



## FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

### Housing and Business Borders Committee Monthly Meeting Summary

**Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, May 5, 2020  
6:30 pm**

**Location: "ZOOM" Video Conference**

<p><b>Committee Members:</b></p> <p><b>Chair:</b> Vince Manetti</p> <p><b>Board Member Representatives:</b> Jayne Bower, Sara DeLucia, Tom Hritz, Danielle Novick, Tom Youngs</p> <p><b>Community Representatives:</b> John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p>	<p><b>Attendees:</b></p> <p>Vince Manetti</p> <p>Sara DeLucia, Tom Youngs</p> <p>John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p> <p>Others in attendance – Barbara Adams, Emily George, Lewis Klett, Larry Laude, Brian Sullivan</p>
<b><u>AGENDA ITEM</u></b>	
<p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penn Plaza - Enright Park             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update on construction</li> <li>○ Update on attorney's invoices</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Liberty Ave and So. Atlantic / Baum retail development             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Need contact at development with whom Sara DeLucia can communicate</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Penn Plaza - Enright Park             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Construction has restarted</li> <li>○ John is still awaiting an invoice from attorneys</li> <li>○ \$5000 from FCG and Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation has been spent</li> <li>○ There is still approximately \$5000 remaining from grass roots fundraising efforts</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Jennifer provided the contact information for Art DiDonato and Ben Kelly to Sara</li> </ul>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Key Bank, Penn and Negley</li> <li>• Baumhaus Phase II update</li>   <li>• 5226 Penn Ave       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Update from Rick Swartz at Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation regarding neighborhood letter</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• 5222 Penn Ave renovations update</li>   <li>• Shur-Sav (Bloomfield)       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Develop resolution to submit to Board in regards to possibly supporting Bloomfield Development Corporation letter</li> <li>○ <a href="http://www.actionnetwork.org/forms/hursave">www.actionnetwork.org/forms/hursave</a></li> </ul> </li>   <li>• U-haul signage       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ City Zoning Board of Adjustment rejected variance</li> <li>○ Any updates? Will owners appeal?</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Penn Avenue Phase II       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Status of draft letter from FCG</li> <li>○ Need to submit it to the Board?</li> <li>○ Additional information - <a href="https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/re">https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/re</a></li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Construction has restarted</li>   <li>• Center Villa resident Renee Zaffino signed Community Agreement on behalf of the Center Villa neighbors.       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ It does not appear that the Pittsburgh Zoning Board of Adjustment has made a decision on the requested zoning variances.</li> <li>○ Jennifer attended the zoning hearing and thus should be notified of a decision. She will alert the Committee if she receives any information</li> </ul> </li>   <li>• Community Agreement has not been signed by the owner. John will forward Community Agreement to FCG Board of Directors and the owner.</li>   <li>• Defer to future meeting. Empty retail space.</li>   <li>• In regards to Echo Realty's recent purchase of the Shur-Sav location on Liberty Avenue, Committee supports Bloomfield Development Corporation's efforts and statement to support a development that furthers Bloomfield's neighborhood values of equity, inclusion, affordability, and accessibility.       <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Committee submits the following resolution to the FCG Board of Directors for its consideration and action –</li> </ul> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">Resolved:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">FCG supports the Bloomfield Development Corporation's statement regarding equity, inclusion, affordability and accessibility in regards to any development to occur at the current Shur-Sav location on Liberty Avenue in Bloomfield.</p> </li>   <li>• Unknown if any appeals have been filed.</li>   <li>• John is drafting letter and will provide to the Committee prior to the next FCG Board of Directors meeting on May 13, 2020</li> </ul>
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- North Negley Residences – B’nai Israel
- Montana Building on Penn Avenue – renovations
- Two Frays Brewing on Penn Avenue - development
- Changes at West Penn Hospital

- Minimal work has occurred. Will move to Not Actively Tracked Projects.
- Renovations appears to be on track. Will move to Not Actively Tracked Projects.
- Change in ownership. No active construction. Will move to Not Actively Tracked Projects.
- Hospital is developing and submitting its Institutional Master Plan. Will move to Not Actively Tracked Projects.

Neighborhood Environment Updates

- Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation
  - Regular update
- Residential Permit Parking
  - Develop resolution to submit to Board
- Waldorf School
  - Was this assigned to another FCG committee?
  - Need to develop a resolution to submit to the Board?
- “Rightsizing” the trash cans at various buildings
  - Inviting Donald Matthews from the City to a future HBBC meeting (Brian Sullivan and Vince)

- Barbara reported that there was not a March BCI meeting. The April meeting was dedicated to the Port Authority renovations to Negley Station on the East Busway.
- In regards to the Coalition of Oakland Residents’ efforts to obtain other city neighborhoods’ involvement in urging City Council and the Department of City Planning to obtain resident input into the process of an overhaul of the Residential Permit Parking Program, the Committee submits the following resolution to the FCG Board of Directors for its consideration and action –
 

Resolved:

FCG supports and will participate in the Coalition of Oakland Residents’ efforts to urge City Council and the Department of City Planning to obtain resident input into the process of an overhaul of the Residential Permit Parking Program.
- The Committee does not believe that this item belongs to the Committee and requests the FCG Board of Directors assign the item to another FCG committee or discontinue interest in the item.
- After no responses from the City, Brian and Vince have had replies in various forms from three members of City Council. Any new complaints should continue to be forwarded to 311, however, rather than pressing with the City or the members of Council, the Committee will



<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New tax abatement programs</li> <li>• Port Authority Community Meeting (Tuesday, April 21 at 6:30, on-line meeting)</li> <li>• Continuation of discussion of “house flippers” in Friendship</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jennifer will provide more information at the July meeting.</li> <li>• Port Authority presented an updated version of plans to improve the Negley Avenue East Busway Station. No timetable for renovations was included.</li> <li>• Discussion was regarding possibly having an educational session from other local neighborhood association.</li> </ul>
<p>2020 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website</li> <li>• HBBC recommendation that FCG should consider applying for a grant to develop a new strategic plan / community plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Incorporate consideration of expansion of RCO boundaries</li> <li>○ Incorporate possible development of “Penn Avenue overlay”</li> <li>○ Include possibility of neighborhood zoning changes?</li> <li>○ Develop resolution to submit to Board</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Possible 2020 HBBC meeting presenters – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental Services Enforcement (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)</li> <li>○ Permits, Licenses and Inspections (9/1/20?)</li> <li>○ Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) (11/3/20?)</li> <li>○ 311 (5/5/20?)</li> <li>○ Graffiti (7/7/20?) (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tabled for a future meeting.</li> <li>• Sara noted that future discussions regarding this subject will take place at the FCG Board of Directors meeting.</li> <li>• Meeting presenters have changed based upon COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. Presentations below are tentative – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Environmental Services Enforcement (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)</li> <li>○ Permits, Licenses and Inspections (9/1/20?)</li> <li>○ Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) (11/3/20?)</li> <li>○ 311 (7/7/20?)</li> <li>○ Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p>Long Term Goals</p>	
<p>Not Actively Tracked Projects</p>	
<p>New</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Neighborway – Sara provided a website with information regarding the proposed Coral Street Neighborway - <a href="https://docs.google.com/forms/d/139LKTjK9QvIAz_eb8BlSPEFjTFbx9-Nhj-OfmgtlAxmQ/viewform?edit_requested=true">https://docs.google.com/forms/d/139LKTjK9QvIAz_eb8BlSPEFjTFbx9-Nhj-OfmgtlAxmQ/viewform?edit_requested=true</a></li> </ul>

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Next Meeting June 2, 2020, Location TBD	