



Fineview & Perry Hilltop Citizens Councils

Community Gathering Notes

@ The Pittsburgh Project

Tuesday, November 26, 2019, 6pm (5:30- start to arrive, mingle and arrange food)

Facilitators: Dwayne Barker, Perry Hilltop President, Terra Ferderber, Fineview President, Rev. Eleanor Williams, Perry Hilltop Board Member

Staff: Joanna Deming, Executive Director and Carla Arnold, Community Engagement VISTA

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

15 min

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

-OnDoc teledocor Services

We went around the room and everyone introduced themselves.

Fred Hill shared about OnDoc teledocor services. They don't take the place of health insurance, but for \$30/month you can see a doctor virtually through your phone. Learn more at www.hill.myoncdocsite.com.

2. State of Public Safety - 3 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 and may be available after their update to step out and brief conversation with you about specific concerns.

Sergeant Burford shared an update on crime statistics. He also talked about the large number of turkeys their team delivered over Thanksgiving.

3. Dialogue with Public Officials & Housing Authority - 5 min

- *Priority announcements to share? What do we need to know?*

Eric Williams from the Mayor's Office talked about Snow Angels shoveling program, Small Business Saturday (Nov. 30- free parking downtown), Neighborhood Plan Guides are out for comment, Love Your Block Applications are now Open (apply for \$1,500).

Knowledge Hudson from the Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh talked about how they are breaking down their developments into smaller projects (5 units), so smaller contractors can participate.

Mohammed Burry from Councilman Elect Bobby Wilson's office introduced himself.

Councilman Daniel Lavelle talked about three pieces of legislation he introduced, which call out racism as a public health crisis and provided a path forward to address the issues, such as the government partnering with other sectors and establishing a pot of dedicated funds. He mentioned several items in the city budget: Swindel bridge and EMS station as well as the \$400,000+ investment the City is making to update the Jefferson Rec Center in the Central Northside.

Thomas Graham from Jake Wheatley's Office talked about how they recently held a Spaghetti Dinner for the seniors in the Steel Worker's Tower. He also shared about their Pathways to Pardon event on December 2.

4. FCC/PHCC Working Updates - 5 min

- Community Investment

Eleanor Williams shared the below announcements:

- Expressed gratitude that the Swindall Bridge and EMS Station on Lafayette are in the proposed Capital Budget
- Asked if the Charles Street underpass included? Reiterated the need for it to be addressed. (This question wasn't answered)

- Housing

Sally Stadelman and Fred Smith shared the below announcements.

- FCC is approved for \$130K from DCED, NAP Tax credits to renovate 21 Lanark St (affordable rental)
- FCC is finalizing plans for 9 Lanark St. Putting out to bid soon
- FCC is planning a pilot project for 5-6 new and rehabbed homes on Lanark Street. Permanent affordable housing in partnership with City of Bridges Community Land Trust.
- PHCC is finalizing plans for 2115 and 2133 Perrysville Ave in partnership with Pittsburgh Housing and Development Corporation (PHDC), URA's development arm
 - Will start with 2133 Perrysville Ave.
- FCC & PHCC are finalizing Housing and Commercial Development Plan
- Let staff know if know any construction companies or small businesses seeking retail
- FCC & PHCC want to make sure URA housing funds aren't cut in final budget as they are in proposed budget.

- Education (Dwayne)

Dwayne talked about the Youth Exec leadership development program FCC & PHCC are implementing at Perry High School. He shared about making connections with around 15 youth in grades 9-12 as well as how he brought in a graduate to share his inspiring story with the students.

- Events (Carla)

Carla shared about recent events, such as the Harvest Potluck as well as the events listed below in the notes.

- Beautification (Carla)

Carla shared about Unity Corner being winterized and our goals to create Unity Trail.

5. Candidate Intros & Board Election, Dwayne & Terra Ferderber - 10min

Candidates introduced themselves. Greg Manley and Chris Caldwell from Fineview, along with Pauline Criswell and Lance McFadden from Perry Hilltop. Cheryl Gainey wasn't present. Ballots were distributed, members voted, ballots were collected. Announcements will be made at the Holiday Party.

6. Northside Partnership Zoning Request - 5min

Rev. Eleanor Williams shared that the Northside Partnership Project is applying for Community Center Zoning for the Northside Resource Mall (former McNaugher School), which will include a parking variance. They have been hosting birthday parties, food giveaways, bible studies, church services, youth athletic practices, and more. For Thanksgiving they gave away 150 meals. In the past year they have served over 1,000 people from their building.

7. Speeding on Marshall Avenue, Department of Mobility and Infrastructure - 5min

Katy Sawyer from DOMI presented on plans to reduce speeding on Marshall Avenue. Plans will include striping on the road designating bike lanes and parking lanes as well as reinforcing crosswalks. In addition, Pressley Ridge will be installing a School Zone.

8. Homebuying and Financial Education, NeighborWorks Western PA - 5min

Jonathan Newell and Anne Schwan from NeighborWorks shared information about homebuyer and financial education workshops they will be hosting locally in the coming year. In addition, they will offer individual financial counseling. They shared a survey and asked residents to share what they are most interested in learning about. They also shared information about a new downpayment and closing cost assistance program that 15 lenders are participating in. They anticipate 160 people benefiting and being able to get up to \$15,000 for each home. The amount goes up to \$17,500 if they are a veteran, a teacher, or another public service worker. If you have four or less people in your household you must make under \$63,000.

7. Upcoming Events - 5 min

- Transportation Vision 2070 Planning Meeting, **Thursday, December 5 @6pm-** David L. Lawrence Convention Center, rooms 315-316 (directions and parking information below)
- 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets:
 - Submit budget requests and comments no later than **Friday, December 6.**
 - The final public hearing – with an opportunity for citizen participation - on the 2020 Operating and Capital Budgets is scheduled for **Monday, December 9 at 10am** at Council Chambers
 - View full Budget Hearing Schedule here:
https://apps.pittsburghpa.gov/redtail/images/7698_2019-11-14_2020_B

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- Holiday Party, Tuesday, December 12 @ 6pm - The Pittsburgh Project
- Community Gathering, Tuesday, January 28 @5:30pm - The Pittsburgh Project