



CITY OF PITTSBURGH  
**Planning Commission**

*Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2024*

**In Attendance**

Chair Lashawn Burton-Faulk

Secretary Holly Dick

Commissioner Dina Blackwell

Commissioner Steve Mazza

Commissioner Peter Quintanilla

Commissioner Monica Ruiz

Commissioner Mel Ngami

Commissioner Phillip Wu

**Not Present**

Vice-Chair Rachel O'Neill

**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 p.m. by Chair Burton-Faulk

**A. Approval of Planning Commission meeting minutes**

Date: July 23, 2024 minutes

Motion: Approve

Moved by: Mr Quintanilla

Seconded by: Ms Ruiz

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

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

CARRIED

**B. Correspondence September 3, 2023**

- Jeff Gernand, KCI Technologies Inc.

**Council Bill 2023-1698/1723 and DCP-MPZC-2023-00941/00979**

- Val Parm, Village Collaborative
- Lori Moran, East Liberty Chamber of Commerce
- Michael Griscom
- Ralph Horgan, Carnegie Mellon University

**DCP-MPZC-2023-01692**

- Michael Griscom
- Kendall Pelling
- Maelene J. Myers

**Nominate Members for the Community Data Justice Collaborative**

- Prince Matthews, Sr., MPA; Communications Manager; Black Equity Coalition & POISE Foundation

**Fair Housing Amendments**

- EngagePGH (9 responses)

- Carmen Brown
- Jeremy Kazzaz

**C. Plan of Lots**

**1. DCP-LOT-2024-00555** – 1212 Smallman Street - Heinz History Center, Strip District, Major

Consolidation

Staff: Ms Krajewski

Public Comment: None.

Commissioners Comments:

Staff Comments:

Motion: Preliminarily approve; and schedule final approval for Sept 17, 2024.

Moved by: Mr Mazza

Seconded by: Ms Dick

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

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

**D. Continued Hearing & Action**

**1. Council Bill 2023-1698 and 1723 and DCP MPZC-2023-00941 and 00979**

Zoning Code Text/Map Amendment and Preliminary Land Development Plan for the Expansion of Bakery Square, Specially Planned District 9, *East Liberty and Larimer*

Staff: Ms Rakus, Sr Planning Mgr – recommended approval of PLDP and positive recommendation to City Council of amendment with 6 proposed conditions of approval.

Applicant: Mr John Kamin, counsel for applicant; Mr Todd Reidbord, Walnut Capital Bakery Square; Ms Abby Mountain, Strada Architecture

Staff Comments: Ms Angie Martinez, DOMI; Mr Corey Layman, Zoning Administrator staff;

Public Comment: None.

Commissioners Comments: Mr Quintanilla – questions & comments; Ms Dick – questions; Mr Wu – comments; Mr Mazza - comments

Motion: Approve and positive recommendation

Moved by: Ms Blackwell

Seconded by: Mr Mazza

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

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

**E. Hearing and Action**

**1. DCP-ZDR-2024-01125**

5869 CENTRE AVE Interior and Exterior Renovations to expand existing warehouse, residential storage use. *East Liberty*

Staff: Mr Cancilla

Applicant: Mr Jeff Michelson, Desmone Architects

Public Comment: none

Commissioners Comments: Ms Ruiz – questions; Ms Ngami – comments; Mr Quintanilla - comments

Staff Comments:

Motion: Approve with one condition

Moved by: Ms Ruiz

Seconded by: Mr Mazza

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

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

## 2. Fair Housing Legislation

Zoning Code Text Amendment to update Group Residential uses and definitions to ensure Zoning Code compliance with the federal Fair Housing Act.

Staff: Mr Layman, Zoning Administrator - positive recommendation with change to remove dormitories from the UCE

Public Comment: Ms Carmen Brown, resident – opposed to personal care home; Ms Mary Beth Cringle, resident – questions; Ms Joyce Meggerson Moore, Stanton Heights Community Org – questions; Ms Pomaj Chakmam Yajalaji, Chief of Medicine, Land Management and Land Stewardship with the Iroquois Confederacy of Aborigine-American People – comments; Mr William Anderson, Chair Allegheny County Democratic Black Caucus, Chief of Staff Democratic National Committee Black Caucus - comments; Ms Andrea Boykowycz, resident – comments; Ms Ikhana-hal-makina, Grand Inca, Chief of Iroquois Confederacy of Aborigine-American People – opposed; Ms Melica Terry, resident – opposed; Ms Kim Salinetro, Pres Banksville Civic Assn – opposed; Mr Kota-ki-bey, Cochief of Iroquois Confederacy of Aborigine-American People – opposed; Ms Alison Keating, resident – in support.

Staff Comments: Mr Layman - comments

Commissioners Comments: Ms Burton-Faulk - comments, Ms Blackwell – comments & questions, Ms Ngami – comments; Mr Quintanilla – comments; Ms Dick – comments; Mr Wu – comments; Ms Ruiz - comments

Motion: Recommendation with condition

Moved by: Ms Ngami

Seconded by: Ms Dick

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

Abstained: None

Opposed: None

Recused: None

CARRIED

## F. Director's Report

Mr Andrew Dash, Deputy Director City Planning provided an update to a prior briefing that presented some amendments relative to implementing the City's housing needs assessment.

## G. Adjournment

The Planning Commission meeting was adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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