

## Neighborhood Improvement Team Meeting

General Meeting, Senior Center

May 16, 2018, 6:30-8:30pm

City Staff Present: Joe Sbranti, Garrett Evans, Stacy Shell, Maria Aliotti, Fritz McKinley, Dick Abono, Melaine Venenciano, Bruce Smargiasso, Laura Wright, Jordan Davis, Bryan Ballardo, Toni Baldazo, Bobby Joaquin, Ron Nevels, Sara Aliotti, Myla Rivers

Elected Officials: Alice Evenson, Nancy Parent

Number of Residents attended: 22

WELCOME – Garrett Evans, Assistant City Manager

- Welcome
- Been with City since 1997
- Have seen incredible transformation
  - Senior Center Building
  - Downtown
  - Housing development around
  - Commercial development
  - Automall
- Acknowledge a couple of elected officials
  - Alice Evenson
  - Nancy Parent
- Have done NIT meetings for roughly 14 years, twice a year – once in Spring and once in Fall
  - Meetings are a way to get out to the community information on what is happening in the city
  - Answer citizen questions
  - Find out from the community what we are doing well and what we can improve on
- About six months ago was looking at the minutes we posted on the website from previous meetings to see what the main topics were
  - Grocery stores
  - Homelessness
  - BART
- Approximately 72,600 citizens and only 275 employees, we need your help in forums like this, through our Go Gov app online
- City employees can be reached through forums like this, when you see us on the street, entering concerns in our Go Cities App, or on our website – it helps us make the City better
- This is a wonderful community and I am excited to see what this meeting brings

Fritz McKinley, Public Works Director/City Engineer

- Scope of work is operations and maintenance of the infrastructure – curbs, gutters, sidewalks, storm drains, sewer, etc.
- Representing other parts of this City
  - Jordan Davis – Interim Planning Manager
  - Bryan Ballardo – Supervisor for Roads and Facilities
  - Bobby Joaquin – Superintendent for Public Works in charge of all Supervisors
  - Ron Nevels – Senior Engineer in charge of capital project
  - Richard Abono – Senior Engineer in charge of development and utilities

Sara Aliotti, Economic Development/Recreation/Waterfront

- I can answer questions on what is new in town
- I put some copies of the recreation guide in the back which will give you information about our car shows, farmers market, fishing derby
- I'm the person you come to if you want to get some free tickets to Small World Park, free day passes to Buchanan Pool, or passes for kayaking or paddle board at the Marina
- If you have questions about Waterfront or Waterfront parks you can ask me

Garrett Evans

- I wanted to remind you there is a health fair for the senior folks this Saturday
- One other item I wanted to pass along for Economic Development is that the City unemployment rate just came out and it's at 3.7% - since 1990 there's only been one month that it's been lower, that's 3.6% in December 1999
- From a jobs and employment perspective right now it's going about as well as it can be in this community

Laura Wright, Environmental Affairs

- Thank you so much for being here
- I am the Environmental Affairs Manager and I work in the City Manager's office
- If you have questions about any of the following you can ask me
  - Garbage and Recycling
    - We do a lot of programs with the schools such as Campus Challenge at the high school,
  - I oversee Household Hazardous Waste program
  - Storm Water Program outreach – NPDES
    - Civic Pride Day
    - Adopt a Spot
    - Green Footprint Festival
  - Energy Conservation and Efficiency
  - Local Enforcement Agency – oversees solid waste inspections
  - Safety for Public Works Department

- Environmental Compliance
- Cable and Wireless – can watch the Diamonds at City Park beginning June 2nd
- Street Safety Programs
- You can go on the City website to sign up for E-news Blast, pay your water bill, or enter a service request online

Maria Aliotti, Director of Community Services

- Oversee the former Redevelopment Agency now called the Successor Agency, Housing Authority and the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)
- The following people work with me in those divisions
  - Bruce Smargiasso – Housing Manager
  - Melaine Venenciano – Admin Analyst
- If you have questions regarding the Housing Authority or about anything the City has for sale, or any programs we have such as the First Time Buyer Program or Housing Rehab Program we are the people to ask. We'd be more than happy to answer your questions.

