



HDCG Monthly Meeting
Friday, July 12, 2013

Comprehensive Vacant Property Strategy – Community Preview

Last year, the Consensus Group hired a consultant team to conduct a study of vacant property in the neighborhood. The team collected data on the current state of vacant property, made recommendations on how to address these issues, and is now assisting with implementation of best practice strategies.

In addition to the report, the team also mapped out the data by assembling a Geographic Information System. This system will allow users to interact with vacant property data spatially on a map. At this month's meeting, the Consensus Group gave the community a sneak-peek of this important piece of the project.

Clean Green Hill – Connecting stewards for a cleaner and greener Hill!

Clean Green Hill (CGH) is a volunteer-driven community group active in the Hill District. With the help of local volunteers and partners, CGH works to clean up our streets, our vacant lots, our parks, and more. Volunteers also work to green up our neighborhood with plants and gardens. Interested? Contact Phyllis Jackson at 412-688-0502 or e-mail cleangreenhill@gmail.com

Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh – Urban Youth Empowerment Program

Teanna Medina presented about African American Achievement Trust (AAAT) Collective Focus, a new mentoring initiative at Westinghouse and University Prep schools. The program provides mentors and graduation coaches to middle school and senior students. The goal is for students to graduate on time and to be Pittsburgh Promise ready. Mentors and guest speakers needed! Contact Teanna at 412-227-4167

Elected Officials Report

▪ **Office of Representative Jake Wheatley – The Greater Hill District Development Growth Fund**

The Growth Fund is now accepting applications on for the next grant cycle. The application period will end on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 3:00pm. The purpose of the Fund is to invest strategic resources which will include a combination of grants and business loan support to help Hill District residents, nonprofits, and businesses implement various components of the Greater Hill District Master Plan. The Fund will provide strategic investments in the following areas: Housing & Commercial Development, Business Support and Building Stabilization. Contact Aeron Abney at hilldistrictdevelopmentfund@gmail.com or 412-471-7760. Application available at www.poisefoundation.org

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.