



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Summary

Meeting Date/Time: **Tuesday, November 10, 2020**
6:30 pm

Location: **“ZOOM” Video Conference**

<p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Chair: Vince Manetti</p> <p>Board Member Representatives: Jayne Bower, Sara DeLucia, Tom Hritz, Danielle Novick, Tom Youngs</p> <p>Community Representatives: John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p>	<p>Tom Youngs</p> <p>John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p> <p>Residents: Barbara Adams, Emily George, Brian Sullivan</p>
<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
<p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Plaza - Enright Park 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several items – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regarding the legal fund account, John and Jennifer suggested that rather than asking the attorneys to issue a small refund check to FCG for \$58 that we allow the attorneys to retain the money and keep the attorney-client relationship open. There is also a state law that requires the attorneys to properly track and account for the funds. ○ John will draft a letter to the Gumbergs as the developer to ask for an update on the new park’s site development for the City to begin construction. This should mean clean fill and removal of rubbish.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Key Bank, Penn and Negley • Baumhaus Phase II update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Graffiti (Brian Sullivan) • 5226 Penn Ave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Results of 10/7/21 meeting • Penn Avenue Phase II • Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard • 353 Stratford – Building permits • 5231 Liberty Ave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restaurant Special Exception Hearing 9/3/2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John will also draft a letter to the City regarding its plans to construct the park. ○ FCG still has money remaining in its legal fund account. John suggests sending the funds to the attorney for safekeeping and future work. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bank is now open. There was a discussion of the tight sidewalk near the entrance steps. Brian offered to measure the various accesses. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Several items – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brian spoke with owner Mike Gornick who is leaving the commissioned art on the back of the building in its current condition. ○ No immediate presentation to the City Planning Commission is scheduled for construction of Baumhaus II ○ Most recent estimate for construction is that it will take 18 to 22 months <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two items – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The contractor is to connect with the Port Authority regarding the bus stop at Penn and S. Atlantic. ○ There does not appear to be any opposition to work on the “green building” on S. Atlantic adjacent to the Penn Ave building <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two items – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John to check with near neighbors, Tom Mangan and Ainsley Robin, regarding their thoughts of the development. ○ John to share Bloomfield Garfield Corporation email regarding development with the Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work has stopped. It appears that contractor is in court with the City. No court date set. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No information known about the exception. Jennifer to check with Sara DeLucia.
<p>Neighborhood Environment Updates</p>	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular update • “Rightsizing” the trash cans at various buildings • Children’s Home HVAC noises • Hertz location, 5634 Baum Boulevard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reuse of space as a result of the Hertz bankruptcy. ○ Letter to Hertz regarding parking in neighborhood (Tom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara shared that there were minimal updates from BCI. • Brian noted that four of his 311 ticket submissions did not have responses. Contacts at the City are – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Public Works is Marcelle Newman - marcelle.newman@pittsburghpa.gov ○ Environmental Services is Shawn Wigle - shawn.wigle@pittsburghpa.gov. • City and Children’s Home are addressing in court. Issues regarding noise and sidewalks. • Letter dated 10/5/20 was returned unopened to FCG PO box. Tom to hand-deliver letter.
<p>2020 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website (tabled from September meeting) • Meeting presenters have changed based upon COVID-19. Presentations below are tentative – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) • Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?) • DOMI – January 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee agreed to move a goals discussion to earlier in the December 2020 meeting agenda.
<p>Long Term Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HBBC recommendation that FCG should consider applying for a grant to develop a new strategic plan / community plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate consideration of expansion of RCO boundaries • Incorporate possible development of “Penn Avenue overlay” • Include possibility of neighborhood zoning changes? 	
<p>Not Actively Tracked Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5222 Penn Ave renovations • North Negley Residences – B’nai Israel • Montana Building on Penn Avenue – renovations • Two Frays Brewing on Penn Avenue - development 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aldi renovations (Baum Blvd) • Shur-Sav (Bloomfield) • West Penn Hospital Institutional Master Plan • Residential Permit Parking • Continuation of discussion of “house flippers” in Friendship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John and Jennifer developing a presentation regarding actions homeowners may consider when approached by house flippers. • New tax abatement programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer – month? 	
<p>New</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer noted that she had spoken with FCG resident, Julie Grove, regarding scaffolding at Aldi location on Baum Boulevard. The owner has received a permit from the City to retain the scaffolding until 6/30/21. • There still appear to be neighborhood concerns regarding the proposed Neighborway on Coral Street.
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>December 1, 2020, Location - Zoom</p>	