



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Monthly Meeting Summary

**Meeting Date/Time: Sunday, April 5, 2020
6:30 pm**

Location: "ZOOM" Conference Call

<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>Thomas Youngs, John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p> <p>Others in attendance – none</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 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction work is on hold. March 5, 2020 meeting update: The Gumbergs' attorney Jon Kamin reported to FCG's attorney David Toal that the Penn Plaza bond issue has closed and proceeds are now in the URA account. The community interveners are asking for clarification on details of both this funding and on other matters relating to TRID housing committee legislation now before city council. Jennifer and John will keep the HBBC and FCG board informed of developments. • Friendship resident and FCG president Sara DeLucia will be the liaison for this development • Construction work is on hold.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baumhaus Phase II update • 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"> • John will forward/ request Center Villa Renee Zaffino to sign agreement as Center Villa representative. Otherwise John will forward the letter to Baumhaus developer Mike Gornick without Center Villa signature. Agreement signed by Sara DeLucia, president of Friendship Community Group and Mike Gornick. No decision yet issued from Zoning Board of Adjustment 2/20/20 hearing. • No progress with Rick Swartz from Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation regarding obtaining owner’s signature on letter presented to him with neighbors’ concerns. • No update. • Suggest action by board on this matter. • Suggest another FCG committee continue as liaison. • Recommend signing letter along with Bloomfield Development Corporation. • No ruling from City Zoning Board of Adjustment. (Post meeting note – ZBA denied the variance.) • Jennifer to provide information, John to draft letter from FCG to City requesting opportunities for greater community involvement. • No update.
<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) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No update. • No update. • No update. • Noise has stopped, no additional update required. Vince will follow up on construction at Aldi building and across the street. • No update.

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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"> • Meeting cancelled.
<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 • 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"> • No update. • Suggest a subcommittee and include as part of RCO update. To be discussed at board meeting. • No update. • No update.
<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"> • Recommend moving this to the Community Plan.
<p>New</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a discussion on house flippers and how they operate. Discussion to continue. • No other updates.
<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>May 5, 2020, Location TBD</p>	