 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 Manetti  Sara DeLucia, Tom Hritz, Tom Youngs  John 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 | * -   + 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 * -   + 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 * -   + No update, letter under review to support Bloomfield Development Corporation’s (BDC) response to City as well as to state HBBC’s concerns * -   + 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 |
| 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 | * -   + 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 * No update * No update * 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 * -   + 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 * -   + 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 |
| 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   + -   + Scheduled   + Under review, facility may still be closed   + Scheduled for August 20, 2020   + No update |
| 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? |  |
| 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) |  |
| 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 |
| Next Meeting  September 1, 2020, Location TBD | Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm |