



CITY OF PITTSBURGH
Planning Commission

Meeting Minutes of April 8, 2025

In Attendance

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

Commissioner Steve Mazza

Commissioner Peter Quintanilla
Commissioner Monica Ruiz
Commissioner Phillip Wu

Not Present

Commissioner Mel Ngami

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 pm by Chair Lashawn Burton-Faulk

A. Approval of Planning Commission meeting minutes

Date: None

B. Correspondence

DCP-HN-2024-00641 (Donny's Place Historic Nomination) – 1226 Herron Avenue

- Gwyn Cready, Board member, Allies for Health and Wellbeing.

C. Plan of Lots

1. Lytle Street – DCP-LOT-2025-00070 - Major Subdivision 1, Hazelwood Neighborhood

Staff: Mr Schepke

Motion: Preliminarily approve with final approve 04/22/2025.

Moved by: Ms Dick

Seconded by: Ms Blackwell

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

Abstained: Ms O'Neill,

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

D. Hearing and Action

1. DCP-ZDR-2025-00977 - 1243 Penn Ave, 1241 Penn Ave, 1237 Penn Ave, and 1233 Penn Ave, Demolition of existing buildings to expand the Heinz History Center, *Strip District Neighborhood*

Staff: Ms Moradian

Applicant: Chip Desmone, Desmone Architects; Andy Masich, Pres, Heinz History Center; Becky Lowe, Desmone Architects; Pete Mastro, M3cm Consulting, LLC – presentation

Public Comment: None

Commissioners Comments: Mr Mazza – comments about the expansion. Ms Dick – question. Mr Wu – asked for discussion on condition of 1233 Penn Ave. Ms O'Neill – question.

Motion: Approval

Moved by: Ms Blackwell

Seconded by: Mr Mazza

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

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

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E. Director's Report

Ms Whatley - Great Hill District Master Plan wrap up. Draft document is live on EngagePGH.

F. Adjournment

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 2:25 PM.

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