



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Summary

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, June 1, 2021
 6:30 pm

Location: Zoom Video Conference
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Meeting ID: 304 851 4804
Audio only: (267) 831-0333

<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 style="text-align: center;"><u>IN ATTENDANCE</u></p> <p>Tom Youngs</p> <p>Barbara Adams, John Axtell, Jennifer Haven, Brian Sullivan</p>
<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
<p>2021 Goals Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Arrived at Mission Statement <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ “The XXXX Committee of the Friendship Community Group engages developers, landlords and public officials who affect the urban planning process to ensure equitable quality of life for all residents in Friendship, our home.” • Result of 5/19/21 meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ - ○ Names 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Noted and acknowledged <p style="text-align: center;">-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Committee decided to vote online for a new Committee name from the following choices – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Zoning and Development Committee

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Goals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Design and Land Use Committee ▪ Codes, Permitting and Zoning Committee ▪ Urban Design and Zoning Committee ▪ Urban Neighborhood Development Committee ▪ Property and Planning Committee ▪ Planning and Land Development Committee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The Committee noted that goals were discussed at a Committee meeting held on May 19, 2021 specifically to address goals of the Committee. ○ Jennifer (John) moved - Resolved: The Committee shall accept the following statement as formal Committee goals – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Engage developers during the early stages through agreements that address the community’s concerns and needs. ▪ Monitor developments during planning through construction phases to ensure compliance with agreements. ▪ Support neighbors impacted by development particularly where business borders on residential areas. ▪ Foster landlord accountability and promote responsible building maintenance. ▪ Work with City agencies on identifying and enforcing existing land use and property-related ordinances. ▪ Invite City departments and agencies to speak at HBB meetings to promote awareness and understanding of land use regulations. ▪ Develop an understanding of neighborhood zoning designations and City enforcement practices to develop approaches to effectively ensure compliance occurs. ▪ Investigate partnerships with other non-profit organizations
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached document 	<p>to preserve existing affordable housing where feasible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support and participate in comprehensive planning that affects Friendship and preserves the neighborhood’s historic character. <p>And the following items are specifically outside of the Committee’s scope –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ traffic safety, parking enforcement, Baum Grove issues, public safety / police concerns, ○ Five in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • -
<p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Plaza - Enright Park • Penn and Negley Intersection Issue <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop plan (Brian) ○ Discuss with Bloomfield- Garfield Corporation (BGC) and the Enright Park Neighborhood Association • 352 Stratford – Building permits, court date <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Postponed court date • Goodblend • 440 So. Aiken <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Final ruling should be announced prior to April 25, 2021 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Upcoming meeting with City and near neighbors • Brian has discussed with Rick Swartz from BGC. Rick suggested speaking with the Gumberg family as the local business that might also be concerned about the intersection. Brian will also contact Nick Ross at the City regarding his interest in participating. East Liberty Development Inc. will not be involved. • No date is yet known. Tom will contact Sarah Kinter at the City Department of Permits, Licenses (PLI) and Inspections for information. • Work is continuing and the windows on S. Graham appear to be as agreed. Barbara reported that Goodblend representatives stated at a Baum-Centre Initiative meeting that the opening should be six weeks after May 18th. • - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer reported that the City Zoning Board of Adjustment (ZBA) approved of the variance request. ○ The Committee will continue to review the property to see if it declines

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ John will contact a near neighbor to offer FCG's assistance • - ○ There will be a continuance at the scheduled June 3, 2021 ZBA hearing. ○ FCG, BDC and Bloomfield Development Corporation will contract with attorney David Toal to represent the neighborhoods' interests ○ FCG will hold a Development Activities Meeting over Zoom on June 21, 2021 ○ A ZBA hearing would most likely then be on July 8, 2021
<p>Neighborhood Environment Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular update • Trash issues at various buildings • Children's Home HVAC noises • Albright Church <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ See meeting notes attached • Signage at The Junction 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara and Brian, as FCG representatives to BCI, attended the most recent meeting. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ At the BCI meeting - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There was a presentation regarding upcoming work on the Albright church. A summary was attached to this agenda. • Scaffolding at Aldi was discussed • There was a discussion of BCI applying to be a Registered Community Organization • There is also an upcoming election of officers ○ Committee members discussed how to vote on BCI being an RCO <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John will discuss with his contact at Oakland Planning and Development Corporation • Tom will discuss with BDC • Brian will discuss with Councilwoman Erica Strassburger specifically regarding 301 S. Fairmount as the City apparently allows for the trash to be kept in the front of the building. This appears to not be in compliance with City regulations. • Tom will connect Friendship resident Mike Dolan with PLI and Dan Gilman, Mayor's Chief of Staff • Nothing additional • Tabled

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<p>2021 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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?) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer will contact Bruce Chang at Bloomfield Livable Streets about presenting in July
Long Term Goals	
<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) • 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? • 5226 Penn Ave • Penn Avenue Phase II • Bloomfield Development Corporation neighborhood planning process involving Friendship <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop a new strategic plan / community plan ○ Incorporate consideration of expansion of RCO boundaries 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incorporate possible development of “Penn Avenue overlay” ○ Include possibility of neighborhood zoning changes? 	
<p>Next Meeting (first Tuesday of the month)</p> <p>July 6, 2021, Location -? (Odd month, public meeting)</p> <p>August 2, 2021, Location -? (Even month, Committee members only)</p>	