



## Hill District Consensus Group Monthly Meeting Minutes -- November 2012

### Our Mission

*"The mission of the Hill District Consensus Group is to work together through the differences and with the commonalities, to establish and enforce standards and processes in all aspects of community life: economic, political, spiritual, and social, for the ongoing health and prosperity of the community."*

### Vacant Property Strategy

With the strategy nearly complete, the consultant team is creating a website for the community to access the data. The database will be available to paid members of the Consensus Group. More details to come!

### Block Leader Initiative

Consensus Group organizers have been working hard to help support the organizing efforts of our neighborhood block leaders. Block clubs continue to organize, meet, and identify community projects throughout the Hill. Our website contains more details on organized block clubs and completed projects.

### Dinwiddie Playground -- KaBOOM! Grant

On October 25<sup>th</sup>, the Consensus Group submitted a grant application to the KaBOOM! organization. The grant would fund equipment and facilitate the process of building a new playground. The Consensus Group is working with Dinwiddie residents and TREK development on next steps. More project details are available on our website. [www.hdcg.org](http://www.hdcg.org)

### "Casino Fund" (Hill District Growth Development Fund)

The Hill District Growth Fund Committee has opened an online Request for Proposals, with a tentative deadline for December 12<sup>th</sup>. Preference will be given to projects that help Hill District residents, Hill District based nonprofits, and business organizations implement the various components of the Hill Master Plan. Contact Rep. Wheatley's office at (412) 471-7760

### 2012-2013 Community Development Workshops

The Consensus Group presents "Community Development Workshops," a series of interactive workshops designed to educate and engage our community in the process of community development. The next workshop will be Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2012 – 6-8pm at the Hill House, Conference Room A, 1835 Centre Ave. This workshop will cover strategies & resources for reclaiming, beautifying, and repurposing vacant land. Food and refreshments will be provided. RSVP at -- [info@hdcg.org](mailto:info@hdcg.org) or 412-697-4692.

### The Sports and Exhibition Authority (SEA)

The SEA came to present their street grid plan for the Lower Hill Redevelopment. Authority representatives fielded questions and addressed concerns brought up by community members. Some members asked when redevelopment will begin and whether it will meet the Hill master plan criteria.

### KBK – Addison Terrace Redevelopment – Phase I Update

"Over the next five years (2012-2017), the Housing Authority of the City of Pittsburgh through its affiliate, Allies & Ross Management & Development, Inc. and co-developer, KBK Enterprises, will redevelop the existing 734 unit Addison Terrace community site, located in the Hill District of Pittsburgh, PA. The financial plan includes leveraging tax credit equity, municipal support for infrastructure, secure hard debt and public funds to develop 400 units of mixed-finance and a mixed-income community in two to three phases." Contact Mike Eannarino at [mike.eannarino@hacp.org](mailto:mike.eannarino@hacp.org) or 412-456-5020