

Meeting Minutes

Client:	City of Pittsburgh
Project Name:	Lincoln Lemington Belmar & East Hills Community Visioning Study
Project Number:	10-20296
Date:	12-3-2020
Location:	Virtual
Meeting Purpose:	Kick Off Meeting with Lincoln-Lemington Collaborative and public
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In Attendance	
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* See attendance list for rest of attendees

Summary

The EHI team facilitated a visioning and kick off meeting for the Lincoln-Lemington-Belmar neighborhood. This meeting was designed to create a baseline of information; specifically, to gather qualitative data that the existing conditions analysis could not gather. Highlights about this meeting are as follows:

- 17 Attendees (excluding City and Consultant Staff)
- Two breakout room facilitations
- Participation in open ended and fact-finding questions
- 2000+ flyers informational mailed to the neighborhood prior to the meeting date

The main takeaways from this meeting are (see following pages for detailed input):

1. Overall signage and beautification. The community needs better branding to create a real sense of place and welcome residents/visitors. LLB is a gateway to the City, despite being somewhat cut-off from it due to steep hillsides and PA Route 8.
2. Parks, recreation and community engagement. There needs to be more activities and improved facilities within the neighborhood to give residents something to do and improved pedestrian connections.

3. Community unification. The neighborhood is separated (physically and socially) into two neighborhoods – Upper and Lower. Residents want to bring the community together as one in order to pull resources and focus improvement efforts.

Next steps will include furthering discussions to develop a vision and identify priority goals.

The detailed questions and responses from breakout room discussions are as follows:

Q. What one word would you use to describe your neighborhood?

- Resilient
- Diverse
- Spirited
- Family
- Home
- Vision
- Beautiful
- Peaceful
- Changing
- Permaculture – sustainable
- Home
- Green

Q. Do you feel there are enough services/amenities?

- No

Q. What services/amenities would you like to see?

- Food Co-op
- Need restaurants
- Sustainable food system
- Fitness Center (YMCA)
- Arts & Culture
- Educational
- Resources
- Beauty Parlor/Salon (full service)
- Barbershop
- Café
- Clothing store
- Art Studio
- Pharmacy (drugstore)
- Upgrade existing Recreation Center
- Opera House (historic)
- Need EVERYTHING

Q. What do you feel draws visitors to your neighborhood?

- When they feel they are in a “safe” environment.
- Sporting or Cultural Events
- Healthy Walking Event
- Fresh Produce Give-a-ways
- Annual Sports Events Hosted
- Youth Entrepreneur Sale
- Block Party

- Healthy Eating

Q. What improvements would make the neighborhood more vibrant?

- Paulson Field (improvements)
- Activity Areas (sports & leisure)
- Senior Citizen Walking Paths
- Entrance Signage to Community needs an upgrade
- Entrance Signage Season Based change outs (altering looks)
- Welcoming Community Design

Q. What are your two favorite things about the neighborhood?

- Peaceful & Energy
- Family & Generational
- Longevity & History
- HOME
- Charter School