

HPCC Board Meeting Agenda

March 6, 2020

Start: 7:15 ; End: 8:45

Present: B. Staresenic, S. Culyba, J. Holtzman, S. Walsh, B. Rogerson, G. Schultz, M. Lynch

Absent: H. Degenholtz, J. Beck, J. Blakley, K. Manovich

Interim Actions Since Jan 9, 2020 Board Meeting

1. The Board voted by email to approve Sabrina Culyba and Jim Blakely as board members to fill two of the current unfilled seats with terms ending in June 2020. A quorum was reached 1/23/20:
 - a. Ayes (7): J. Beck, H. Degenholtz, J. Holtzman, K. Manovich, B. Rogerson, S. Walsh, C. Worley
 - b. Nays (0): none
 - c. Did not vote (2): M. Lynch, J. Sandherr
2. The Board voted by email to approve Bob Staresenic as board members to fill an unfilled seat with a term ending in June 2022. A quorum was reached 2/24/20:
 - a. Ayes (10): J. Beck, J. Blakely, S. Culyba, H. Degenholtz, J. Holtzman, M. Lynch, K. Manovich, B. Rogerson, S. Walsh, C. Worley
 - b. Nays (0): none
 - c. Did not vote (0): none
3. Justin Sandherr stepped down as a member of the board via email to Stephanie Walsh on 2/24/2020.
4. The HPCC applied for a Love Your Block grant from the City's Office of Community Affairs

New Business

1. Update on application to become a Registered Community Organization (Stephanie Walsh)
 - a. Website updates
 - b. Adoption of HPCC organization boundaries (see language attached)
 - c. Ayes (9): B. Staresenic, S. Culyba, J. Holtzman, S. Walsh, B. Rogerson, M. Lynch; H. Degenholtz, J. Blakley & J. Beck (in absentia)
 - d. Did not vote (1): K. Manovich
2. Zoning & Development (Stephanie Walsh)
 - a. 327 North Negley
 - i. Former site of the B'nai Israel Congregation

- ii. The Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh ("HACP") and the Urban Redevelopment Authority ("URA") are considering providing financial support for North Negley Residences, an adaptive re-use development on the site.
 - iii. The project will consist of 45 mixed-income rental units, 38 of which will be affordable.
 - b. Highland and Stanton Aves
 - i. 3 apartment buildings formerly owned by the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary
 - ii. ACTION-Housing has been selected by the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Theological Seminary to redevelop the Highlander, McMillan, and Anderson buildings, originally built in the mid-20th century as housing for students and employees of the Seminary
 - iii. The plan fully renovates the buildings for use as affordable and accessible housing, the majority of which will be available to the public.
 - iv. Phase I of the redevelopment will occur late Spring & Summer of 2020; Phase II will be occur Spring and Summer of 2021
 - v. More information is available from Linda Metropulos at ACTION-Housing at Lmetropulos@actionhousing.org or 412-281-2102 x203.
 - c. Bryant Street
 - i. Multiple properties for sale in the business district
 - d. Park Lane Apartments
- 3. Highland Park - Historic Bridge Restoration (Stephanie Walsh)
 - a. Meeting with Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy and Public Works on March 20, 4 pm
 - b. Confirmed to attend: J. Beck, H. Degenholtz, M. Lynch, J. Holtzman, S. Walsh
 - c. Need to reserve a space; S. Walsh to reserve to board room at the Union Project
- 4. Membership Drive Update (Howard Degenholtz submitted prior to meeting)
 - a. \$2390 received in paper checks (over 50), including a few who gave quite generously. Should we send personal thank you notes? 2 x \$250; 1 x \$500
 - i. Yes - Sabrina will do thank you notes for donations of \$250 or more moving forward
 - b. 156 renewals going back to October; 170 2 years ago; 160 last year. Things went well but not great renewal rate. 3500 households in HP. What would be a good goal? Should we set target of 25 more members b/w now and end of FY? Next year aim for % of households?
 - c. Need to push word out: ad in newsletter?

- d. Do we want to create business membership? All businesses can be listed free; those who pay get ads?
 - i. Sabrina and Betsy will meet to discuss membership ideas; Chris will provided database support, as needed

- 5. Treasurer's Report (Howard Degenholtz submitted prior to meeting)
 - a. David Harris, Key Investments, called Howard. D. Harris said he hadn't realized we weren't getting statements. He investigated and will try to work out paperwork glitches that are causing them. Once cleared up, investment account will be set up. East Liberty branch is getting a new rep two days a week that we will be able to work with locally.
 - b. Howard (unable to attend) will send a Treasurer's report electronically this weekend

- 6. Draft comments re: Community Reinvestment Act
<https://www.regulations.gov/document?D=OCC-2018-0008-1515>
 - a. Glen drafted language (see attached)
 - b. The board supported the language and Stephanie agreed to submit it before the deadline

- 7. Upcoming Events
 - a. March Community Meeting (March 19)
 - b. Marathon Party (May 3)
 - c. Spring Fling (May 21)
 - i. March 15 is planning meeting

Definition of HPCC Boundaries
(to be voted on)

The boundaries of the HPCC as an organization are the same as the neighborhood boundaries defined by the City of Pittsburgh Planning Office as of March 1, 2020, and described as follows:

- Heth's Run beginning at the intersection of Heth's Avenue and Hampton Street, north and northeast along the western edge of the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium property to Butler Street;
- Butler Street east to where Butler Street becomes Washington Boulevard;
- Continuing east along Washington Boulevard to the Highland Park Bridge;
- At the Highland Park Bridge, the boundary moves to the river's edge and continues east to the Allegheny Valley Railroad Bridge;
- The boundary runs concurrent with the railroad tracks south to Allegheny River Boulevard;
- Allegheny River Boulevard west to Washington Boulevard;
- Washington Boulevard south to Negley Run Boulevard;
- Negley Run Boulevard south and east to Meadow Street;
- Meadow Street northwest to Stanton Avenue;
- Stanton Avenue west to Heth's Avenue;
- Heth's Avenue north to where it ends at its intersection with Hampton Street.

<https://gis.pittsburghpa.gov/pghneighborhoods/>

03.02.2020

Draft of the HPCC's proposed response to Mayor Peduto's request for comment on proposed changes to the Community Reinvestment Act by the Trump Administration.

For discussion/approval at the HPCC's Board Meeting on 03.06.2020.

The Highland Park Community Council, established in Pittsburgh in 1947, supports Mayor Peduto's efforts in not undermining the original intention of the Community Reinvestment Act. We agree the proposed changes by the Trump Administration will reduce the evaluation of banks in responding to local community needs for lending and community development. The proposed changes would threaten the CRA's original "spirit" of promoting the financial health of our local communities and neighbors.