Garrett Evans

- Next up is the Police Department
- Today we have Myla Rivers and Toni Baldazo here
  - Myla works in Code Enforcement and takes a lot of the notes for these meetings. She is the driving force in making sure we follow up on things by sending out the minutes and notes to staff
  - Toni can tell you anything and everything about the Police Department
- Lt. Adam Deplitch will be here at some point, he is handling some kind of issue that he is checking out and will be here as soon as he is done.
- In the back is City Manager Joe Sbranti and our Human Resources Director Stacy Shell
- We've told you a bit about who we are and now we are here for you. What kind of questions do you have for us?

*QUESTIONS/ANSWERS (answers marked with \*\* in blue)*

- Thank you for trimming the palm trees on Brickyard. I've been bringing it up at these meetings and the City was able to take care of them so thank you.

*\*\*The City appreciates any way you may request a service, whether it be by email, a Go Request or bringing it up at one of these meetings. We will respond whichever you we hear it from you.*

- I live in the Toscana Community, we are on the corner of San Marco & W. Leland, there is a "No Right Turn from 6:00am-8:00am" on that corner but a lot of cars don't abide by the sign which creates a safety hazard because it's the time that the children are walking to school. Many cars also drive fast and don't stop at the Stop sign.

*\*\*The City is aware of some of the challenges in that area, to include the stacking of cars, people making double rights when they shouldn't be, as well as cutting through the neighborhoods. When you see that try to send in a Go Request because we want to know about that and we want to be able to send the PD out there because we do want everyone to be safe. We don't want anyone hurt, whether it's adults or kids so we appreciate you letting us know.*

- I brought this up before and it's still a problem – there are no lights at Diehl and El Arroyo. Cars park there all the time at night doing drugs and partying. I've called the police quite often. When I come home at night and someone is parked there I will flash my lights at them which usually makes them go, but it is a problem that there are no street lights there.

*\*\*There are things the City can do to discourage people from loitering there that putting a street light or a city camera.*

- PUSD put a parcel assessment on 2013 taxes but did not include a Senior Exemption. There were forms that we could fill out to claim the exemption but it took a really long time.
- When will the City start recycling Styrofoam?

*\*\*City Council passed an ordinance, banning polystyrene but there is a grace period of one year. Next year, April 2019, it will go into effect and notice will be sent out letting everyone know it won't be allowed in the City. This ordinance is not just for restaurants, it is also in retail sale. You cannot recycle Styrofoam, it has to go in the garbage.*

- How much does the police department charge for a non-op vehicle towed off of the street? My car was towed in Concord because my mechanic left it on the street so I was charged over \$500 for the tow. Luckily the Concord Police Department refunded my money back to me because of the situation.

*\*\*If the police department tows a vehicle off of the street you will pay \$128 vehicle release fee to the police department and the tow company charges a separate fee for the tow. The amount for the tow will be dependent on how long you leave your vehicle at the tow yard. The tow company will charge a certain amount for the first day and a certain amount for every day after that. The longer you take to remove your vehicle from tow, the more you will get charged.*

- But what I'm saying is the mechanic should have been charged, not the owner of the car.

\*\*Because the vehicle is yours, you will have to pay all of the fees for the tow removal and then it would become a Civil Action between you and the mechanic or auto body shop, where the vehicle was supposed to be. You would have to go after them to recover your money.

- I have traffic concerns at W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street and Beacon Street. Big rigs make u-turns in the middle of the street, school busses with kids on them make u-turns in the middle of the street, they go from 35 mph to 335 mph depending on which direction they're trying to go. It's totally dangerous. When people are trying to cross the street I hide my eyes because I know one day I'm going to see a body flying in the air. There is no Stop sign there other than the ones on Beacon. There needs to be one on W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street because that's where the major problem is. Not too long ago there was an accident there and they missed coming into our house by about 6 inches. Something needs to be done there. We've actually tried to figure out how to get cameras there so we can record what is going on and show the City. The police are very good about coming when you call them, but when they come out people slow down and behave themselves because they don't want to get tickets. I don't know how to address this. Code Enforcement has come out numerous times and they do a wonderful job. The area is dangerous and we see things happen constantly.
- The other question I have is we have an empty lot on the side of us and the weeds are as tall as you. We had our gardener cut half of it and Code Enforcement had to call to have the other half cut. Why are we having to call to have this done?

