



C. Matthew Hawkins

February 26, 2013 at 11:47 pm

I'm originally from the Lincoln, Lemington, Larimar, Belmar section of town. I was not aware of this, but I had always noticed how the cluster of homes, in the Belmar section, stood out. Thanks for filling in this gap in the history of East End neighborhoods. A housing cooperative could be helpful, but it seems to me that the more fundamental problem is the effect of deindustrialization and the loss of good jobs in the post-industrial "service" economy. Potential black homeowners, of the 1950s and 60s, faced discrimination in lending practices; the challenge today is secure enough income to purchase and maintain a home.

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Carl Redwood

March 3, 2013 at 3:04 pm

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lakeisha

March 17, 2013 at 10:50 pm

Wonderful contribution to learning about the ongoing cooperative movement. I think that the possibility of housing co-ops in the Hill is a much needed conversation. Even if just a small group started by purchasing a multi-unit building to prove the model effective here, many would follow. An educational session on the cooperative model is in order. I'm down!

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Hugh Jeffers

August 4, 2016 at 12:16 pm

I am a board member of the National Association of Housing Cooperatives and chair the development and preservation committee. I am also a lender that focuses on providing mortgages to form new cooperatives through the Federal Housing Administration. Also, I happen to live in the Pittsburgh area. I would be happy to meet with anyone who may be interested in starting a new cooperative and show you how the program works. Let me know if you are interested. Thanks.

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August 4, 2016 at 12:24 pm

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Kim Mitchell

October 17, 2016 at 8:26 pm

Hugh, I would love to speak with you about this process.. I currently reside in Belmar Gardens, and the idea is great. Please reach out and send me your contact information
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