



Message From the Councilman

Greetings Residents of District 6-

The fall newsletter provides residents of District 6 with a seasonal update of developments taking place within the district and the greater City of Pittsburgh. Legislatively, I recently introduced a jobs bill that aims to target the issue of poverty that afflicts so many of our fellow Pittsburghers. On the development front, we are excited to announce a deal with the Pens that ensures community participation in the 28 acres site of the Lower Hill District. You will also learn about various events that have taken place within the district, such as Kiva's small business resource fairs and our annual youth basketball tournament.

Lastly, I will be out of the office from October 16—November 15. I have been selected to be a fellow with the German Marshall fund of America. As a fellow I will be traveling to Europe to learn about other governments and the best practices of other cities, such as Copenhagen, that can be used to make Pittsburgh a better place. Although I will be away, the office will still be fully operational and serving the District as usual. I will remain in contact with the office and be available via email.

Please take a moment of your time and review the information contained in this newsletter. I hope you find it informative. However, should you have additional concerns, questions or thoughts please feel free to contact me by phone at 412-255-2134 or by email at dan-iel.lavelle@pittsburghpa.gov. You can also reach us via our website at: www.pittsburghpa.gov/district6/.



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Lavelle Introduces Jobs Bill to Alleviate Poverty

A continuous policy priority for Councilman Lavelle is to increase access to family sustaining jobs to the residents of District 6 and the City of Pittsburgh as a whole.

To further this end, the Councilman introduced in Council on September 9 "Pittsburgh Works", an expansion of a local hiring bill by the same name that was originally passed in 1999, whereby city residents with very low household incomes will be given opportunities for employment on city subsidized projects.

The City expends a significant portion of its budget every year on public works and

development projects, as direct City expenditures and through the provision of public subsidies to help finance the development activities of private entities. Much of the funding is granted to the City for the express purpose of benefitting low-income City residents.

Councilman Lavelle's bill would still require 35% of all work hours performed on city subsidized projects be performed by city residents. However, additional language provides opportunities specifically for low-moderate income residents.

Some of the main provisions of the bill include:

- **Definition of a disadvantaged worker: A person who, as of the date of hire to perform work on a covered construction project, has a household income at or below fifty-percent (50%) of area median income (AMI), or faces other barriers to employment, such as having prior involvement with the criminal justice system.**
- **Continued requirement that 35% of all work hours be performed by city resi-**

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dents, with the additional requirement that 15% of all project work hours be performed by disadvantaged workers.

- **Require at least 50% of project work hours performed by apprentices to be performed by city residents, with 25% being performed by disadvantaged workers.**

- **Require establishment of First Source Hiring Centers in low-moderate income census tracts to connect residents to training programs and employment opportunities.**

With the passing of this bill, Pittsburgh will have the opportunity to take a progressive, proactive approach to address the needs of its underserved community, truly ensuring that "Pittsburgh Works" for all.



Lower Hill Grant Awarded

On September 9, the US Department of Transportation awarded a \$1.5 million TIGER grant to the Sports & Exhibition Authority for redevelopment of the former Civic Arena site in the Lower Hill District. The purpose of the federal grant is to fund the preliminary design of the "cap" that is to be built over the Crosstown Boulevard.

Councilman Lavelle noted that the grant is another step forward in reconnecting the Hill District to Downtown. When the Crosstown Boulevard was built, it severely severed the Hill from the Golden Triangle. The "cap" will provide the much needed connection between the Hill District community and Pennsylvania's second largest economic center, Downtown Pittsburgh.



Proposed cap rendering, not a final design

Development Deal Reached for Lower Hill District

After close to 2 years of contentious negotiations, a final agreement was reached by Councilman Lavelle, the Lower Hill Working Group and the Pittsburgh Penguins regarding the redevelopment of the Lower Hill District, formally referred to as the Community Collaboration & Implementation Plan (CCIP).

The agreement focuses on reducing economic disparities and supporting Hill District residents and minority businesses. Councilman Lavelle's goal, from the outset, was to ensure the redevelopment of the Lower Hill provided real economic benefit to the Hill District community. A vision that focused on generational wealth building that was sus-



Councilman Lavelle and Mayor Peduto announce CCIP agreement on Sept. 9

tainable and community driven.

Highlights from the plan include:

- **The highest MWBE participation goals in Pittsburgh's history**
- **Job opportunities for**

Hill District residents

- **Workforce development training programs**
- **Provision of affordable housing**
- **Opportunities and support for Hill District business**
- **Ownership opportunities for minority and women owned business**
- **Creation of a "Reinvestment Fund" to support development in the Greater Hill District**

As part of the development

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Centre Ave Corridor Redevelopment Design Plan

The Hill CDC and EvolveEA are leading an effort to create a plan for the redevelopment of Centre Ave as the Hill's business and commercial corridor. They will be using the Hill Master Plan as a guide, working with the community to receive input and feedback,

and ensuring that the cultural identity of the Hill District is clarified and helps shape future redevelopment efforts.

