
Greenfield Community Meeting
Hosted by Councilman Corey O'Connor
January 26, 2012
Magee Recreation Center
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Councilman O'Connor offered information regarding areas of particular interest to Greenfield:

- Secured funding to complete the **Greenfield Portal Project**
- Requested that the Administration allocate additional funds from the \$80M bond transaction to fund a lighting project along Greenfield Avenue from Magee Field to St. Rosalia's.
- Working with the city's Citiparks Department to ensure that the **Greenfield Glide** will continue. *Volunteers needed!*
- Coordinating efforts with Representative Frankel's office to produce a quarterly newsletter. Will also work with ConnectGreenfield to inform people about upcoming events
- Committed to getting the BIG Organization up and running again. Will host a BIG community meeting.

Other Initiatives by Councilman O'Connor

- New District 5 website is up! Check it out at <http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/district5/>
- Will host Council-To-Go sessions where he will be in specific locations throughout the district to meet residents and answer questions. Dates to be announced shortly.
- Councilman O'Connor is organizing volunteers! Check out the District 5 website or contact the office (412.255.8965) to volunteer!

Ideas/Concerns Expressed at the Meeting:

Greenfield Organization:

- Dolores Hanna, former President of the Greenfield Organization Board, gave a brief statement and answered questions about the Greenfield Organization's decision to close their doors.
 - Explained that the GO was in debt and that documents required to maintain its non-profit status (501c3) had not been filed which prompted revocation.
 - Paid staff was laid off.
 - **Anticipates the organization's return in the spring**
- The building cannot be rented because it needs extensive renovation.

- **Tax Assistance Program** is no longer available
 - YMCA in Hazelwood will help prepare taxes for free.
 - There is also tax assistance provided in the City-County Building.
 - (See information from Councilman O'Connor's website regarding nearby tax assistance programs.)

Concerns about Port Authority Cuts, particularly to Bus Routes 58 & 64:

- State Representative Dan Frankel offered information about his bill (HB 2112) which would increase transportation funding.
 - Governor Corbett took a pledge not to raise taxes and his funding priorities will be presented on February 7.
 - Need to pressure the Governor - e-mail (Governor@pa.gov), write letters (225 Main Capitol Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120), call his office (717-787-2500)!
 - Councilman O'Connor will hand deliver a petition to the Governor when he goes to Harrisburg for the budget address on February 7.
- O'Connor informed the group that the Port Authority will be hosting a **Public Hearing on February 29 at the David Lawrence Convention Center** where citizens can voice concerns about the bus cuts.
- County Councilwoman Barbara Daly Danko explained that the county drink tax does not cover the Port Authority's deficit.

The need for a neighborhood planning process, particularly as it relates to traffic and the closing of the Greenfield Bridge.

- Perhaps a group can be formed to do this.

Snow Angels Program:

- Darlene Batko (from Mayor Ravenstahl's Office) mentioned Snow Angels program, which provides snow shoveling assistance to individuals. Call 311 Service Center.