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President's Report

President- Pamela Austin

Agenda

Welcome

Officer Introductions

- Committee Introductions
 - 2021 Accomplishments
 - 2022 Goals



Strip District Neighbors is a 501(C)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to promoting economic development and high quality of life while preserving and enhancing the integrity and character of the Strip District neighborhood.

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EX-OFFICIO:

City of Pittsburgh, Office of the Mayor Matt Galluzzo - Riverlife Honorable Deb Gross - City of Pittsburgh, Councilwoman David Huffaker - Port Authority Andrea Lavin Kossis - City of Pittsburgh, Riverfront Planner

2021 Committee Reports

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Safety and Security Committee

Outgoing Chair – Judy Watts Incoming Chair- Sandy Hanberry

Information & Resources can be found on stripdistrictneighbors.org.

- Conducted survey of Strip District businesses to determine overarching neighborhood concerns and advance efforts relating to traffic safety and other issues
 - Organized quarterly neighborhood litter clean ups and participation in City Garbage Olympics
- Coordinated with Tree Pittsburgh in holding multiple volunteer sessions to weed and mulch tree beds in the Strip
- Worked with Friends of the Riverfront in caring for riverfront bike/walking trails
- Assisted Pittsburgh Street Stewards in raising awareness of Adopt-a-Block program



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Participated in efforts to implement building murals

 Performed neighborhood walkthrough with representative from Mayor's office to address problematic areas

Advocated with City of Pittsburgh police
department and PLCB to address nuisance bar
issues and maintain awareness of neighborhood
security issues and police presence in the area

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Community Development Committee

Outgoing Chair - Chris Watts Incoming Chair - Jana Lake

- Established Green Space and Waterfront Subcommittee to advance community needs in coordination with Riverlife
- Convened stakeholder group to community to City Council about utility / construction issues along Smallman
 - Coordinated with City and property owner to deploy sidewalks along Smallman/21st/23rd/Railroad
- Reviewed and provided feedback on 8 proposed development projects
 - Strengthened relationships with public officials and community stakeholders

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- Developed and released the inaugural State of the Strip District Report
- Began neighborhood vision plan process with CMU and 3R Sustainability
- Advocated for improved mobility in the Strip District Mobility Plan, Liberty Avenue Safety Project, MovePGH, NEXTransit, and Penn Ave crosswalks
- Hired engineer to study 21st/Smallman intersection
- Contributed to Riverlife's Completing the Loop Plan and Tow Pound site vision

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Marketing Committee

Chair- Megan Stearman marketing@sdnpgh.org

- Created Passport to the Strip in partnership with the Strip District Business Association
- Executed Strip District Reserve Program with Wigle Whiskey, Maggie's Farm, Pittsburgh Winery, and Cinderlands
- Brought Monster Pumpkins Festival to the Strip District for the first time
- Hosted "Spirit of the Strip" event
- Brought "Open Doors Pittsburgh"
- Created sponsorship packages for 2021 and successfully raised over \$20,000



Strip District Reserve-Wigle Whiskey



Strip District Reserve- Pittsburgh Winery and Michael Lotenero (EVENT ON 11/18)





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Membership Subcommittee

Outgoing Chair - Larry Simms Incoming Chair – Megan Stearman

members@sdnpgh.org

- Re-structured Member Levels
- Partnered with Heinz History Center to Provide Membership Perk
- Employees of Corporate Members are all Considered Members
- Changed URL from .com to .org to Reflect our Nonprofit Status
- Created Integrated Website Signup System
- Welcomed New Businesses to the Neighborhood
- Goal to Collect Zip Codes of Member Base for Development of Advocacy Platform

2022 Goals

What do you want to see?

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