



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Summary

Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, January 5, 2021
6:30 pm

Location: Zoom Video Conference
pitt.zoom.us/j/3048514804
Meeting ID: 304 851 4804
Audio only: (267) 831-0333

<p>Committee Members:</p> <p>Chair: Tom Youngs, Interim</p> <p>Board Member Representatives: Jayne Bower, Sara DeLucia, Tom Hritz, Danielle Novick</p> <p>Community Representatives: John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p>	<p>Attendees:</p> <p>Tom Youngs</p> <p>John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p> <p>Residents – Emily George, Brian Sullivan</p>
<u>AGENDA ITEM</u>	<u>SUMMARY</u>
<p>Presentation by City of Pittsburgh, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure representative</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cancelled, DOMI unable to attend
<p>2021 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Summary (John) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John is finalizing. Suggestions are to lead with what the Committee does on a regular basis
<p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Plaza - Enright Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Letter to Gumbergs (John) ○ Letter to City (John) • Key Bank, Penn and Negley <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sidewalk size (Brian) • 5226 Penn Ave 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John is drafting a letter and will share soon • Brian has photos and will share with DOMI • Demolition continues, no complaints from neighbors

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Avenue Phase II • Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard • 352 Stratford – Building permits • 5231 Liberty Ave • Baumhaus, new commercial activity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No updates <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Jennifer will contact the “Main Streets Manager” at Bloomfield-Garfield Corporation for an update ○ There is a small 2/4/21 Zoom meeting at 11:00 am to share more info ○ A larger public meeting will be held in March • Committee members decided to not contact Howard Hanna representative but rather wait to hear from the company <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom Y. will contact Phillip Wu as neighborhood planner to understand requirements and options • No hearing date set <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom Y. to see if Vince Manetti is aware of any changes • May have been a special exception hearing • A thorough discussion took place regarding changes to Baumhaus and a new tenant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The management company, Ollie, is no longer managing the building ○ Star City will soon be managing ○ Ollie subleased ground floor retail space while it was managing the building to a medical marijuana dispensary run by Goodblend PA and the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine ○ Space is approximately 6000 sq ft ○ 3000 sq ft for research and counseling ○ 3000 sq ft dispensary <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ for “back of house” with a vault and air ventilation ▪ nothing to be produced or manufactured on-site ○ There will be a full-time security guard and cameras with recordings saved for two years ○ There is a 10-year agreement between Pitt and Goodblend ○ Questions remain regarding - number of employees, parking and number of customers ○ Goodblend would like to present at community meetings and the Committee will arrange ○ Minimal requirements of 1000 feet from a school or childcare facility ○ Everything appears to be within the law and the Committee will not have any means of a legal opposition
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ There is already a medical marijuana dispensary on Center Avenue, Maitri Medicinals ○ Baum Grove owner, Mike Gornick, will connect the Committee with Goodblend for a community meeting
<p>Neighborhood Environment Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular update (December meeting cancelled?) • “Rightsizing” the trash cans at various buildings • Children’s Home HVAC noises • Hertz location, 5634 Baum Boulevard. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reuse of space as a result of the Hertz bankruptcy. ○ 11/30/20, Letter to Hertz regarding parking in neighborhood (Tom) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara Adams was not in attendance. A monthly BCI meeting was not held • Brian noted that he had spoken with Marcelle Newman and Shawn Wigle from the City about trash issues • No one had heard anything new from Mike Dolan regarding the Children’s Home. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Tom Y. will contact PLI Director Sarah Kinter for an update • Tom will follow-up with Hertz for an update
<p>2021 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting presenters have changed based upon COVID-19. Presentations below are tentative – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) ○ Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?) 	
<p>Long Term Goals</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 • Incorporate consideration of expansion of RCO boundaries • Incorporate possible development of “Penn Avenue overlay” • Include possibility of neighborhood zoning changes? 	
<p>Not Actively Tracked Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5222 Penn Ave renovations • North Negley Residences – B’nai Israel 	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Montana Building on Penn Avenue – renovations • Two Frays Brewing on Penn Avenue - development • Aldi renovations / scaffolding (Baum Blvd) (Bloomfield) • 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? • Baumhaus Phase II • Neighborway on Coral Street 	
New	None
Next Meeting February 2, 2021, Location - Zoom	