\*\*The property next to you is in the process of being sold to a buyer, it closes escrow at the end of the month. Thank you for letting us know. I think I received the Go Request for the clean-up and City Public Works went out to clean it up. The City has the properties on rotation for clean-up but if we don't get to them in time you are certainly welcome to let us know and someone can be sent out there. The City has one guy that it hires to mow the weeds.

\*\*In regards to the traffic part, the City has traffic calming measures that can be taken. Getting the police out for enforcement is one of them, also, speed studies. Fritz McKinley handed business card to citizen.

- Is there a code about how tall weeds can be? I have a lot of people on Calistoga whose weeds are 4 feet tall.

\*\*Yes, there is a municipal code requiring tall weeds to be cut, let us know where via Go Request or call it in and someone from the Code Enforcement Team will head out there. CSS Burns was out there a week ago and left courtesy notices at each of the property on Calistoga for weed abatement.

\*\*Once Code Enforcement gets a complaint or request to address a property there are two options upon inspection. One is to leave a courtesy notice, when that is left they get 10 days to address the issue, we go back after 10 days and if the property is still out of compliance we will send formal Notice

of Violation and can begin citing the property if they still fail to comply. The second option is to go straight to formal Notice of Violation. Code Enforcement will usually send notice automatically to habitual offenders or impose an administrative citation. It just depends on the property. There is a process that has to be followed and we don't always gain compliance right away. Sometimes it seems as if we are not doing anything but in fact may be citing and liening that property. Sometimes Code Enforcement will even go as far as getting an abatement warrant for clean-up of the property where a contractor is hired for the clean-up.

\*\*To follow up on that, in the City's monthly Code Enforcement meeting there are "special" properties that are always part of the discussion. It's amazing the thousands of dollars in fines that get levied because people aren't taking care of their properties. The City does what it can to get properties to comply but sometimes the property owners don't care. That is really when the City has to go to the next step in abating the property ourselves and then charging the property owner.

- What is the James Donlon Bypass timeline? I know you just made a contract for the first phase of design so how long does that take to build assuming you have the money?

\*\*We have a contract that goes to City Council on the 21<sup>st</sup> for the first phase of the design for a percentage of James Donlon. The City just sent a letter for right-of-entry to get on there. This design has been preliminary worked out, we're trying to get back on the property to finalize the design and should be complete to look toward construction at the end of 2019. The road is being constructed because at peak hour on Buchanan Road, 90% of the volume of traffic is from East County, not from Pittsburg and that traffic will be diverted from James Donlon onto Kirker Pass.

- How far away from that road are those houses? I live in those houses.

\*\*The road swings and curves so depending on which part you are talking about it could be 400-500 feet away or further. The total length of road is about 1.6 miles. Completion of construction should be around 2021-2022. It's currently estimated to be a \$73million dollar project. We have approximately all but \$8million. We have the ability to collect the rest in the next few years and will have the money collected. Houses built in Antioch, Oakley and Brentwood will all contribute to this road. All of the money does not just come from Pittsburg. East Contra Costa Finance Authority gets their money from every house built in East County. Every time a home is built the current rate is \$18,000 and change that goes into a pot. Right now they are collecting approximately \$1million per month with majority coming from Brentwood and Oakley because that's where the heavy development is coming from right now. The City Council fought to get this road done with those regional fees and went to court. In court we got them to prioritize this project, making it the number one project being done from this day forward.

- Why is it four lanes?

\*\*The reason it is four lanes in the first segment is because that's where the homes are. The outside lanes are really designed to be more local traffic so that people can get into and out of the traffic. Once you get past that, a two lane road is sufficient. As you get toward Kirker Pass at the end, it widens out to multiple lanes. There will be plenty ability to get people on and off the roadway. Coming down Kirker Pass you can go east bound also. The problem with Buchanan is that there is so much cross traffic.

- Is there still a north-south road in the middle of that land?

