
 - i. Tenants have problem with putting out recycling every week vs when they are supposed to
 - ii. Tenants provided with magnets with dates ; can sign up for text message to remind them
 - iii. Oakland would love to see weekly recycling
 - iv. “When in doubt throw it out”
 - f. Front yard parking / unpermitted parking pads
 - i. Unless it is a specifically permitted parking pad people are NOT allowed to park in front yards
 - ii. Parking pads require permit / zoning process
 - g. Garbage Olympics
 - i. September 21st – encouraging landlords and their residents to participate in garbage Olympics
3. What do we do next summer?
 - a. Baggster Idea Out – 1 week to 10 day pick up

- b. DPW does not have manpower to send people out 3-4 times per week
 - c. Could potentially have landlords come together for a contract with private provider for that week for their properties – Liz to start contacting contractors to get #s
 - d. New regulations puts onus onto landlords vs tenants - Bruce to look into and will communicate
 - i. Should be going to the tenant vs the landlord
 - ii. When DPW sees violations - warning notice first to landlord and the resident ; if not corrected the landlord gets the violation
 - e. Issues with dumpsters – people who are not your residents putting trash in the dumpsters
 - f. Need cardboard recycling in Oakland
 - g. Program with Pitt went well but there was still so much good furniture left on the street
4. Pitt – Mark Villasenor
- a. Officer Guy Johnson and three other neighborhood offices are assigned to look at reports Thurs-Sunday and analyze on Monday to then do knock and talks that week.
 - b. Meeting with Councilwoman Strassburger – walk through of Dithridge and did knock and talk with her and City Police and other departments.
 - c. Officer Guy Johnson – Multiple Calls: S. Bouquet and Dawson courtyard currently big issue ; McKee Place and Semple – aggressive partying ; 364/366 Semple; 3746 Dawson got cited and has been quiet since ; new rebuilt duplex on Dawson has been an issue – no answers to knock and talk