

## Development Activities Meeting Report

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

Logistics	Stakeholders
<b>Project Name/Address:</b> Imagination Works/7315 Race Street	<b>Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident):</b> Homewood Community Development Collaborative, Operation Better Block, Community Empowerment Association, Homewood Children Village (HCV), Homewood-Brushton Business Association (HBBA), Homewood Ministries, Race Street 2050 Inc.
<b>Parcel Number(s):</b> 174-F-209	
<b>ZDR Application Number:</b> DCP-ZDR-2022-12563	
<b>Meeting Location:</b> Community Empowerment Association 7120 Kelly Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15208	
<b>Date:</b> 7/13/2023	
<b>Meeting Start Time:</b> 6 pm	
<b>Applicant:</b> Juanita Works	<b>Approx. Number of Attendees:</b> 20
<b>Boards and/or Commissions Request(s):</b> 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.*

<p>Imagination Works is a daycare center that focuses on quality care for children 0 -5. Imagination Works will service 12 children. The purpose of this project is to provide high quality child care in Homewood so that residents don't have to travel elsewhere. The applicant canvassed Race St to engage residents about the project. They received multiple petition signatures for households adjacent to the project site.</p> <p>The applicant is requesting to change the type of structure from single family home to commercial/mixed use. The work that will be completed is focused on interior remodeling only with the intention of operating a childcare general under the name Imagination Works. The exterior of the house will be updated after the interior is completed. There will be three parking spots for the facility and it is not expected to be a hindrance to the current parking situation. The ground floor will include a classroom, kitchen, foyer, and kitchen. The second floor will contain a classroom, bathrooms, laundry, and office spaces. Programming for younger children will be on the first floor and programming for older children will be on the second. The applicant will also like to engage parents.</p>
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### Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
What are your hours?	Regular work hours, 6 am to 5 pm.
What are the age groups for the children?	The age group will be 0-5. Children aged 0-2 will be downstairs and children aged will be 3-5 upstairs.

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What type of work will you be doing with the parents?	The main focus will be to implement healthy parenting tips and tools. Parents could also utilize the space if needed for classes or other resources to enhance parenting, mental health, as well as social and emotional development skills. We would also like to involve a male childcare worker to serve as an example for male children and showcase men in childcare. It is also important to us to hire residents to work in the daycare.
When is your opening date?	Planning to open in October if zoning is approved. Have already completed Department of Health requirements.
Have you scheduled your zoning board meetings and what are you asking for?	We need to have an occupancy permit to open the childcare facility. We would like the community's approval and support for us to be able to operate Imagination Works (the daycare center).
What is your nutrition plan?	Will implement a program with the Department of Human Services funding for a meal plan that takes into account allergies and a healthy overall lifestyle. We also want children to go out into the community to local gardens. Would like to educate children and their families about nutrition.

#### Other Notes

None
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