\*\*The north-south road is Ventura Drive. It connects to James Donlon and goes all the way to Buchanan. That is the only connection to get you out of the neighborhood unless you go to Kirker Pass.

- Aren't there houses on Ventura?

\*\*There are houses on Ventura and there are actually speed humps on Ventura as well to make sure the vehicles drive safely. The main route would be to go all the way west to Kirker Pass/Railroad Avenue, or to the east and go back toward Sommersville Road. Folks that want to get to Buchanan Road will go down Ventura and it will really be just the locals that utilize that particular road.

- Where is the City with GoBike? I'm also concerned about the light timing when BART opens. Going south on Railroad, the timing is not right.

\*\*I believe we're talking about the bike share program Zagster. The City recently took the program to City Council which authorized the program so you will start to see the bike stations as the funding comes in. One of the things the City recently did was reached out to citizens to see where they thought some good locations would be for the bike stations. Zagster is a bike share program where you will go up to a Zagster bike rack and through an app on your phone you can rent a bike which can be left at any other Zagster station. Bike will be free for the first hours so most of your trips within this city will be free.

\*\*Traffic signals on Railroad Avenue – we've been working on those since last year, working on the timing. We've made some progress. As circumstances change, lights change with them. We are working on the east-west lights coordinating with the north-south lights.

- Is there going to be some sort of traffic survey on BART? I'm concerned with the whole drop-off.

\*\*There will be PD presence in and around BART and parking enforcement in High School Village will be ongoing when BART opens. Recently we had police motors around the multi-modal station and I think they may have had carpal tunnel from writing so many tickets on turning right on red when there it is signed "No Right on Red".

- Does the City really need "No Right Turn" on red at Railroad Avenue and California Avenue intersection? It backs up California Avenue all the way to Harbor Street.

\*\*When the traffic analysis was done the "no right on red" was analyzed. It does create a cue backing up on California but the safety factor involved was greater, outweighing the back up. What that is, is when you're going to make a right on Railroad Avenue you are looking south. What you're seeing is that barrier wall and you can't really see so you're edging across the sidewalk and you can't really see cars coming. We have a project coming up on California Avenue that goes from Railroad Avenue down to Harbor Street. It's a trail that will be on the south side of California Street and the City will have an opportunity to manage that corridor there. When BART opens people may have an inclination to drop people off at that intersection, at the right turn, and the City will have to manage that corridor so that does not happen.

- I see people go right on red there all the time. I drive through there every day and I see it every day.

**\*\*The City will have to correct the bad behavior.**

- Will there be some BART parking on California?

**\*\*There will be a path from Railroad Avenue down to Harbor Street that includes parking. It will be a walking and bike path but there will also be space for parking and for folks to pull in and out safely.**

- I think BART is great and I'd like to use it but there is nowhere to park. I'd like to use the bikes (Zagster) too but it seems like we're so far away from getting that. I don't understand why the City would not install bike lockers at this BART. Also has the City considered some paid parking spots in the City Hall parking area? Do you guys actually use all of that parking during the day?

**\*\*Yes the City does use all of the parking stalls during the day. The City just went through a large study and all of the stalls are used. There will be 262 spaces in the Bliss Avenue BART parking lot. You also have the ability to park on Civic Avenue, on Bliss Avenue, Frontage and there will be some parking on Davi Street also.**

- Is there a website where I can find that information?

**\*\*That will be posted on the City website before the end of the week.**

- I'm worried that if I ride my bike and all of the bike lockers are used I'm screwed so if I just drive and there is no parking I can just continue and drive my car. That's why I was hoping the rental bikes would be available soon.

**\*\*One bike station doesn't really do any good. The stations would have to happen in multiple places in order for the service to function correctly so once the City gets the grants we can identify those locations where the stations would be needed most. The bike lockers will be smart links so people will have the ability to reserve them. They are the exact same ones that BART has at the Antioch Hillcrest station.**

- I want to start by thanking City staff and the Police Department for holding these meetings in the evening to let the citizens know what is going on.
- I'm looking for an update on Keller Canyon. I understand Pittsburg is trying to become the LEA. I guess Tetra Tech had two people indicted. Where does the city stand on this issue and what are we doing?

