
Reason for the Blitz

Public safety issues have long been a concern and a focus of Councilwoman Rudiak. Events at St. Basil's brought to light longstanding issues of blight and crime in Carrick. This led to the first meeting of community leaders with Mayor Peduto at which it was decided a coordinated effort was required to improve the quality of life for Carrick residents.

Working & Reporting Groups

Stakeholder Working Group

- William Peduto, Mayor
- Natalia Rudiak, Councilwoman
- Trish Hatfield, Acting President, Carrick Community Council
- Carol Anthony, Chair, Carrick/Overbrook Block Watch Committee
- Donna Williams, Secretary, Zone 3 Public Safety Council
- Jim Tolland, Block Watch Captain
- Guy Costa, Chief Operations Officer
- Lourdes Sanchez-Ridge, Chief Legal Officer and Director, Department of Law
 - Yvonne Hilton, Deputy City Solicitor, Department of Law
- Cameron McLay, Chief, Pittsburgh Bureau of Police
- Karen Dixon, Commander, Zone 3 Police
- Mike Gable, Director, Department of Public Works
- Maura Kennedy, Director, Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections
 - Brian Ralston, Senior Inspector, Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections
 - Julie Reiland, Government and Public Liaison, Department of Permits, Licenses, and Inspections
- Paul Leger, Director, Department of Finance
- Wendy Urbanic, 311 Manager, Department of Innovation and Performance
- Laura Meixell, Analytics and Strategy Manager, Department of Innovation and Performance
- Casey Monroe, Executive Policy Advisor, Allegheny County Health Department
- Bethani Cameron, Community Relations Manager, Office of Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak
- Megan Neuf, Constituent Liaison, Office of Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak
- Grant Gittlen, Manager, Office of Community Affairs
- Lex Janes, Deputy Manager, Office of Community Affairs

Data Working Group

- Laura Meixell, Analytics and Strategy Manager, Department of Innovation and Performance
- Tara Matthews, Analyst, Department of Innovation and Performance
- Geoffrey Arnold, Analyst, Department of Innovation and Performance
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Meetings Held to Date

August 3rd, 2015 - Carrick Block Watch Meeting - 1st Discussion of Plan by Mayor Peduto

August 13th, 2015 - Stakeholder Working Group - 1st Meeting

August 18th, 2015 - Data Working Group - 1st Meeting

August 25th, 2015 - Stakeholder Working Group - 2nd Meeting

August 31st, 2015 - Community Reporting Group - 1st Meeting

What Has Been Accomplished

Step 1: Data Collection

- Community reported properties with high volumes of blight and crime at August 3rd meeting
- Department of Innovation & Performance collected City data (311/911)
- Community reported additional properties with high volumes of blight and crime after August 13th meeting

Step 2: Data Analysis

- Department of Innovation & Performance created a database of all reported properties and incidents
- Department of Innovation & Performance mapped all reported properties and incidents
- Pittsburgh Bureau of Police performed a visual assessment of community reported properties after August 13th meeting
- Data Working Group reviewed the database and map of all reported properties and incidents at August 18th meeting

Step 3: Decision Making

- Data Working Group discussed the best way to prioritize properties and decided to focus on those with the highest number of reported and unresolved incidents at August 18th meeting
- Stakeholder Working Group discussed the progress made by the Data Working Group and had first discussion about creating a strategy to address the worst properties

Next Actions

1. Hold next Stakeholder Working Group meeting
2. Create a one page assessment form for each property with violations listed
3. Use assessment forms to narrow to worst properties
4. Create departments teams to address violations associated with worst properties
5. Report out at next block watch meeting