

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT

(Please use one report for each subcommittee recommendation)

Subcommittee Name	Low-Income and Subsidized Housing
Subcommittee Chairperson(s)	Richard Morris
Title of recommendation	Neighborhood Councils
Describe the recommendation	Local governance committees and advisory groups.
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Long-term
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	Neighborhood councils will help local government connect the decisions made in City Hall to the needs of the people, and help elected officials to recognize that neighborhood empowerment is the most powerful way to effect positive change. Power can begin to move away from downtown toward local communities, thereby giving people a voice in the decision-making process.
What are the obstacles to implementation?	Funding.
Who needs to be involved?	Residents, business owners, homeowners, elected officials, Community Leaders, and anyone who lives, works, or plays in Pittsburgh communities.
What city resources need to be invested?	Money for start up and operating costs; money for salaries.
What will be different if the recommendation is adopted?	Neighborhood Councils will be the voice of communities are a form of local governance designed to bridge the gap between local government and residents; where residents will become more involved in, and aware of, challenges and issues facing their communities and the City of Pittsburgh; have an opportunity for open dialogue with elected officials; and have a voice in local government decision-making.
Describe any background materials that you consulted	Office of Council Member Wendy Greuel, Los Angeles, CA
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	Yes. Los Angeles, CA; Houston, TX; Columbus, OH; New York, NY; Portland, OR; Simi Valley, CA; Missoula, MT; Great Falls, MT.
Are there any other considerations?	There is a need for funding designated specifically for Neighborhood Councils to increase the incentive among members to become involved, and to increase self-sufficiency for low-income residents, although the lack of funding should not be a deterrent to involvement.

- ✓ Neighborhood Councils will act as local governing bodies with oversight of all action/recommendations/legislation occurring in local government.
- ✓ Neighborhood Councils will develop committees such as the ones listed below to identify and address community issues.

EDUCATION

HOUSING/HOMELESSNESS/VACANT PROPERTIES

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

GOVERNMENT

CHILDREN AND YOUTH

HEALTH

BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

PUBLIC SAFETY

- ✓ Neighborhood Councils will be made up of representatives from each respective community in the city of Pittsburgh.
- ✓ Members will be elected by community members.
- ✓ Members will be required to attend all meetings pertaining to their respective committee, receive information, bring the information back to their committee, and disperse it to the community so that community members are constantly apprised of actions and events, and are provided with sufficient time to develop a plan of action.
- ✓ Neighborhood Councils will submit recommendations/suggestions from the community to local government bodies.
- ✓ Neighborhood Councils can be utilized across all Transition Committees.

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Subcommittee Name	Housing/ Low-income housing
Subcommittee Chairperson(s)	Richard Morris
Title of recommendation	Ongoing accountability reporting for transition process
Describe the recommendation	<p>Allow participants in the transition process to volunteer for ongoing community-building activities and remain aware of and involved in the process to implement policy recommendations put forth during the transition committee process.</p> <p>This could be facilitated by hosting quarterly meetings to provide an overview of the progress made toward goals established during the transition process.</p> <p>Could also include periodic e-mail/ newsletter updates on policy developments.</p>
Is this an immediate or long term recommendation?	Both.
How will this address our challenges or reach our goals?	This process would be relatively simple; yet, it could have great impact on ongoing accountability & transparency.
What are the obstacles to implementation?	No major obstacles.
Who needs to be involved?	Participants in transition team who opt to remain involved in continued planning and coordination efforts.
What city resources need to be invested?	Occasionally provide space for meetings, and provide frequent e-mail updates about transition process and related inter-governmental news.
What will be different if the	It will allow transition team members to follow the

recommendation is adopted?	administration's progress toward implementation of committee recommendations; help ensure accountability and transparency.
Describe any background materials that you consulted	
Have other cities implemented this recommendation?	
Are there any other considerations?	

We request that each recommendation be submitted by the subcommittee Chairperson to Kevin Acklin and your Committee Chair by **5:00 pm on Friday, December 27.**