



CITY OF PITTSBURGH
Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

In Attendance

Chair Lashawn Burton-Faulk
Vice-Chair Rachel O'Neill
Secretary Holly Dick
Commissioner Dina Blackwell

Commissioner Monica Ruiz
Commissioner Phillip Wu
Commissioner Mel Ngami

Not Present

Commissioner Steve Mazza

Commissioner Peter Quintanilla

City Staff Present

Corey Layman, Zoning Administrator
Andrew Dash
Paul Cancilla
Megan McElhaney

Kate Rakus, Principal Planner
Katherine Reed
Maryam Moradian-Mosleh
Tiffany Krajewski
Joseph Fraker

Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Chair Lashawn Burton-Faulk

A. Approval of Planning Commission meeting minutes

Date: February 11, 2025

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Ms Dick

Seconded by: Ms Ruiz

In favor: Ms Blackwell, Ms Burton Faulk, Ms Dick, Ms Ngami, Ms Ruiz, Mr Wu

Abstained: Ms O'Neill

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

Date: February 25, 2025

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Mr Wu

Seconded by: Ms Dick

In favor: Ms Blackwell, Ms Burton Faulk, Ms Dick, Ms Ngami, Ms Ruiz, Mr Wu

Abstained: Ms O'Neill

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

B. Correspondence

Donny's Place Historic Nomination

- Kassandra Manasse
- Jacob Klinger
- Ben Fiorillo
- Amalia Tonsor

DCP-ZDR-2024-08205 - 2121 Smallman Street (Brickworks)

- Councilman Bobby Wilson
- Strip District Neighbors

C. Plan of Lots

None

D. Hearing and Action

1. BDA-2025-00264 - 801 Penn Ave, New parks and open space use, *Central Business District Neighborhood*

Commissioners Ngami and O'Neill recused from this hearing item.

Staff: Mr Cancilla

Applicant: Ms Kendra Whitlock-Ingram, President and CEO, Pittsburgh Cultural Trust and Sanjukta Sen, Director, Field Operations – presentation

Public Comment: None

Commissioners Comments: Ms Blackwell – comments. Mr Wu – comments. Ms Ruiz – comments. Ms Burton-Faulk – Comments.

Motion: Approval

Moved by: Ms Blackwell

Seconded by: Mr Wu

In favor: Ms Blackwell, Ms Burton Faulk, Ms Dick, Ms Ruiz, Mr Wu

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: Ms Ngami, Ms O'Neill

CARRIED

2. BDA-2025-01245 - 106 Isabella St., Install business High-Wall identification signage, *North Shore Neighborhood*

Staff: Ms Moradian

Applicant: Bill Kolano, Kolano Design – presentation

Public Comment: None

Commissioners Comments: None

Motion: Approval

Moved by: Ms Dick

Seconded by: Ms O'Neill

In favor: Ms Blackwell, Ms Burton Faulk, Ms Dick, Ms Ngami, Ms O'Neill, Ms Ruiz, Mr Wu

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

E. Director's Report

Mr Layman presented the Director's Report re transit-oriented development. Paused to reassess approach to transit-oriented development zoning changes and engage a variety of stakeholders to ensure any resulting development is consistent with both best practices with TOD and community priorities.

F. Adjournment

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:58 PM.

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