



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Monthly Meeting Summary

**Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, March 3, 2020
6:30 pm**

**Location: Pittsburgh Glass Center
5472 Penn Avenue
Pittsburgh**

<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>Tom Youngs</p> <p>Jennifer Haven</p> <p>Others in attendance –</p> <p>Friendship residents - Barbara Adams, Lewis Klett</p>
<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	
<p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Plaza - Enright Park • Liberty Ave and So. Atlantic / Baum retail development • Key Bank, Penn and Negley • Baumhaus Phase II update 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The required Housing Committee has not met yet and the City has not yet appointed a member. It appears that the Pittsburgh Urban Redevelopment Authority is currently holding up funds for affordable housing. • No updates. It would be helpful if there were a neighborhood liaison with the property owners. Tom will approach someone. • Completion is scheduled for first week of July. There may be some lane closures. There is a new site manager and new construction manager with whom a member of the Committee needs to make contact. • Owners are still awaiting decision from Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment. Community Agreement to be discussed at 3/18/20 FCG Board of Directors meeting.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5226 Penn Ave • 5222 Penn Ave (new) • Residential Permit Parking (new) • Waldorf School (new) • Shur-Sav (Bloomfield) (new) • U-haul signage (new) • Penn Avenue Phase II (new) • North Negley Residences – B’nai Israel (new) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Haven and Rick Swartz to meet with owner to determine status of community agreement • Tenant moving from 5138 Penn Avenue, both buildings are owned by owners of Peoples Indian restaurant. Status of occupancy of 5138 Penn is unknown. • Tom will contact the individual from Oakland to find out more about the effort. • There is a possibility of FCG donating to the Waldorf School for naming. FCG may also be able to use the community room for meetings. • Bloomfield Development Corporation is hoping that FCG will sign the letter that was developed. • A request for zoning variance was heard at the 2/20/20 Zoning Board of Adjustment hearing. Several neighborhood groups including FCG opposed. • The City Department of Mobility and Infrastructure presented information to the community on February 6, 2020. Work will begin in 2022 from Evaline to Graham. • FCG and HBBC will participate in future meetings as “near neighbors”
<p>Neighborhood Environment Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “Rightsizing” the trash cans at various buildings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Inviting Donald Matthews from the City to a future HBBC meeting (Brian Sullivan and Vince Manetti) • DPW graffiti policy clarification (Tom Youngs) • Children’s Home HVAC noises • Aldi generator noise • Baum Grove street art project grant – Bloomberg Philanthropic Arts Initiative (Jennifer Haven) • Port Authority Community Meeting (Thursday, April 23 from 5:00 – 8:00 pm in Oakland at the University of Pittsburgh Alumni Hall) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neither Vince nor Brian has received a response from Mr. Matthews • Tom has not received a reply from Mr. Crean at the City. • Friendship resident Mike Dolan recently met with the City law department but there hasn’t been any progress. • This seemed to be a one-time occurrence. Vince will work as liaison with the building owner. • There is a group of neighbors near the intersection that will meet to discuss • The Committee thought it important for Committee members or members of the FCG Board of Directors to attend.
<p>2020 Goals Updates</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 • Consider amending Registered Community Organization boundaries 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • It was noted that this item was discussed at the February 2020 FCG Board of Directors meeting. • It was noted that this item was discussed at the February 2020 FCG Board of Directors meeting.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baum-Center Initiative participation • Possible 2020 HBBC meeting presenters – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Environmental Services Enforcement (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?) ○ Permits, Licenses and Inspections (9/1/20?) ○ Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) (11/3/20?) ○ 311 (5/5/20?) ○ Graffiti (7/7/20?) (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?) ○ Update from 2/12/20 FCG Board of Directors meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friendship resident Barbara Adams has agreed to be the primary representative. Tom is awaiting a response from another resident to be the secondary representative before the application can be submitted. • <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To be discussed at the next FCG Board of Directors meeting ○ Tom will attempt to arrange ○ Vince will attempt to arrange ○ Jennifer will provide contact info Tom in order to arrange ○ To be discussed at the next FCG Board of Directors meeting ○ Tom provided updates
<p>Long Term Goals</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop a “Penn Ave overlay” to possibly include FCG, Bloomfield- Garfield Corp and Bloomfield Development Corp. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee agreed that this is a long term goal
<p>New</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There will be renovations at the Montana Building on Penn Avenue • Preparations continue for Two Frays Brewing on Penn Avenue • The Committee needs to be aware of new tax abatement programs • The Committee needs to stay involved with changes at West Penn Hospital
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>April 7, 2020, Pittsburgh Glass Center</p>	