 FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP (FCG)

**Housing and Business Borders Committee (HBBC)**

**Meeting Summary**

**Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, August 4, 2020**

 **6:30 pm**

**Location: Zoom Video Conference**

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| **Committee Members:****Chair:** Vince Manetti**Board Member Representatives:** Jayne Bower, Sara DeLucia, Tom Hritz, Danielle Novick, Tom Youngs**Community Representatives:** John Axtell, Jennifer Haven | Attendees:Vince ManettiSara DeLucia, Tom Hritz, Tom YoungsJohn Axtell, Jennifer Haven, Residents: Barbara Adams, Emily George, Lewis Kwett, Brian Sullivan |
| ***AGENDA ITEM*** | ***SUMMARY*** |
| Neighborhood Development Updates * Penn Plaza - Enright Park
	+ Update on construction
	+ Update on attorney’s invoices
* Key Bank, Penn and Negley
* Baumhaus Phase II update
	+ Graffiti
* 5226 Penn Ave
	+ Update regarding discussion with owner (Jennifer)
	+ Recent trash issue
* Shur-Sav (Bloomfield)
* Penn Avenue Phase II
	+ Update on HBBC letter
* Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard
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	+ Construction continues
	+ One Housing Committee meeting has been held
	+ The TRID is now limited to ½ mile from East Liberty Transit Station
	+ No update from attorneys on invoices, John will request a “statement of account” from the attorneys
* Work continues with an estimated completion date of the first week of October, 2020
* There was discussion of recent, somewhat artistic, graffiti in the rear of Baumhaus I
* Brian offered to contact the owners to see how they planned to address the graffiti
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	+ Owner is still reviewing proposed community agreement
	+ Owner has purchased adjacent “green building”
	+ Trash was removed (may not have belonged to building owner)
* No update
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	+ No update, letter under review to support Bloomfield Development Corporation’s (BDC) response to City as well as to state HBBC’s concerns
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	+ John summarized draft and non-public architect’s presentation
	+ Jennifer attended a Zoom meeting with building owners and BDC
	+ Jennifer will send a letter to building owners / architect / City regarding required City processes to comply with Registered Community Organization regulations
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| Neighborhood Environment Updates* Baum-Center Initiative (BCI) participation
	+ Regular update

 * Residential Permit Parking (Tom)
* “Rightsizing” the trash cans at various buildings
* DPW graffiti policy clarification (Tom)
	+ Update to FCG website
* Children’s Home HVAC noises
* Baum Grove street art project grant – Bloomberg Philanthropic Arts Initiative (Jennifer and Sara)
* New tax abatement programs presentation
	+ Jennifer - November
* Continuation of discussion of “house flippers” in Friendship
	+ Jennifer and Sara for information on regarding mortgage payments on FCG website
	+ John and Jennifer developing a presentation regarding actions homeowners may consider when approached by house flippers.
* Coral Street Neighborway
	+ Develop resolution for FCG Board support of BDC / Bloomfield Livable Streets letter to City
* Hertz location at three-way intersection of Baum, Negley and Roup.
	+ Reuse of space as a result of the Hertz bankruptcy.
* West Penn Hospital Institutional Master Plan (Planning Commission meeting on July 28, 2020)
	+ Status of conversation with Christina Howell at BDC
* Rite Aid, Baum Boulevard - Concerns among residents and on NextDoor about loitering after hours in the rear of the building.
* PWSA work on Baum Boulevard
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	+ Barbara Adams, FCG representative at BCI, discussed –
		- that BCI is reviewing steps to become a registered community organization,
		- Luna parking garage retaining wall at the UPMC cancer center on Baum Boulevard will take several months to repair, and
		- John O’Dell building on Baum Boulevard is condemned but he does not have any current plans for the location
* No update
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* No update
* Project will be jointly led by FCG and the City Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI)
	+ Timing of implementation has been shifted to spring of 2021
	+ There will be an upcoming near neighbor communication
* On schedule
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	+ At the conclusion of the previous HBBC meeting, Jennifer had provided information to be posted to the FCG website
	+ John and Jennifer are continuing to prepare a presentation
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	+ Resolved: The Friendship Community Group Board of Directors hereby supports the letter dated May 19, 2020 to DOMI Director, Karina Ricks, written by Bloomfield Livable Streets and BDC as posted at <https://bloomfieldlivablestreets.org/our-campaigns/comrie-way-coral-street-neighborway/>
	+ There was also another recent neighborhood meeting regarding the Neighborway and plans are progressing.
* Discussion was postponed to a future meeting
* The Institutional Master Plan was approved by the Planning Commission
	+ No update on conversation
* Barbara Adams reported that information regarding City resources for the homeless was presented to individual loitering at the location
* PWSA moved work to daytime hours
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| 2020 Goals Updates* Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website.
* Meeting presenters have changed based upon COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. Presentations below are tentative –
	+ Permits, Licenses and Inspections (9/1/20)
	+ Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) (11/3/20?)
	+ Environmental Services Enforcement (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)
	+ Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)
 | * + No update
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	+ Scheduled
	+ Under review, facility may still be closed
	+ Scheduled for August 20, 2020
	+ No update
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| Long Term Goals* 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?
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| Not Actively Tracked Projects* 5222 Penn Ave renovations update
* North Negley Residences – B’nai Israel
* Montana Building on Penn Avenue – renovations
* Two Frays Brewing on Penn Avenue - development
* Aldi renovations (Baum Blvd)
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| New  | * Hertz vehicles parked throughout neighborhood and at Baum Grove
	+ Hertz agreed at City Zoning Board of Adjustment several years ago to not use the neighborhood for parking
	+ Tom agreed to write letter to Hertz voicing neighborhood’s concerns
* Barbara stated that she had sent an email message to Wendy Urbanic at Pittsburgh 311 regarding a large hole on Roup Avenue
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| Next MeetingSeptember 1, 2020, Location TBD | Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm |