



## **Fineview & Perry Hilltop Citizens Councils**

### **Community Gathering**

#### **NOTES**

Location: The Pittsburgh Project

Date: Tuesday, September 24, 2019, 6pm

(5:30- start to arrive, mingle and arrange food)

**Facilitators:** Gia Haley, Perry Hilltop Board Member and Christine Whispell, Fineview Board Member

**Staff:** Joanna Deming, Executive Director, Lukas Bagshaw, Community Outreach Coordinator, and Carla Arnold, Community Engagement VISTA

#### **1. Welcome & Introductions** (Name, neighborhood, announcement - 30 seconds/person) -

##### **10 min**

- *Goal is to understand who is in the room and develop relationships with one another.*

The group went around and introduced themselves.

#### **2. Public Safety Update and Discussion- 7 min**

- *Goal is to build relationships with police, to hear what is happening, to share your concerns and get answers or motivate action on those concerns.*
- They will provide a brief update, you may share your concern briefly and step out and have a conversation about your specific concern when they are done speaking to the group.

Officer Burford shared updates on [crime statistics](#). There was a homicide on Danbury

Street. Police have been covering the protests at the Exxon Station to ensure safety for all. Staff announced there is a strategy meeting at McNaugher tomorrow at 6pm.

### **3. Pittsburgh Parks Plan with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy- 3 min**

Did not attend, but sent information to share:

“Please join us on October 16th for a presentation on the Phase Two of the Parks Listening Tour. Phase Two of the Listening Tour will detail the plan for improved park safety, increased fair funding and access, and upgraded maintenance and facilities for all existing city parks to leave a legacy for our children and grandchildren. This parks plan is being developed with community input. We will be talking about the parks system as a whole and can answer questions about individual parks anywhere in the city.”

October 16th, 6pm-8pm  
Upper Northside meeting  
3505 Perrysville Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15214

Please [register here](#) so we have an accurate headcount for food. Please indicate your need for childcare when registering.

### **4. Dialogue with Public Officials & Housing Authority - 20 min**

Mayor’s Office, Councilman Daniel Lavelle; Councilwoman Darlene Harris, State Representative Jake Wheatley; Knowledge Hudson, Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh

- *Goal is to develop relationships and build connections with our public officials. To understand what is happening at the city and state and see where to plug in or get involved. To share your concerns and get answers or motivate action on those concerns.*
- They will provide a brief update, you may share your concern briefly and then step out and have a brief conversation with them about your specific concern after they are done speaking to the group.

Ernest Rajakone from the Mayor’s Office shared various resources and information, including information about Dolly’s Imagination Library, which provides free books for kids 0-5 years old. Each month a new book is mailed to your house. Learn more at [www.imaginationlibrary.com](http://www.imaginationlibrary.com). He encouraged neighbors to fill out the Department of Mobility’s Survey for their 2070 Transportation Plan. More info here:

<https://pittsburghpa.gov/domi/transport-vision-plan>. He also talked about recycling drop-off location. More info here: <https://pittsburghpa.gov/dpw/drop-off>.

No other representatives were present.

#### **4. FCC/PHCC Working Updates - 7 min**

- Education & Beautification - Lukas Bagshaw shared that the Youth Exec program recently kicked off at Perry High School. Talk to him if you want to be a guest speaker or get involved. Also, he shared about efforts to renovate lots on Federal Extension--a project being called Unity Trail, which will link Unity Corner to the new homes on Federal Street.
- Events & Community Investment - Carla Arnold shared information about upcoming events (see below). Also, she shared some successes we've achieved as a result of sharing our priorities with the city, including: paving of Arvada Way, getting detour signs posted on Charles Street, and getting garbage cans on Perrysville Avenue.
- Housing - Sally Staldeman and Fred Smith shared that Rebuilding Together is working on the home of another homeowner next week after already providing repairs for three homeowners this fall. Also, the scopes of work are being prepared for 2115 and 2133 Perrysville Avenue, as well as 9 Lanark. We will be looking for contractors to provide bids. Please let us know if you know of good contractors.

#### **5. Housing and Commercial Development Plan - 30 min**

Christine Brill & Jonathan Kline, Studio for Spatial Practice

Provide presentation on what has been done so far to develop a housing and commercial development plan. See presentation [here](#).

#### **6. Upcoming Events - 5 min**

- **Step Challenge Clean-up**, Saturday, September 28, 2019, 9am, Meet @ Peekskill and Hazelton
- **Step Challenge Clean-up**, Tuesday, October 1, 2019, 5:30pm, Meet @ Top of Henderson Steps
- **Carrie Street Steps Block Party Featuring Interactive Fabric Sculptures**, Friday, October 11, 4-7pm, Meet @ Carrie St & Henderson St, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

- **Fineview Step Challenge**, Saturday, October 12, 8:30am @ Fineview Overlook
- **Graib Street Steps Block Party Featuring Interactive Fabric Sculptures**, Saturday, October 12, 8:30am @ Henderson St, & Graib St, Pittsburgh PA 15212
- **Harvest Potluck**, Tuesday, October 22, 5:30/6pm @ The Pittsburgh Project
- **Fall Festival**, Tuesday, November 12th at Propel Northside (details TBD)
- **Membership Meeting/Election/Community Gathering**, Tuesday, November 26, 5:30/6pm @ The Pittsburgh Project
- **Holiday Party**, Thursday, December 12, 6pm @ The Pittsburgh Project