



FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

Housing and Business Borders Committee Summary

Meeting Date/Time: **Tuesday, December 1, 2020**
6:30 pm

Location: **“ZOOM” Video Conference**

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| <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>Tom Youngs</p> <p>John Axtell, Jennifer Haven</p> <p>Residents: Barbara Adams, Emily George, Brian Sullivan</p> |
| <u>AGENDA ITEM</u> | <u>SUMMARY</u> |
| <p>2020 Goals Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website (tabled from September meeting) | <p>Committee members held a thoughtful and very respectful discussion regarding the mission statement and goals of the Committee. While no final consensus was developed, many ideas were discussed, some of them were –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Committee should understand City’s goals • Development should have a feeling of context within the City • Committee should work to address “just and inclusive housing” • Barbara submitted a suggestion through email prior to meeting • Emily submitted a suggestion through email in October • Tom H. submitted thoughts about a mission statement and goals several months ago • Vince presented a mission statement and goals several months ago • Should the Committee be proactive or reactive? |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Should the Committee consider rezoning in Friendship? • What land use standards should be considered? • Should the Committee be renamed? • What kind of neighborhood do we want? • Should the Committee continue to monitor various neighborhood developments? <p>John agreed to take various recent submissions and try to merge them into a document for discussion in January</p> |
| <p>Neighborhood Development Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Penn Plaza - Enright Park • Key Bank, Penn and Negley • 5226 Penn Ave • Penn Avenue Phase II • Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard • 353 Stratford – Building permits • 5231 Liberty Ave | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John will be working on letters to the Gumberts and the City • There was a discussion regarding the narrow sidewalk passages near the entry. Brian will take several more measurements. • The bus stop was moved. No further updates. • No updates • John spoke with near neighbor, Tom Mangan, who agrees with other residents that the proposed renovations on the building may not be appropriate. Tom Mangan will be encouraged to participate in any future Registered Community Organization meeting. • No updates • No updates |
| <p>Neighborhood Environment Updates</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Regular update | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barbara reported on several items – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ BCI secretary is on leave ○ BCI is considering applying for Registered Community Organization status ○ BCI encouraged members to review the Mayor’s budget proposal ○ Representatives from UPMC Shadyside recently presented to BCI ○ Representatives from Bloomfield Development Corporation discussed a project focused on “historical properties” ○ It appears that there will construction in the spring of 2021 near Aldi on Baum Boulevard ○ The BCI December 2020 meeting is cancelled |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “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. ○ Letter to Hertz regarding parking in neighborhood (Tom) • Aldi scaffolding • Neighborway on Coral Street | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brian continues to pursue this issue and has contacted Wendy Urbanic at 311 in the City and two local councilmembers. It will be one year in January that he has been tackling this issue with no responses. • This issue appears headed to court. The facility was cited for noise from the top of the building as well as from the newest addition on the side near S. Atlantic. Jennifer will follow-up with resident Mike Dolan for any additional information. • Tom Y. hand-delivered a letter dated November 30, 2020 to the office regarding neighborhood parking. • Construction to begin in the spring of 2020. • Barbara noticed certain problems with narrow sidewalk and crosswalk cuts. |
| <p>2020 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?) • DOMI – January 2021 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOMI to present in January 2021 |
| <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 • Montana Building on Penn Avenue – renovations • Two Frays Brewing on Penn Avenue - development | |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Aldi renovations (Baum Blvd) • Shur-Sav (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 | |
| <p>New</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None |
| <p>Next Meeting</p> <p>January 5, 2021, Location - Zoom</p> | |