

Development Activities Meeting Report

This report created by the Neighborhood Planner and included with staff reports to City Boards and/or Commissions.

Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: 3559 Bigelow Blvd	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): - Polish Hill Civic Association - Polish Hill residents
Parcel Number(s): 0026-F-00215-0000-00	
ZDR Application Number: BDA-2025-00317	
Meeting Location: Zoom	
Date: July 14, 2025	
Meeting Start Time: 7:00 PM	
Applicant: Mega Cat Studios	Approx. Number of Attendees: 5
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Zoning Board of Adjustment	

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Ex: Community engagement to-date, location and history of the site, demolition needs, building footprint and overall square footage, uses and activities (particularly on the ground floor), transportation needs and parking proposed, building materials, design, and other aesthetic elements of the project, community uses, amenities and programs.

Start with explaining the company and how the founders of the company are from Pittsburgh. Mega Cat Studios is a videogame company, one of two gaming companies in Pittsburgh. The applicant gave examples of their involvement in the community and work as a creative hub for young people.

The applicant explains the site in context to crime experienced in the area. There is a lack of lighting and open businesses at night which leads to break-ins, vandalism, and general property damage. The Cat Statue is off the ground because of the graffiti issues, as there is no good place to put it that is still visible.

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
PHCA: No complaints to share here and nothing we've heard from neighbors	
I live across the street and I really like the cat statue. Has there been a complaint and we just don't know what the complaint is?	I believe there's something with the zoning code and the cat statue does not fit into the signage requirements
If you need signatures of support, we're here for you.	Yeah, we just want to resolve this since a lot of time and money has gone into this.

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I thought this was about a new statue going up, but this is about the piece that's already there so no complaints there.	
Maybe someone thought it was random are and didn't connect it to a business?	People discover us now through this statue so it's helped our whole story make sense. I can see it being eye brow raising, but it's our mascot.

Other Notes

Planner completing report: Shoshana Davidson