PHCA Community Meeting Minutes – July 7, 2020
Via ZOOM- we went through some general zoom basics. Chat and phone sign-in

1. Call to Order- 6:35 (approximate)
    a. Screen Share off Agenda. Abbreviated Agenda
2. Magda from Councilwoman Gross' office updated us on rent and mortgage assistance due to COVID
    a. Public hearings on police reform legislation between now and July 22, all in chat or contact Councilwoman Gross' office
    b. Power outages due to heatwave continue as heatwave continues. Contact power company, other advice on how to stay safe during these outages.
    c. All fireworks are illegal.
3. Andrea from City Planning: City presented single family attached uses (townhomes) will no longer be required to provide one spot of off street housing. This is going to be in front of the City Council in the near future.
    a. City Council also recommended to look into curb cuts city wide, this is a large undertaking. Want to encourage properties to share curb cuts. She has a planning commission powerpoint she will send to us. This powerpoint goes through the reasons this is good.
    b. Paul B talked a little about how this might help the firesite. Firesite building with parking eliminates 8-10 neighborhood parking sports. Curb cuts can also hinder transit access and bike lanes and decrease safety of pedestrian environments.
4. Siding is done on the PHCA building and it looks good. At budget.
5. President Comments and Board Business
    a. Board Updates
        i. West Penn Park: No updates. Spray feature is working.
        ii. Arts Fest: Still discussing ideas, but these are difficult to implement due to the restrictions around the pandemic.
        iii. Treasure Report:
        iv. Housing and development: Donny's place is still being looked at for development. Development plans may have significant changes, we don't know yet what changes. This may mean another RCO meeting with the Community and the Developer.
            1. Firesite: some applications for funding have officially been submitted by the City of Bridges. This will take months but is moving forward.
            2. Referred back to Magda on Mortgage and Rent help.
        v. Review Meeting minutes – Julie K reviewed at the start of the meeting
        vi. Crime- No crime update due to Zoom format
        vii. Green Team: water resolved at community park
            1. Tree planting started with curb cuts, will work on sidewalks and then improve soil. We don't have an exact schedule yet. It is happening!

    b. Traffic: no updates
    c. Updates on Public Safety issues related to social movement. PHCA initiated conversation with other neighborhoods across the City, asking what does public safety mean to us and what is public health. PHCA wants to talk ideas and then talk about the next steps. If you want to be involved talk to Kim T.
        i. We want to incorporate all of zone 2, Polish Hill, Lawrenceville, Strip District, Bloomfield and Hill District. PHCA is looking for a powerful, diverse group of neighborhoods to discuss and take actions on these issues.
        ii. Clarifying what is meant by “health” and “safety”- we are working on defining these ideas for the neighborhood. Discussion on this issue.
6. New Updates: Jubilee also now serves every Friday and every other Wednesday. There may be opportunities on Mondays and Tuesdays, however these are not regular days.
    a. The West Penn park garden extension is going well. We want it to continue.
    b. People are happy with 28 st bridge repaving and bike markers.
7. Announcements and upcoming events: No plan for bonus August meeting. Forums may happen. Watch for updates via email!

Adjourned at 7:23