To participate in the Centre Ave redevelopment design plan, we highly encourage members of the community to attend the

following community meetings to assist EvolveEA in the design process:

- **Tuesday, Oct. 28**
6pm – 8pm
Location to be determined

- **Thursday, Dec. 4**
6pm – 8pm
Location to be determined
- **Jan. 2015**
Date & time to be determined



Community members at Sept 9 community meeting in Ammons Rec Center

Our office will be certain to announce the meeting locations once they are confirmed. You can also keep track of the meetings by following our online calendar. For more information about the Centre Ave redevelopment design plan, please contact our office at 412-255-2134, or the Hill CDC at 412-765-1820.

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deal, the City of Pittsburgh has committed to establishing a tax increment financing (TIF) district that encompasses the entirety of the Hill District to help support the activities and goals of the CCIP. Proceeds from the tax increment financing plan will be used to fund the Reinvestment Fund established in the CCIP, and may be used to support development activities in the Greater Hill District. It is anticipated the district will provide a minimum of \$22 million to support the redevelopment of the middle and upper Hill District.

ment was the 1st round of a 12 round fight. What it does is join the community, the developer (the Pittsburgh Penguins) and public partners (Government) at the hip, ensuring each is accountable to meet the goals laid out by the CCIP. The framework has been laid, the ladders of opportunity have been raised, and now all stakeholders must come together with the community to build a stronger Hill District for all.

To access a copy of the full CCIP agreement, please visit our website at: pittsburghpa.gov/district6/ccip.

With the CCIP document finalized and signed, the true hard work to make the vision a reality is set to begin. As Councilman Lavelle noted, the signing of the agree-



Rendering of Lower Hill site, not a final design

Ambassadors Needed for Northside Vacant Lot Project

This fall, GTECH Strategies is looking for ten Northsiders looking to make a change in their neighborhood. From the fall of 2014 to the spring of 2015, these individuals, called Ambassadors, will meet for classes and workshops to learn about Pittsburgh's vacant land issue and think about recreating vacant lots in ways that benefit their communities. Throughout the spring and summer of 2015, each Ambassador will make their ideas come to life. Participants will use what they've learned in the classroom to build their very own project on a vacant lot in their neighborhood.

overgrown weeds. Meanwhile, Northside residents have a need for more spaces to gather as a community, better food security, safe places for kids to play, and open areas to capture storm-



Photo credit: GTECH

Vacant land is one of Pittsburgh's most wasted resources. In the Northside alone there are over 5,000 vacant lots, the majority of which are filled with trash and

water. Put two and two together, and these are just a few of the issues that a reclaimed vacant lot can help solve.

If you or someone you know is interested in becoming an ambassador in the Northside, please contact GTECH Strategies at 412-361-2099, or by email at info@gtechstrategies.org.

“Fit-in-Six” 3-on-3 Youth Basketball Tournament



“Fit-in-Six” is an initiative of Councilman Lavelle’s to promote healthy and active lifestyles among the residents of District 6. As part of the initiative, an annual 3-on-3 youth basketball tournament is hosted by his office to engage our youth. This year’s tournament was held at the Allegheny YMCA on August 23.



There was a wonderful turnout with teams attending from all over the city. Many of them returned from last year’s tournament and are already excited for next year. With all the violence that has plagued our city over the past few months, especially among young black men, it is refreshing to see these young men from different neighborhoods come together to play basketball and gain respect for one another while having fun.

In addition to the 3-on-3 tournament, there was a free throw competition and many of the youth received coaching from older players. Each participant received a gift card to Footlocker ranging from \$50-\$100, which assisted many of the youth with purchasing new shoes for the upcoming school year.

Thank you to the sponsors for making this possible: the University of Pittsburgh, Point Park University, Housing Authority City of Pittsburgh, Manchester Citizens Corporation, the Hill CDC and Footlocker.

Small Business Resource Fairs

Kiva City Pittsburgh, together with the Office of Councilman Lavelle, the Office of Mayor Peduto and the URA of Pittsburgh, put together a series of Small Business Resource Fairs held in the month of September in the North Side and the Hill District.

The events were a great opportunity for new and established businesses to learn about neighborhood

business grants, 0% and low interest loans, and other great opportunities.

The fair in the Northside took place in the offices of the Manchester Citizens Corporation on September 8, while the Hill District fair was hosted on September 22 at the Kaufmann Auditorium. Staff of the City Department of Performance and Innovation were available to help attendees

use Google’s “Get Your Business Online” program to create free, basic webpages at the event.

The fair also provided an opportunity for entrepreneurs to connect with organizations that provide business resources and network with other business owners and entrepreneurs.



