



CITY OF PITTSBURGH  
**Planning Commission**

*Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025*

**In Attendance**

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

Commissioner Steve Mazza  
Commissioner Peter Quintanilla  
Commissioner Monica Ruiz  
Commissioner Phillip Wu

**Not Present**

Commissioner Mel Ngami

Chair Lashawn Burton-Faulk

**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 1:00 p.m. by Vice Chair Rachel O'Neill.

**A. Approval of Planning Commission meeting minutes**

None

**B. Correspondence**

**Housing Needs Assessment Zoning Amendments – Citywide**

- Alisa Grishman
- Charles Smith
- Karryn Lintelman
- Robert Davis
- Ryan Doran
- Silas Russell
- Tina Rogers
- Neil Desai
- Dr. Caitlin Bruce
- Brennan Coleman
- Rebecca Gilbert
- Michelle Hickey Cerminara
- Kara Kimicata
- Megan Tucker
- Fineview Community Organization
- Chapin Czarnecki
- Doug Cerminara
- Connor Dickey

**Transit-Oriented Development**

- James Lenhart
- Allison Cherry
- Cassandra Logan
- David Allen
- Patricia McMahon

**Donny's Place Historic Nomination**

- Jackson O'Connell Barlow
- Penny Cuda

- Kaylin Troiano
- Tom Ogden
- Zakk Orszulak
- Amy Kuhre
- Jenny Johnson
- Julia West
- Lindsey Scherloun
- Marin La Martina
- Nettie Glickman
- Valerie Warhol
- Matt Cotter
- Aya Eliza-Christie
- Hannah Woodrooffe
- Ricky Kolling
- Orla Pierce
- Bella Hollenbach
- Emily De Ferrari
- Mk Davis
- Rachel Lembeck-Edens
- Jess Gold
- Mark Knobil
- James Bowen
- Jon Farinelli
- Merce Lemon
- Maddalena McDonnell
- Sara Cole
- Carleigh Graves
- Kim Teplitzky
- Teresa Martuccio
- Moirin Reynolds
- Etta Cetera
- Kaitlin Sweeney
- Jazmin Kent-Loera
- Jocelyn Kirkwood
- Luke Niebler
- Sarah Bauer
- Stephanie Flom
- Eriko Hattori
- Samuel Pace
- Fen Stormon
- Claire Matway
- Kirsten Rokke
- Dade Lemanski
- Claire Blaha
- Hannah Turpin
- Nicole Ollinger
- Celeste Neuhaus
- Claude LaVallée
- John Carson
- Erika Johnson
- Jacob Klinger
- Nicole Sanna
- Katherine Anderson
- lizzie anderson
- Seth Payne
- Thom Astroyan
- Dan Yablonsky
- Mary Tremonte
- Remy Garland
- Ben Grubb
- Christy Owens
- Gina Favano
- Stephanie Dax
- Clove Roses
- Redding Jackson
- Andi Eliza-Christie
- H. Caleb Gamble
- Michelle King
- Caldwell Linker
- Sierra W
- Erika Kestenberg
- Cynthia Crabb
- Rayden Sorock
- Edwin Everhart
- Tiffany Wilhelm
- Shaun Slifer

### C. Plan of Lots

#### 1. **Bench Way** - Major Consolidation 1, *New Homestead Neighborhood*

Staff: Mr Scheppke

Recommendation: Preliminarily approval the Bench Way consolidation and schedule final review on February 25, 2025

#### 2. **42 43rd Street** - Major Consolidation 1, *Central Lawrenceville Neighborhood*

Staff: Mr Scheppke

Recommendation: Preliminarily approve the 42 43rd Street consolidation with final review scheduled on February 25, 2025

**3. Bedford Avenue - Major Subdivision 1, Crawford-Roberts Neighborhood**

Staff: Mr Scheppke

Recommendation: Preliminarily approve the Bedford Avenue subdivision with final review scheduled on February 25, 2025

**4. Josephine Street - Major Subdivision 1, South Side Slopes Neighborhood**

Staff: Mr Scheppke

Recommendation: Preliminarily approve the Josephine Street subdivision with final review scheduled on February 25, 2025

Public Comment: None

Commissioners Comments: None

**All plans of lots were heard as one batch.**

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Mr Mazza

Seconded by: Mr Quintanilla

In favor: Ms Dick, Mr Mazza, Ms O'Neill, Mr Quintanilla, Ms Ruiz, Mr Wu

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

**D. Hearing and Action – Part 1**

**1. BDA-2025-00267 - 50 Market Square - Market Square Enhancements, Central Business District**

Staff: Mr Cancilla

Applicant: Jeremy Walter, Pres & CEO of Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership; Kim Cooper, Lisa Switkin - presentation

Public Comment: None

Commissioners Comments: Mr Mazza – questions re price tag & pavers with donor names or similar and dimensions of anchor structure; Ms Ruiz – questions re deliveries; Mr Wu – questions re layout of the square; Mr Quintanilla – questions re speaker system for events, anchor structure lighting, mast poles, and lighting in the trees, restrooms; Ms Dick – questions re accessibility features, outdoor seating and railing around areas, open sidewalks; Ms O'Neill – closure schedule

Motion: Approval

Moved by: Mr Quintanilla

Seconded by: Mr Mazza

In favor: Ms Blackwell, Ms Dick, Mr Mazza, Ms O'Neill, Mr Quintanilla, Ms Ruiz, Mr Wu

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

**E. Hearing and Action – Part 2**

**1. Transit Oriented Development Zoning Map Amendments - Market Square Enhancements, Polish Hill, Lower Lawrenceville, Sheraden, Crafton Heights, Beltzhoover and Mount Washington Neighborhoods**

**Continued to Planning Commission hearing scheduled February, 25, 2025**

**F. Director's Report**

None

**G. Adjournment**

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:03 PM.

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