

Jan 28, 2020
HPCC Community Zoom Meeting

32 Participants in attendance

Called to order at 7:02 P.M. by Stephanie Walsh

Agenda

BRT Project - Stephanie Walsh

- Last week the Port Authority had public meeting to discuss the Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) project with a focus on the Highland Park branch.
- A brief overview of the progress of the BRT Project was presented
- All information has been added to the HPCC website under Neighborhood Development: <https://hpccpgh.org/brt/>

Super Playground Committee - Sabrina Culyba

- The proposed design will be on the City website in early March
- A community input session is tentatively scheduled for March 11; check the Engage Pgh website
- The HPCC will post the information closer to the event day
- Information on the project is available at <https://hpccpgh.org/playground/>

Membership Committee Update - Sabrina Culyba

- The individual managing welcome bags for the committee stepped down after 5 years
- HPCC is looking for a replacement; please contact Stephanie if you would like to volunteer: HPCCPgh@gmail.com

There HPCC Board of Directors has a vacancy. Please contact Stephanie if you are interested and would like more information: HPCCPgh@gmail.com

Presentation by District 7 Councilwoman Deborah Gross

- Council's current priority is pandemic related. Where is the need? and Where are people suffering?
- \$10 million dollars in federal aid provided to the city was given to the URA to provide rent and mortgage assistance to keep people in their homes
- The City budget crisis: City revenues are down \$60 million
- The Mayor is committed to avoiding decreases in the City payroll or cutting employees; the payroll has been cut somewhat through attrition and lack of hiring thus staffing is currently lean.
- If federal assistance is not received, the city will have to cut staff in June/July
- The capital budget is funded via existing debt service so it is not affected by the decrease in revenue; for Highland Park this means funding for work on the historic tunnel on Reservoir Drive and the Super Playground
- There are currently 2 working groups addressing Highland Park issues
 - Options traffic calming on Reservoir Drive are being explored

- There is an ongoing effort to address noise from the police firing range
- If you are interested in participating in these working groups, please email the HPCC at HPCCPgh@gmail.com
- Councilwoman Gross and Stephanie meet monthly; questions for the Councilwoman can be sent to district7@pittsburghpa.gov .

Police Zone 5 Update - Officer Jeff Crawford

- There were 2 auto thefts; 1 car was recovered and the juvenile thief was arrested
- There were 5 auto break-ins
- 1 non-fatal drug overdose
- Please report abandoned vehicles directly to Zone 5 or by calling 3-1-1-;
- Make certain your vehicle(s) are locked at all times.
- The police are creating a working group to address safety issues brought about by large groups of ATVs, dirt bikes and motorcycles on public streets

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 pm