**\*\*For those of you not aware there was a newspaper article back in April announcing that material left the Hunters Point Naval Shipyard that went into Keller Canyon and it contained radioactive material. USEPA said they were doing an investigation and it was actually two separate issues. When it did come out Supervisor Glover insisted at the Board of Supervisors meeting that there be another investigation. It was found that that material did go into Keller Canyon but then it was removed. It all happened because a faulty contractor went into an area he wasn't supposed to yet and removed that material. The**

Supervisor was angry and upset that he did not hear about this sooner because this actually happened back in 2015. He wanted further testing at the location to ensure the safety of the community. The first meeting was held with different entities to try to establish guidelines and requests for qualifications to start that independent study. We are just in the beginning stages of the process.

\*\*Regarding the Local Enforcement Agency, the County has the authority at Keller Canyon, the City does not. It was mentioned at the Board of Supervisors meeting that the enforcement should go to the City but it would be a process.

- Will there be specific public meetings on just this topic?

\*\*The Supervisor said he will be holding community meetings on that item. We don't have the dates yet but we threw out a couple of dates for June. We'll probably do an evening as well as a Saturday but we are still just trying to work out those details and hope to have more information at that time for those meetings.

- I want to thank Fritz McKinley and Paul Reinders for doing the recent traffic updates and putting signs up on Loveridge Road by Stoneman School. It was great to see them meet with Stoneman School. We have the apartment complex going in across the way and I was wondering if you were contemplating doing any traffic studies in the area once the apartment opens for further traffic hauling measures around the school?

\*\*We will keep on evaluating that intersection as we go forward, but please continue to call and email in to request the studies. It's really Paul Reinders the Traffic Engineer that keeps up with the schools every year throughout the year and comes up with all sorts of ideas and is a great asset to Pittsburg Unified School District and the City of Pittsburg. Each and every year, as you know, the parents cycle through and it's an educational process and Paul is really good at that.

- There is concern, and I've lived with this for over twenty years, on getting the word out on activities so the public can find out what is going on in the City. I overheard somebody say it's all on the city website, on the calendar. This weekend I actually logged onto to the calendar to look and the only thing on the calendar for June is some kind of karate classes. I know there's music and art things that are in the City of Pittsburg Park and Recreation manual for June and they are not populated on the calendar. Is there on person or a committee or something that actually looks at that stuff to make sure it's updated? A lot of the citizens don't have a clue about what is going on and it almost sounds like a lot of citizens didn't know the park and ride lot was going to be limited. So it's just getting information about the City, activities going on in the City out to the citizens.

\*\*We will make sure this is being done now. We understand there are certain vehicles people look upon to see what is going on but we as a City need to make sure all items are populated into all of those vehicles. The calendar is one of the ways, but also through social media, via Facebook, this meeting and other types of meetings as well as the Next Door app.

- I know last year there were a lot of events at the Marina, like the music events and there were not a lot of people there because I think they weren't aware of them. It'd be nice if the events were on the calendar more than one day in advance.

\*\*The events were also in the Rec guide that went out, but you are correct, we will make sure these events get out to the community. The last thing we want to do is have an event and no one comes. We want everyone to enjoy being a part of Pittsburg whether that's downtown on the Waterfront, or at Highlands Ranch Park, the new park we have at San Marco, we want people to come. We will make sure we improve in getting the word out.

\*\*To answer your question on whether we have a committee that overlooks the calendar – we don't but I like the suggestion. We recently formed a committee that overlooks our joint Facebook page and we've been getting a lot more interaction, a lot more feedback and anything that goes on the Facebook page it could definitely go on the calendar. I will bring that up in our media meeting and be more consistent.

- I posted a picture of the music advertisement on Empowering Pittsburg page and people were asking where I got that. I know it costs money to send in the mail but it looks like a piece of junk mail and people aren't looking at it when it comes in, so the word is not getting out to the citizens.

\*\*The calendar is one way to do it but there are also the billboards and posters.

- I asked a couple of years ago about the billboards and I was told there was a billboard at the corner of California Avenue and Railroad Avenue but I don't live down there so I never drove by it but the last time went by it there was just a parking lot there.

