



## FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

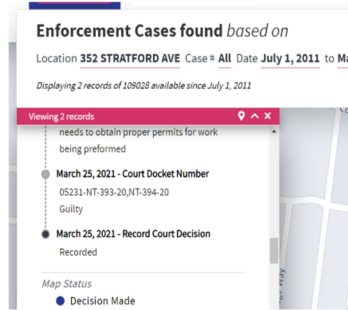
### Housing and Business Borders Committee Summary

**Meeting Date/Time:**      **Tuesday, July 6, 2021  
6:30 pm**

**Location:**                      **340 S. Evaline Street**

<p><b>Committee Members:</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Tom Youngs, Interim</p> <p><b>Board Member Representatives:</b> Tom Hritz, Joe Mattis, Danielle Novick</p> <p><b>Community Representatives:</b> Barbara Adams, John Axtell, Emily George, Jennifer Haven, Brian Sullivan</p>	<p><u><b>IN ATTENDANCE</b></u></p> <p>Tom Youngs</p> <p>Tom Hritz, Joe Mattis</p> <p>John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p>
<u><b>AGENDA ITEM</b></u>	<u><b>SUMMARY</b></u>
<p>2021 Goals Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Result of ranked choice voting for Committee name</li> </ul>	<p>Committee reviewed results of ranked-choice voting. Three names received the most votes – Housing and Business Borders Committee; Property and Planning Committee; and Zoning and Development Committee. Tom will issue a final poll for Committee members to choose a Committee name.</p>
<p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penn Plaza - Enright Park</li> <li>• Penn and Negley Intersection Issue (Brian)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A land transfer is expected in October 2021. Last planning meeting with City was held on April 26, 2021. Another meeting with the City is scheduled for July 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm over Zoom</li> <li>• While Brian was unable to attend, he did report through email, however, that Nick Ross from DOMI had not replied in regards to scheduling / participating in a meeting with FCG, BGC, DOMI and the Gumberg organization to talk about intersection improvements. Earlier email conversations between Nick and Brian indicated that Nick would add the topic to an upcoming</li> </ul>

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- Email from Sarah Kinter, PLI Director, 6/2/21 – “It does not appear that they obtained the proper permits per the initial citation. We should have immediately re-cited following closure. That did not happen. We will inspect and re-cite here again and connect internally with law on next steps. Thanks for flagging.”

- Goodblend

- Open house, 7/3/21

- 440 So. Aiken

- ZBA approved
- John will contact a near neighbor to offer FCG’s assistance

- Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard

- DAM on 6/22/21
- ZBA?
- FCG attorney expenses

planned meeting with the Gumberg organization. Brian had stated that he would like to be involved in that meeting to represent the neighborhood. Brian has not received a response from Nick.

- Tom will follow-up with Sarah Kinter from PLI to see if the City has taken any further action

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- Open house was held. No Committee members were able to attend. Jennifer will send a note to Goodblends management thanking them for the open house invitation. Item will be moved to Not Actively Tracked Projects

- John had not had an opportunity to discuss with the near neighbor, Mr. Leone, but will do so soon

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- The Development Activities meeting was held and a Zoom recording will be posted the FCG website. A letter from FCG’s attorney is being drafted and will be sent to the City
- It does seem that a full development plan has been submitted to the City nor that any zoning appeals have been filed
- FCG’s portion of the attorney’s fees is currently estimated to be \$1497 plus its share of expenses

<p>Neighborhood Environment Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Regular update</li> <li>○ Need FCG reps</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Trash issues at various buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 301 S. Fairmount</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Children’s Home HVAC noises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tom connected PLI Director with Mike Dolan</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Albright Church</li> <li>• Signage at The Junction</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ No update</li> <li>○ Barbara will not be continuing as primary FCG representative and a new one is needed</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Unfortunately, there has not been any improvement.</li> <li>• - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ There does not seem to be any improvement. There have been recent email communications with the City and Friendship resident Kristin Hughes</li> <li>○ Tom will connect with Mike Dolan to see if he has heard anything further from PLI</li> </ul> </li> <li>• A meeting was recently held. The Committee will wait to see how Bloomfield Development Corporation responds</li> <li>• No action</li> </ul>
<p>New</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aldi renovations / scaffolding (Baum Blvd <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New scaffolding and work on S. Fairmount St. side of the building</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Courtyard Marriott Shadyside</li> <li>• September speaker</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The scaffolding permit is valid until 10/28/21. Angela Martinez, Right of Way Manager for DOMI, says that the permit can be extended. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Barbara sent an email showing photos of new scaffolding. City Planner Philip Wu also had information to share.</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Committee discussed news that the nearby Courtyard Marriott Shadyside will be sold</li> <li>• Committee will invite Bloomfield resident Bruce Chan to speak</li> </ul>
<p>2021 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentations below are tentative – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Neighborhood planner, Philip Wu</li> <li>○ Representative from Bloomfield Development Corporation</li> <li>○ Inspector from the City Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (specifically focused on violations)</li> <li>○ Private developer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)</li> <li>● Mission Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ “The XXXX Committee of the Friendship Community Group engages developers, landlords and public officials who affect the urban planning process to ensure equitable quality of life for all residents in Friendship, our home.”</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Long Term Goals</p>	
<p>Not Actively Tracked Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 5222 Penn Ave renovations</li> <li>● North Negley Residences – B’nai Israel</li> <li>● Montana Building on Penn Avenue – renovations</li> <li>● West Penn Hospital Institutional Master Plan</li> <li>● Residential Permit Parking</li> <li>● Discussion of “house flippers” in Friendship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ John and Jennifer developing a presentation regarding actions homeowners may consider when approached by house flippers.</li> </ul> </li> <li>● New tax abatement programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Jennifer – month?</li> </ul> </li> <li>● 5226 Penn Ave</li> <li>● Penn Avenue Phase II</li> <li>● Bloomfield Development Corporation neighborhood planning process involving Friendship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop a new strategic plan / community plan</li> <li>○ Incorporate consideration of expansion of RCO boundaries</li> <li>○ Incorporate possible development of “Penn Avenue overlay”</li> <li>○ Include possibility of neighborhood zoning changes?</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	
<p>Next Meeting (first Tuesday of the month)</p> <p>August 2, 2021, Location -? (Even month, Committee members only)</p> <p>September 7, 2021, Location -? (Odd month, public meeting)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tom will check with the Pittsburgh Glass Center to see if it is permitting community meetings</li> </ul>