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District 6 Tours Perry Hilltop

Perry Hilltop is now entirely included in Council District 6. The District 6 office was recently given a tour of Perry Hilltop by the Perry Hilltop Citizens Council to assess the area and assist in the drafting of a community plan to revitalize and spur neighborhood development.

One immediate concern was the intersection of Perrysville and Kenwood. Our office ensured the overgrowth on the city owned lots were cleared. In addition, a Love Your Block application to the city further clean and maintain the lots at the corners of that intersection.

Perry Hilltop is a unique neighborhood with strong potential for growth. We look forward to further developing the relationship with the Citizens Council to assist in their master planning efforts, envisioning a bright Perry Hilltop for all.

Addison Terrace Project Underway

Addison Terrace had been an integral part of the Hill District for over 70 years. With time, the high-rise apartments that defined the architectural style of public housing in the 1940's became dated, ushering in a redevelopment project initiated in the spring of 2013 that envisioned a lower density model of homes, each with their own front doors and back yards.

On August 25, Councilman Lavelle had the opportunity to tour the site and see the work that has been completed thus far at what used to be Addison Terrace, now officially known as Skyline Terrace. Barely recognizable, the first phase is nearing completion. As you



enter the site you see an abundance of different types of laborers and construction workers who come from a variety of backgrounds, many from the Hill District community. There are 42 Minority and Women Businesses (MWB) and Section 3 firms used on this project.

KBK, the developer of Skyline Terrace, has replaced 734 barrack style row houses with a 400 unit, mixed income development. This includes both market rate and subsidized housing. The project was the largest award to a minority business in the history of Pittsburgh: around \$160 million.

The units range from 1-4 bedrooms and offer disability units. Mr. Keith Key, CEO of KBK Enterprises, led the tour of the site, showcasing a community building that will be available to the residents and the greater Hill District community. This building will hold the leasing offices, an after school learning area, a great room, and Galleria.

This addition to the Hill District is in alignment with the vision outlined in the Hill District Master Plan. We are excited about the work being done at Skyline Terrace and look forward to its completion. To apply for a unit, please contact the KBK Garfield office at 412-661-0416.

District 6 Distributed City Pool Tags for Youth

Every year, as part of Fit-in-Six and at the start of the summer, our office partners with local non-profit organizations to award city pool-tags for our youth. The passes give children summer-long access to any of the city's network of 18 pools.

This year, we were happy to provide ACH Clear Pathways, The Center That Cares, and the Schenley Heights Community Development Corporation with allocations of pool tags they distributed to their network of youth.



Zone 2 "Commander on Your Corner"

Since becoming the Commander for Zone 2 Police, Commander Eric Holmes has made concerted efforts to initiate an ongoing dialogue with the constituency he represents to establish positive community relations.

Several times throughout the year, the Commander hosts "Commander on Your Corner", an opportunity for the residents and stakeholders covered by Zone Two Police to walk their neighborhoods with the commander and Zone 2 Officers.

A "Commander on Your Corner" was held in in the Upper Hill District on

August 11, in Uptown on September 2, and Downtown on October 3. Community residents convened with the police to engage in a conversation about safety and quality of life concerns and solutions. The tours allowed the Commander to see and hear first-hand about the issues that affect those communities.

The District 6 office participated in these tours, and would like to thank the Commander and the Zone 2 Officers for taking a proactive approach to addressing the safety issues in our district, as well as making serious efforts to establish a strong relationship with the community.



"Commander on Your Corner" in Uptown



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2014 City Council Legislative Summary

2014-0025, LAND BANKING, passed 4/22: Ordinance establishing the creation of a Pittsburgh Land Bank that would ensure equitable, transparent, and efficient operations by serving as a single entity to acquire, hold, and dispose of vacant property and ensure that communities affected by vacant land have substantial and meaningful involvement in its decisions relating to those communities.

2014-0644, passed 7/29: Ordinance stating employers may not discriminate on the basis of gender identity or expression.

2014-0708, presented 8/4, Sponsored by Councilman Lavelle: Ordinance amending Specially Planned District to include a housing impact analysis for the Lower Hill Civic Arena site and the surrounding area, as well as a plan to achieve 30% affordable housing.

2014-0761, PITTSBURGH WORKS, presented 9/9, Sponsored by Councilman Lavelle: Ordinance stating an expansion of a local hiring bill by the same name that was originally implemented in 1999, whereby city residents with very low household incomes will be given opportunities for employment on city subsidized projects.

2014-0808, passed 10/1, Sponsored by: Councilman Lavelle: Resolution approving execution of a Contract

for Disposition by Sale of Land by and between the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh and the Sports and Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh (SEA) and Allegheny County for the sale of a portion of Block 2-C, Lot 300 situated in 3rd Ward of the City of Pittsburgh in the Mellon Arena Redevelopment Area, on which SEA will construct new streets and associated public infrastructure.