\*\*Thank you for all of the comments. The gentlemen next here is about to tell you there is new billboard going in at the corner of Railroad Avenue and California Avenue.

- That means that I'm going to have to go sit in that traffic on Railroad Avenue just to go see it?

\*\*At our new multi-modal transfer facility is the new 5 minute and 30 minute parking area. That is not done yet – we have two items left on that and one of them is our monument sign which will be the high definition LED screen which the total lighting will be about 16 feet. It will be quite the great first impression for people just getting off the freeway to see it. On that screen will be all of the upcoming events as well as anything we want to get out to the public. We will also have another monument sign at the entrance of Center Drive and Railroad.

- Once again you're only targeting those people would have to go by that.

\*\*One of the other forms we use is the larger billboard on Highway 4. There is some space on that billboard available to the City which was part of the deal when the billboard was put up so on occasion we'll put events up there. You are correct though, trying to find the four corners is a challenge.

- I really appreciate the City sending an alert about BART having track maintenance on Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>. I will now have to find an alternative to getting to the airport, but I appreciate the City getting that information out so that I know that.

\*\*The City is looking forward to the new BART trains. I think once people get on these new trains they will wish the trains would go all the way out to San Francisco. They will be nice, new, clean and very spacious...and very quiet. You can't hear them go up and down the freeway.

\*\*Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> the ribbon cutting will be at the Hillcrest Station in Antioch, which starts at 11:00am. They will have free rides that will take you from the Antioch station all the way to the transfer platform in Pittsburg. You will be able to cross over the platform and get on the new, regular, BART trains to look around and observe, although you won't be able to ride in them yet. If you don't want to go all the way to Antioch you don't have to, the Railroad station will be open to do that as well. That will be there until 8:00pm on Friday and regular service begins that next day.

- Do you know what is going on with the old PG&E plant? The one with the old 35 foot stacks.

\*\*PG&E, back in 1995, was told by the legislature that they had to sell their properties. It was sold many years ago to Southern Energy which has evolved into different companies since, but still Southern Energy. They are currently going through bankruptcy. Each one of those properties is for sale as a liquidated asset. The plant shut down a year and a half ago and has not run since then, and will not run because the state took away taking the water out of the Delta to cool and they had no other way to cool it. They are marketing it and hoping someone will take the stacks/power plant down. They are willing to sell it for a dollar if the company agrees to take down the power plant. The bankruptcy should finish at the end of June. Once that happens then they can liquidate the property in a more expeditious manner. We are hopeful that somebody will step up in the near future and acquire the property and demolish. It's zoned industrial but what goes in its place will depend on what is in the ground, etc.

- I ask you that question because we live so close to it and we got a survey from a company in Berkeley saying they were doing soil samples.

\*\*When PG&E sold the property they kept the responsibility for clean-up of anything in the dirt. This is PG&E working with that company to reach out and develop a clean-up plan. It will be several more years before they even finalize their plan for clean-up of whatever may be in the ground. There will be several workshops for this community as it goes and people will be well notified of what will happen.

- I want to help answer the question about what goes on in the City. The City website is really good about citizens being able to pick and choose which emails they receive for happenings in the City. So maybe people should go onto the website to choose to get certain emails.
- I also wanted to talk about the Culinary Crawl, it seemed really popular and wanted to know if it was coming back?

\*\*We as a staff did enjoy putting together the Culinary Crawl. If you don't know what that was, a couple of years ago there were six restaurants downtown that for a \$10 ticket you could go to each of the restaurants and get a little taste of what that restaurant had to offer. If you wanted to stay a little longer

to eat or drink that was great or you could just move on to the next restaurant. There were walking tours downtown to explain a little bit of the history of Pittsburg. The event happened about every other week or so and Pittsburg won a statewide award for marketing the downtown. The challenge was that some of the restaurants did not like it though because there were a lot of folks in a short amount of time and the restaurants got hit with a stress test and the restaurants told us they didn't want to do the event anymore. The City loved it and we got great comments and feedback from the community because it got people out, walking around downtown and going restaurant to restaurant. The City thought it was a great opportunity for the restaurants because it got about 250 people through their door and we thought it would be a great opportunity for them to showcase what they have but the restaurants were not willing to do it anymore.

