



## Fineview & Perry Hilltop Citizens Councils

# Community Gathering AGENDA

Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 6pm

Hybrid meeting at The Pittsburgh Project Sanctuary (2601 Norwood) or Zoom

### Facilitators:

- **Diondre Johnson, Fineview Citizens Council, President**
- **Gia Haley, Perry Hilltop Citizens Council, Vice President**

**Shared Staff:** **Joanna Deming**, Executive Director; **Nancy Noszka**, Director of Community Real Estate; **Carla Arnold**, Director of Community Outreach and Engagement; **Rhonda Strozier**, Community Planning Liaison (CHOICE); **Lisa Vasser**, Administrative Assistant; **Christine Whispell**, Communications Specialist; **Adriene Crowe**, Development Assistant/Work Study; **Christina Lane**, MSW Intern

### 1. **Welcome - Read Vision Together**

*We build a **C.A.R.I.N.G.** community. One that's Collaborative, Advocating, Respectful, Inspiring, Neighborly, and Gracious.*

### 2. **Introductions - 15 min** (everyone is provided up to 30 seconds)

- a. Name, Place where you live / organization you represent.
- b. Share something new or something good / a creative project you're working on

INTROS NEW and/or GOOD

Micki McDonough shared that the Violence Prevention program is going well

Shawn Malloy is the new commander at Zone 1. He shared they will have more officers walking more in neighborhoods: starting in April, May--passing out flyers, providing tips, etc. He told Dwayne to let him know if they'd like officers to participate in Flag Football. They're looking for good ways to connect with community. You can reach him at: [shawn.malloy@pittsburghpa.gov](mailto:shawn.malloy@pittsburghpa.gov)

**Pauline Criswell** has a Rap session program for youth, which has about 40 youth participating

Dwayne Barker announced Northside Youth Flag Football League starting April 2.

Nicole Quaka is available to volunteer; has helped with Charles and Dwayne in the past

Rhonda Strozier has a landscaping company that is starting to work outside soon. MO Landscapes, [www.molandscapes.com](http://www.molandscapes.com)

Janet Gunter is cancer-free!!!

Nancy Noszka walked without a cane!

Matt Indovina shared that the Litter Brigade picked up 400 lbs of litter on Monday. The Litter Brigade meets Mondays at the Overlook at 5pm. All are welcome to help.

### 3. Working Group Updates - 15 min

- a. **Housing:** Nancy Noszka - Learn about a potential development project on Marshall Avenue. Developer: Rex Peterson. [Presentation](#).
  - Purchased 3-4 lots on Marshall Avenue. He has a presentation this evening. Not using public funds.
  - Looking to build 5 homes with 13 units
  - \$1,000-\$2,000 per month; comparables?
  - Parking in the rear
  - Going to zoning for variances - single family to multi-family zoning; on street parking for the duplexes, small for set-back and side yard. They are contextual.
  - Including an accessible voucher - less expensive than the others - not at the voucher level, but making it a little more affordable
  - Include a voucher? The CAP they have on the rent is lower than they are able to support. They are concerned about committing to that while working their way through the regulations. (\$1,200/month)
- b. **Violence Prevention - Micki McDonough**
  - Violence Prevention Training program is going well. 30 people attended the first session. There are two more sessions remaining
  - Program is part of a 5 year intervention Pitt Social Work is doing
  - A Community Survey was done
  - A Community Project will follow the training
- c. **Equity and Inclusion - Dwayne / Christine – FCC & PHCC are assessing our organizations through a race, gender, and equity lens. To maintain support and**

*buy-in, we will use an equity assessment tool and platform to provide public-facing data and milestones to increase accountability and drive community engagement for change. Over the coming months, we will be incorporating change to provide transparency and address organizational inequities within our systems, processes, and policies. You can learn more about this process at [LeadersofchangeLLC.com](http://LeadersofchangeLLC.com) or [ConsciousUnbias.com](http://ConsciousUnbias.com). Interested in being a part of this process? Join our Equity and Inclusion Working Group! Meets Third Tuesday of the Month at 6pm. Contact [Joanna@ourfuturehilltop.org](mailto:Joanna@ourfuturehilltop.org) if you are interested.*

**d. Events -**

- Easter: Partnering with Propel to distribute Easter Baskets in April. Donate candy or baskets to [Carla@ourfuturehilltop.org](mailto:Carla@ourfuturehilltop.org)
- Unity Corner: Late April/Early May be starting weekly weeding (Tuesday mornings). Bill Casey will donate 7 yards of mulch. Working to expand to neighboring lots.
- Fineview Garden on Carrie Street: Fixed Shed, Fixed Rain Barrels, Cleared brush and Japanese Knotweed. Wed. April 6 at 5pm they will do dry weather activities. Rent a private plot and join-in with caring for community plots. Every Wednesday after that at 5pm, they will be there. Come by or contact Jon Hanrahan, [jhanrahan1501@gmail.com](mailto:jhanrahan1501@gmail.com), for more information.
- Mindful Making: Starting the 2nd Monday of the Month for a couple of months - Crafting together. First project will be rock painting. Contact: [christine@ourfuturehilltop.org](mailto:christine@ourfuturehilltop.org)
- Litter Brigade: Pick up litter starting Mondays at 5pm at the Fineview Overlook. Contact: gregory manley, [gdm227@gmail.com](mailto:gdm227@gmail.com).
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**4. Choice Neighborhoods Initiative: Neighborhood Plan - 20 min - Rhonda Strozier**

**a. [Presentation](#)**

**5. Announcements - 10 min**

- a. Fineview Community Garden – Mar 20, 2022 10 AM, Kick Off

## SAVE THE DATES

Community Meetings - 4th Tuesdays at 6pm

Apr 26, 2022

May 24, 2022

Jun 28, 2022

Jul 26, 2022

August 23, 2022

Sep 20, 2022

October 25, 2022

Nov 22, 2022

## Choice Neighborhoods Initiative Meetings - 4th Tuesdays at 6pm

- **Neighborhood Taskforce Meeting**-Thursday 3/24/22 @ 6pm - [REGISTER](#)
- **People Taskforce Meeting** - 4/5/22 @ 12pm
- **Housing Taskforce Meeting** - 4/13/22 @ 12pm

## STAY AND HANG! CONNECT / NETWORK

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