



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Summary

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, March 2, 2021
6:30 pm

Location: Zoom Video Conference
pitt.zoom.us/j/3048514804
Meeting ID: 304 851 4804
Audio only: (267) 831-0333

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| <p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Chair: Tom Youngs, Interim</p> <p>Board Member Representatives: Tom Hritz, Joe Mattis, Danielle Novick</p> <p>Community Representatives: Barbara Adams, John Axtell, Emily George, Jennifer Haven, Brian Sullivan</p> <p>City of Pittsburgh:</p> | <p><u>IN ATTENDANCE</u></p> <p>Tom Youngs</p> <p>Barbara Adams, John Axtell, Emily George, Jennifer Haven, Brian Sullivan</p> <p>Nick Ross</p> |
| <p><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></p> | <p><u>SUMMARY</u></p> |
| <p>Presentation –</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Nicholas Ross, P.E. Municipal Traffic Engineer, Traffic Bureau Chief Department of Mobility and Infrastructure</p> | <p>Mr. Ross presented and took questions for approximately 75 minutes. Various items were discussed -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 36" passage near Key Bank at Penn and S. Aiken is acceptable • There are approximately six signal renovations each year in the City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Information about speed, traffic volume, crash history and pedestrian data are gathered • Suggests to work through Council representative for capital projects • Work with Police Zone Commander for public safety type issues • DOMI Bloomfield – Friendship Neighborway – concrete to be installed in March, possible flex post installation |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Ave Reconstruction – efforts regarding Liberty Avenue detouring and Friendship Ave traffic calming |
| <p>2021 Goals Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary (John) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tabled until next meeting |
| <p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Plaza - Enright Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Responses to Gumbergs and City – update ○ Zoom meeting with Andrea Ketzel from the City for to discuss next steps for the park (John) • Penn and Negley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sidewalk size (Brian) • 5226 Penn Ave • Penn Avenue Phase II <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update from February 4 meeting • 352 Stratford – Building permits, court date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ March court date • 5241 Liberty Ave <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoning appeal (BDC?) • Baumhaus, Goodblends <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ February 11 Community meeting – summary ○ Interior construction concern • 440 So. Aiken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Zoning appeal (BDC?) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John is developing responses ○ John will connect with Ms. Ketzel • - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Item complete, size is permissible ○ Item raised regarding general intersection issues, Brian to develop plan • No concerns from neighbors • Next meeting in March • No update • Committee agreed to oppose zoning appeal on 3/11/21 • Interior construction issues are being discussed with City, Jennifer will follow up with City Planner Phillip Wu • - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John will contact near neighbor Mr. Leone ○ Committee agreed to oppose zoning appeal on 3/11/21 |

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| <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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Update from February 22 neighborhood walk • Children’s Home HVAC noises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ This case is scheduled before Judge Pappas on March 4, 2021 at 9 a.m. (Court case: 05231-NT-406-20) • Hertz location, 5634 Baum Boulevard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sidewalk snow removal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BCI will vote at next meeting regarding RCO status ○ Discussion of proposed car wash at Baum and Millvale • Barbara and Brian noted that the City representatives were able to see various trash issues • FCG and Bloomfield – Garfield Corporation have been frustrated on all fronts • Barbara noted the poor snow removal and inadequate response from management |
| <p>2021 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting presenters have changed based upon COVID-19. Presentations below are tentative – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Neighborhood planner, Philip Wu ○ Representative from Bloomfield Development Corporation ○ Representative from Bloomfield Livable Streets ○ Inspector from the City Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (specifically focused on violations) ○ Private developer ○ Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?) | |
| <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 • Incorporate consideration of expansion of RCO boundaries • Incorporate possible development of “Penn Avenue overlay” • Include possibility of neighborhood zoning changes? | |

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| <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 / scaffolding (Baum Blvd) (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? • Baumhaus Phase II • Neighborway on Coral Street • Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard | |
| <p>New</p> | |
| <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>April 6, 2021, Location - Zoom</p> | |