- At the last meeting I asked about lighting at the bus stop on Willow Pass Road and there are still no lights there. At night time the bus sometimes doesn't stop because the driver doesn't see me and told me I need a flashlight so they know I am there. It's the bus stop on Willow Pass Road by Balclutha Way.

\*\*We are working on getting additional street lights in that area and we will also reach out to Tri Delta to talk to them about it.

Garrett Evans – how many people here have been to the new restaurant at the waterfront, the Waterfront Grill? If you haven't and get a chance, go to the Waterfront Grill. It has organic food, it has steak, seafood and good margaritas, as long as you're not driving.

How many have been to Panera or know that there is a Panera in Pittsburg now? What about Little J's? I'm just trying to see if you know about and trying the restaurants here in Pittsburg.

- Where is Panera?

\*\*It is in Century Plaza and if you want fresh sandwiches, salads, baked goods then that is a good place to go. There is also a Mod Pizza there. Speaking of pizza, where do you go in this community to get "your" pizza?

- Mt. Mike's, Roundtable, Pizza Hut. I went the other day to Chicago with a Twist because they have non-dairy cheese. It was pricey but it was good.
- When is Sonic opening?

\*\*Sonic will be opening at the end of August. It will be at Loveridge Road and California Avenue. You can see the construction right now.

- Will the BART hours of operation be the same?
- The new schedule is up on BART.gov
- It sounds like there are multiple spots for BART parking. Do we know if BART Police will be patrolling those parking lots like they do the other parking lots.

\*\*They will have surveillance cameras, they will have another patrol officer there and the lighting will be completed. There will be as many as 6 cameras in the parking lot.

- Did you say earlier there will be other places to park?

\*\*Yes, the other places to park will be along Frontage Road, along Crestview Road, along Davi Way, along Civic Avenue, and along Bliss Avenue.

- Those areas will be “at our own risk” right? That information will go onto the City website as well?

\*\*The Pittsburg PD will still be monitoring our city and the information will be up on the City website by the end of the week.

- I’ve noticed the land is beginning to be cleared out on the north-west corner of Railroad Avenue and California Avenue, by the freeway. What is going to be going there?

\*\*The empty lot on the corner of Railroad Avenue and Center Street there is about a 5 acre site and the plan is for an office building to go up that is about 60 thousand square feet as well as a hotel.

- That plan has been there for about 10 years now or as long as I can remember, so they are actually going to do something now?

\*\*The City entered into a development agreement in about 2009 but because the market and economy was a little slow the project was delayed. Now that BART is opening and other development is going on, a Courtyard Marriott is coming in to build a hotel. It makes sense now for this project to go forward. Staff is working closely with the developer and getting it constructed.

\*\*There will be sufficient parking for both the hotel and the office space, which has shrunk in size because of the hotel. That will be the eastern-most Marriott beyond Pleasant Hill so we are very excited for it to come. It will be about 125 rooms, so it will be a big hotel.

- First off all I want to thank all of you for what you do putting all of these meetings together. What is going on with the golf course? Has there been a plan or is it still in the works.

\*\*For those unaware, the Delta View Golf Course recently closed. The City had a third party operator run it and they basically went out of business in March when they had too many litigation, trip-and-fall, ADA issues as well as other amounting bills so they closed up shop. We were given 48 hour notice of their closing. The reason the City got out of the Golf Course business and turned it over to an operator is we were supplying about \$250,000 of subsidy every year to make it run. We entered into a contract with this operator and they asked the City to only charge them \$1 and they will keep the golf course alive. It did stay open but the City still had to contribute money and over the last few years the City decided they weren’t going to contribute anymore. The operator started running into their own challenges. Even after the \$1 arrangement the City still put in new bathrooms, cart paths, irrigation pumps and it was requested of the City to assist in paying a large bill. They were losing money and it wasn’t getting better. The straw that broke the camel’s back was a lawsuit last year.

