 FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY GROUP

**Housing and Business Borders Committee**

**Summary**

**Meeting Date/Time: Tuesday, October 6, 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 | Vince ManettiTom YoungsJohn Axtell, Jennifer HavenResidents: Barbara Adams, Emily George, Lewis Kwett |
| ***AGENDA ITEM*** | ***SUMMARY*** |
| Neighborhood Development Updates * Penn Plaza - Enright Park
	+ Update on construction
* Key Bank, Penn and Negley
* Baumhaus Phase II update
	+ Graffiti (Brian Sullivan)
* 5226 Penn Ave
* Penn Avenue Phase II
* Howard Hanna Shadyside Office, 5501 Baum Boulevard
* 353 Stratford – Building permits
* 5231 Liberty Ave
	+ Restaurant Special Exception Hearing 9/3/2020 (Sara)
 | * Work continues, soil is currently being placed on planned park area, some concern that the Enright Park area may be used throughout construction for staging or “lay down” area
	+ John will provide a copy of the construction plan for Committee review
* Work seems to be ending with a 10/26/20 opening planned
* There was some discussion regarding Brian Sullivan’s email dated 9/28/20 summarizing his conversation with Mike Gornick at Baumhaus regarding graffiti. Mr. Gornick will apparently attempt to deal with graffiti on his own.
	+ Vince will send a copy of the recent presentation regarding renovations and development at the Howard Hanna property at 5501 Baum Blvd to Mr. Gornick
* There will be a community meeting through Zoom at 5:00 pm on 10/7/20 to discuss upcoming renovations and development
* No update
* FCG, as a registered community organization, to host an upcoming Development Activities Meeting. Rick Swartz from Bloomfield- Garfield Corporation (BGC) to be a panel member.
	+ There will be the necessity for community notification of the DAM
	+ Currently, FCG and the community do not have a response to the proposed renovations
	+ There was discussion of a joint FCG, BGC, and Bloomfield Development Corporation letter regarding the renovations
	+ John Axtell stated that would contact resident, Tom Mangan, for his thoughts about the development
	+ There are approximately 20- 22 near neighbors
* It appears that construction has stopped for several weeks.
	+ Jennifer Haven stated that there does not seem to be a building permit issued for the work as of 10/1/20
	+ Vince will contact City Department of Permits, Licenses and Inspections (PLI) director, Sarah Kinter, for latest information
* No update on the special exception hearing. John stated that he would share the YouTube video from the hearing.
	+ Some neighbors are complaining of odors from the location
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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)
* Coral Street Neighborway
* Hertz location, 5634 Baum Boulevard.
	+ Reuse of space as a result of the Hertz bankruptcy.
	+ Letter to Hertz regarding parking in neighborhood (Tom)
 | * Barbara Adams reported that BCI is attempting to contact local building owner, John Odell, regarding the building at 5640 Baum Boulevard which was condemned on 9/25/19
* There was some discussion regarding Tom Youngs’ email exchange with Elaina Zaitsoff of the Coalition of Oakland Residents dated 9/7/20. No action has yet occurred regarding changes to the RPP
* No updates
	+ There was additional discussion regarding how to address problem landlords as well as building code violations
	+ How to get City to strictly enforce
		- * Work with PLI or
			* City Department of Public Works
	+ There was discussion of a particularly problematic property at 310 Roup
* Tom Y. has shared a draft will Bill Crean and Alicia Carberry from the Mayor’s Office and will soon share with the Committee.
* Resident Mike Dolan is connecting with Sarah Kinter from PLI to discuss further
	+ City information suggests that an enforcement action is occurring soon in regard to building a structure to reduce the noise
	+ There may also be a City action regarding broken sidewalks
* Jennifer and Sara DeLucia continue to work on this effort outside of the Committee as part of a larger FCG effort with a recent ideation session and monthly Bloomberg phone calls
	+ Committee agreed to remove from the monthly agenda
* Committee agreed that BDC is adequately addressing
* Tom Y. recently sent a letter to Hertz location and has not received a response
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| 2020 Goals Updates* Update HBBC mission statement, vision and website (tabled from September meeting)
* Meeting presenters have changed based upon COVID-19 stay-at-home orders. Presentations below are tentative –
	+ Pittsburgh Glass Center (regarding nearby proposed renovations) (11/3/20?)
	+ Environmental Services Enforcement (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)
	+ Graffiti (FCG Quarterly Community Meeting?)
 | * No updates
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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
* North Negley Residences – B’nai Israel
* Montana Building on Penn Avenue – renovations
* Two Frays Brewing on Penn Avenue - development
* Aldi renovations (Baum Blvd)
* Shur-Sav (Bloomfield)
* West Penn Hospital Institutional Master Plan
* Continuation of discussion of “house flippers” in Friendship
	+ John and Jennifer developing a presentation regarding actions homeowners may consider when approached by house flippers.
* New tax abatement programs
	+ Jennifer - November
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| New* Next meeting date (Election Day)
 | * Committee agreed that the November meeting would be delayed to the second Tuesday of the month so as not to conflict with Election Day
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| Next MeetingNovember 3, 2020, Location - Zoom | Next Meeting - ChangeNovember 10, 2020, Location - Zoom |