



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Summary

**Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, September 1, 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>Attendees:</p> <p>Vince Manetti</p> <p>Tom Hritz, Tom Youngs</p> <p>John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p> <p>Residents: Barbara Adams, Emily George, Lewis Kwett, Brian Sullivan</p> <p>Other Attendees: Steve Casey, Architect, representing Howard Hanna Real Estate</p> <p>Guest: Sarah Kinter, Director, City of Pittsburgh, Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (PLI). Email address: sarah.kinter@pittsburghpa.gov</p>
<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
<p>Sarah Kinter, Director</p> <p>City of Pittsburgh, Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (PLI)</p>	<p>Ms. Kinter showed a PowerPoint presentation describing the organization and its responsibilities within City government. She easily took questions regarding PLI. Questions ranged from building permits and trash cans inappropriately placed at the curb.</p> <p>Ms. Kinter did share that she is aware that the noise study at the Children’s Home on Penn Avenue was completed by consultant, Michael Baker. She noted that remediation efforts by the Children’s Home may be necessary.</p>

Neighborhood Development Updates

- Penn Plaza - Enright Park
 - Update on construction
- Key Bank, Penn and Negley
- Baumhaus Phase II update
 - Graffiti (Brian Sullivan)

- 5226 Penn Ave
 - Update regarding discussion with owner (Jennifer)
- Shur-Sav (Bloomfield)
- Penn Avenue Phase II

- Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard

- 353 Stratford – Building permits

- No update

- No update

- Brian will speak further with Baumhaus owner Mike Gornick regarding graffiti. There was Committee thought that members of the Committee should meet or speak with Mr. Gornick to discuss methods to reduce graffiti such as vegetation or invite more formal murals or art work. Other local individuals such as Sallyann Kluz, Director, Office of Public Art of the Greater Pittsburgh Arts Council and Joseph Hall, new executive director of the Kelly Strayhorn Theater, might also be able to provide thoughts and opinions.

- No contact with owner. Still working to revisit the drafted community agreement. Unsure if construction is planned and Committee members are unsure of the planned use of the adjacent “green building” recently purchased by the owner.

- Community Market is open. Moving to “Not Actively Tracked Projects”

- Vince sent letter to the Director of the City of Pittsburgh’s Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI) in support of Bloomfield Development Corporation’s letter to DOMI dated May 19, 2020 as shown here - bloomfieldlivablestreets.org/our-campaigns/penn-avenue-reconstruction-phase-ii/

- Mr. Casey will present at a later date. 9/15/20 was tentatively set and Jennifer is to finalize for this developer meeting. (An official FCG Registered Community Organization meeting will be held at a future date.) Jennifer and Barbara agreed to wait to finalize the developer meeting until Barbara received notice from Baum Center Initiative (BCI) that Mr. Casey was not presenting at BCI on 9/15/20.

- Committee members are skeptical that the work being performed on this two family home is in accordance with the building permit for “minor alterations”. Jennifer will follow up with Sarah Kinter to further confirm.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5231 Liberty Ave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restaurant Special Exception Hearing 9/3/2020 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update. Sara DeLucia to contact building owner.
<p>Neighborhood Environment Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular update • Residential Permit Parking (Tom) • “Rightsizing” the trash cans at various buildings • DPW graffiti policy clarification (Tom) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update to FCG website • Children’s Home HVAC noises • Baum Grove street art project grant – Bloomberg Philanthropic Arts Initiative (Jennifer) • New tax abatement programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer - November • 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. • Coral Street Neighborway <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Resolution for FCG Board support of BDC letter passed at August 12, 2020 FCG Board meeting ○ Need to convey to BDC • 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"> • No update as BCI did not hold its regularly scheduled monthly meeting. • No update, Tom has not heard from his contact at the Coalition of Oakland Residents (COR) regarding Parking Authority efforts to change the RPP program. Tom will contact the COR individual. • Brian continues to work with Councilwoman Gross’ office regarding trash cans at 157 S. Fairmount • Tom has drafted the policy summary to post but has shared it with Alicia Carberry and Bill Crean with the City for confirmation. • Based upon information from Sarah Kinter earlier in the meeting, it appears that the City is moving towards enforcement to correct the noise. • First neighborhood meeting occurred. Next meeting is scheduled for 9/3/20 at 6:00 pm over Zoom. • Jennifer is prepared to present. Move to “Not Actively Tracked Projects”. • John and Jennifer are prepared to present in the future. Move to “Not Actively Tracked Projects”. • Resolution was communicated to BDC. • Tom has drafted letter and is attempting to determine the name and address of a recipient.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> West Penn Hospital Institutional Master Plan (Planning Commission meeting on July 28, 2020) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vince contacted Christina Howell at BDC to discuss further. He is awaiting a return phone call.
<p>2020 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website. Meeting presenters have changed based upon COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. Presentations below are tentative – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) (11/3/20?) Environmental Services Enforcement (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?) Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To be discussed at the October meeting - Vince to contact Pittsburgh Glass Center
<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 Aldi renovations (Baum Blvd) 	
<p>New</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tom to contact DOMI to present in January, 2021
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>October 7, 2020, Location - Zoom</p>	