\*\*The City has a new program where polling can be done and citizens can go online, it's called Engage Pittsburg, to answer a question, or questions, from the City. The question for the golf course was "What do you think should happen for the golf course?" There were different choices and the polling lasted about 29 days. The options were: keep the golf course, do economic development and employment opportunities, recreation (like softball), or other uses and let it go more to a natural state for trails and such. Within the polling you also had to include different things like: male/female, age, etc. There were about 300 people responding. Out of the 72,000 people in our community we have about 31,000 registered voters. Of those 31,000 registered voters only about 310 people responded to this survey. That's 1%. What was interesting, when you really broke down the numbers, the demographic of 50 and over was pro-golf, predominantly at 50% and the other 50% was 66% for everything else. If we look at our community as a whole, 77% is under 50 years old. It was really interesting to see how that all played out. All of this information was brought to City Council and what the Council did was direct staff to look at economic development as a way to see if there was a way to generate revenue on half and maybe do diverse recreation on the other half. The City did receive a letter of interest from a company which builds trans bay cable. They are interested in building a technology park on part of the golf course. Right now we are looking at what would be involved in creating a recreation park as well as economic development there. Some of the land also has deed restrictions. To be clear there was no housing talked about for development on the golf course. We do want to encourage people to register on this polling because if they don't there could be irregularities on the unregistered.

- What kind of buildings would be part of a technology park?

\*\*We're talking about data centers like in Silicon Valley. What attracts them to Pittsburg is the power lines, we have access to power. We also have a lot of fiber optic because of BART. Pittsburg is half way to Sacramento. The next larger data center is Sacramento.

- Would the City put any kind of control on hiring so many locals?

\*\*Generally in our development contracts is that language for using local vendors and that sort of thing.

- When would we be able to pay our water by e-check?

\*\*That's a good question. We don't have anyone here from Finance so I will have to get back to you on that.

- People traveling south on Railroad Avenue turning east on Leland Road there is always a back-up because during certain times of the day people continue against the light and get stuck in the intersection making it difficult for those on Leland Road westbound to go south on Railroad Avenue.

\*\*It may be a combination of a couple of things such as the way the light cycles and the amount of traffic during certain times of the day. That intersection certainly gets congested, especially during commute hours. That is something that the PD traffic division does monitor and it will be something they will look into and continue to monitor.

- Will the PD be putting up any more traffic cameras? I'm asking because we are having a problem with kids from Black Diamond High School spinning donuts in our court.

\*\*The City has 126 cameras throughout the city. I'm not aware of anymore cameras being added right now, but this an ongoing project so eventually more will be added. I don't know if we will be adding one in the specific area that you are referring to but that is definitely something the PD will look in to. We will let our Patrol units know to keep an eye on that area.

\*\*Generally when the City does development agreements, whether it be industrial or residential, one of the requirements we try and add are cameras. That way the development has cameras, not necessarily through the PD. There are different "hot spots" where we can put cameras up throughout the year when there is a little bit of a budget to do that in the instances like you are saying.

\*\*The City also partners with property owners. At times if it's a bank of mailboxes being robbed we will get private cameras in that subdivision pointed toward that bank of mailboxes. If there is a location where there is donuts being done we can partner with surrounding properties to pick up some of the misbehavior that happens there. It really is a partnership. This whole meeting is a partnership. There are over 72,000 people in Pittsburg and only about 260 of us staff so we need your help. The comments of letting us know what the City can do better or pointing out some of the other challenges, we need those. This helps us focus our limited forces on the areas where we need to do better.

- The bus route on W. 10<sup>th</sup> Street should have more than 2 stops in 2 miles.

\*\*We'll reach out to Tri Delta Transit about that.

- Since mine and my neighbors mailboxes were broken into I've put security cameras in. Do I register them and let the PD/City know I have them?

\*\*Yes, let us know. Our camera system may not be compatible to yours but if your system recorded something of value than we will definitely take a look at it.

- Can the PD recommend a system that is compatible with the PDs system?

\*\*Toni Baldazo will work with you on that.

- For the congested intersections, can't the City put "keep clear" wording on the ground, like at Railroad Avenue and Center Street? Or maybe sync the lights better?

\*\*The City still has work to do there but is working on coordinating the signals better.