 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 Manetti  Tom Youngs  John Axtell, Jennifer Haven  Residents: 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 |
| 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 * 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 |  |
| 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 |
| Next Meeting  November 3, 2020, Location - Zoom | Next Meeting - Change  November 10, 2020, Location - Zoom |