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Executive Director Announcement

Fineview Citizens Council & Perry Hilltop Citizens Council announce a transition of leadership



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PITTSBURGH (JAN 12, 2023) Fineview Citizens Council and Perry Hilltop Citizens Council announce that Executive Director, Joanna “Jo” Deming will be moving on from their organizations, January 19, 2023. Jo has been working with Fineview & Perry Hilltop for the past six years, leading the organizations through a two year planning initiative, establishing a shared vision between the two neighboring communities organizations and built momentum behind and elevated the community’s priorities. The councils wish her the best, and are excited that she will be advocating for equity and food accessibility as Executive Director with the Food Policy Council, given that food is a critical issue for our communities.

The community celebrates many successes and growths in preserving affordable housing as well as organizational growth while building a C.A.R.I.N.G community with Jo at the helm. The organizations have completed several necessary plans identifying community needs, priorities and assets including their [Community Plan \(2018\)](#), a [5 Year Affordable Housing Plan \(2020\)](#) and the [Allegheny Dwellings Choice Neighborhood Transformation Plan \(2022\)](#). These plans have set into motion many successes such as the renewal of Fineview Overlook & Community Park, 12 affordable rental units, City Step improvements, as well as a commitment from the City to open Fowler (PV) Pool & masterplan renewal for Fowler (PV) Park. Plans aside, Jo hasn’t let go of the PEOPLE component while planning. She challenged and persevered where others said,

“you can’t”. She built a diverse team of strong staff and volunteers who will continue to work together to build a healthy, equitable community...

“It has been an honor to work with my neighbors to bring about positive community change. I am incredibly proud of the work we have done. We have truly built a more C.A.R.I.N.G Community, even when sometimes that meant getting the City to place a trash can in a key intersection. We created tangible, physical change together that will last for years to come. We developed plans that will be made a reality over the next decade. It has been truly amazing! I will miss working with everyone; though I am hopeful we will stay connected. I will still be a neighbor.” said Joanna Deming, out-going Executive Director of Fineview & Perry Hilltop Citizens Councils.

Announcing Interim Executive Director, Nancy Noszka

Tuesday January 10, Fineview & Perry Hilltop Citizens Councils appointed Nancy Noszka as the Interim Director. Nancy has been in place with the organizations for the past two years as Community Real Estate Director. She has been instrumental to the organizations’ success in preserving affordable housing and preventing displacement in our community.

Nancy brings a rich and diverse background in managing non-profit organizations to the Interim Executive Director’s position. She had been consulting with Perry Hilltop Citizens Council for many years prior to being brought on full-time as the organizations’ Community Real Estate Director. She has a successful track record of building healthy economies and development which supports at-risk families. In addition, Nancy has been well known for expanding and strengthening business districts while retaining existing businesses. She has multiple strengths which make her a natural fit for the pivotal next steps for Fineview & Perry Hilltop Citizens Councils.



“I look forward to building on the foundation that Joanna Deming and the board members have established for the Perry Hilltop and Fineview neighborhoods to care for its residents.” said Nancy Noszka, newly appointed Interim Executive Director of Fineview & Perry Hilltop Citizens Councils.

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