

Meeting Date/Time: Apr 4, 2023 7:00 pm Location: Pittsburgh Glass Center

Friendship Community Group Zoning and Development Committee Meeting Summary

Committee Members:	Committee Members:
Chair: Emily George	Chair: Emily George
Board Member Representatives: Chad Burton, Denise	Board Member Representatives: Chad Burton, Abby
Mianzo, Abby Slovonic	Slovonic
Community Representatives: John Axtell, Jennifer	Community Representatives: John Axtell, Jennifer
Haven, Tom Hritz, Joe Mattis, Brian Sullivan, Tom Youngs	Haven, Joe Mattis, Brian Sullivan, Tom Youngs
AGENDA ITEM	SUMMARY
Neighborhood Development Updates	
Penn Plaza - Enright Park https://engage.gitteleurehge.gov/enright	City planning request was approved by the Art Commission
https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/enright	Al: Jennifer to follow up with Sallyann Kluz regarding
 Planning request # DCP-ZDR-2022-12524 Sallyann Kluz letter to DCP (Jennifer) 	letter
 525 S Aiken Ave – Apartment development Approved by ZBA 	Will be moved to "Not Actively Tracked" section
5425 Baum Blvd – Daycare	Jennifer spoke with owner David Glickman. He felt a
 Updates from owner? (Jennifer) 	daycare (Tender Care) would serve the
Opulates from owner. (Seminer)	neighborhood.
	Opening in 1-2 months
	ZDC can introduce ourselves directly to the tenants.
	D. Glickman would like to donate to F4.
5128 Penn Ave – Mary's	Sara, Emily, and Jennifer to meet with Laura. Sara
O MOU with BGC?	sent Laura proposed meeting times.
o FCG meeting with Laura	
5138 Penn Ave – New Pahla restaurant liquor	Jennifer flyered near neighbors south of Penn Ave.
5138 Penn Ave – New Pabla restaurant, liquor license	Meeting is at BGC Activities Center.
	Need to determine facilitator.
Pabla/near neighbors meeting 4/13 at 6pm	
• 5324 Penn Ave – Children's Home	Al: Emily will amail Sarah Kinter for an undate Will
o 1/23 mediation with the City	Al: Emily will email Sarah Kinter for an update. Will include James.
o 7/11 CCP (docket # CP-02-SA-0000686-2022)	Post-meeting: No update on Children's Home from
o former St. Lawrence O'Toole property	PLI
5472 Penn Ave – PGC Expansion	
 Final plans disbursed to neighbors 	Al: Chad to email Heather for final plans
Broke ground on 3/23	Post-meeting: Heather sent final plans to neighbors
Penn Avenue Phase II Streetscape Project	Jennifer to attend
 engage.pittsburghpa.gov/penn-avenue-phase-2 	

 Construction to start 2025 per EngagePGH 	
Next meeting 5/4 at 11am	
Neighborhood Environment Updates	
 Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation Jennifer is primary representative 	Rob Pfaffman putting together a working group for design along the Baum-Centre corridor
 Tom is secondary representative 	
 424 S Fairmount – Interior work w/o permit Hearing on 4/6 (docket # MJ-05231-NT-0000489-2022); Jennifer to attend ZBA approved 7 units, but no updated certificate of occupancy 	 AI: Jennifer to attend. Post-meeting: Continued to 4/20
 240 S Graham St - Parking lot Variance request (DCP-ZDR-2022-01693) South Atlantic Inc CCP hearing on 7/11 (docket # CP-02-SA-0000974-2022) Other parking lots behind houses on S. Graham 	 Committee to watch. AI: Emily to email Sarah Kinter to ask for monthly updates.
 4800 Friendship Ave – West Penn Hospital Mystery noise 	Sound hasn't been heard by near neighbors recently.
 5160 Penn Ave – Family Dollar Letter to property manager Brian Gallagher via Rick Swartz (Jennifer) 	 Jennifer sent letter to Rick Swartz. Rick Swartz to add FCG to the header and send.
New	
 460 S Graham - City of Bridges School Planning request # DCP-ZDR-2022-14126 DAM required? 	Will require a special exception hearing for educational use in a Local Neighborhood Commercial zone.
• 486 S Graham – Albright Church	 Building has been cleaned, new landscaping. AI: Tom to email Christina Howell for info
• 4401 Penn Ave – UPMC Children's signage	Recent hearing continued. UPMC to meet with community groups.
 210/212 S Winebiddle St Going to magistrate's hearing 4/27 (Docket # MJ-05231-NT-0000074-2023) 	Al: Emily to ask Sarah Kinter
 Next meeting: May 9 Sharonda Whatley, possibly Zoning/Design review team 	 Next meeting to be 5/9 at 6:30 Tom to chair/facilitate meeting
 Standing virtual meeting with Councilwoman Gross: 3rd Mondays at 12pm Recap/comments? 	
	1
FCG DAM SOP development	
• FCG DAM SOP development 2023 Speaker Goals	
 FCG DAM SOP development 2023 Speaker Goals New traffic engineer 	

Absentee landlord representative	
Not Actively Tracked Projects	Not Actively Tracked Projects, continued
 440 S. Aiken 302 S Atlantic - Permitting issues 5501 Baum Blvd - Howard Hanna Shadyside 5502 Baum Blvd - Goodblend 5546 Baum Blvd - Baumhaus II 5623 Baum Blvd - John O'Dell development 5631 Baum Blvd - Aldi 5634 Baum Blvd - Hertz 414 S Evaline St - two-unit variance 486 S Graham - Albright Church 5173 Liberty Ave - Former doctor's office 5207 Liberty Ave - The Junction signage 300 S Pacific - Perk & Brew (new deck?) 5152 Penn Ave - Daycare 5228 Penn Ave - Henry Simmons Art gallery 5401 Penn Ave - former Penn Aiken Dairy 5456 Penn Ave - Montana bldg renovations 5525 Penn Ave - First National Bank 	 327 N Negley Ave - B'nai Israel development 200 Stratford Ave - unpermitted apartment 352 Stratford Ave 425 S Winebiddle St - Residential development 5G cell phone towers City legislation Polish Hill/Bloomfield IZOD Residential rental registry Short term rental (Airbnb) regulation Discussion of "house flippers" in Friendship John and Jennifer developing a presentation regarding actions homeowners may consider when approached by house flippers
Penn/Negley Intersection	New tax abatement programs (Jennifer)
Do other cities have this process where signage is reviewed only after initial plans are approved? Results in buildings being designed to force signage to be in the public right-of-way (ex: Whole Foods, Hyatt) Post results of zoning decisions publicly Next Meetings (first Tuesday of the month) May 9, 2023, Pittsburgh Glass Center Odd month, public meeting June 6, 2023, Location: Pittsburgh Glass Center Even month, Committee members only	
Abbreviations	Abbreviations, continued
AI - Action Item BCI - Baum-Center Initiative BDC - Bloomfield Development Corporation BGC - Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation BOD - Board of Directors DAM - Development Activities Meeting DCP - Department of City Planning DOMI - Department of Mobility and Infrastructure DPW - Department of Public Works	ELDI – East Liberty Development, Inc. FCG – Friendship Community Group IZOD – Inclusionary Zoning Overlay District MOU – Memorandum of Understanding PLCB – Pennsylvania Liquor Control Board PLI – (Dept of) Permits, Licenses, and Inspections RCO – Registered Community Organization ZBA – Zoning Board of Adjustment ZDC – Zoning and Development Committee