



Strong Neighborhoods Committee Update

<https://wilkinsburgcdc.org/strong-neighborhoods-committee/>

March 2021

Purpose: The goal of this committee is to build strong neighborhoods through an investigation of the causes and impacts of blight and vacancy in Wilkinsburg and work with the WCDC to develop a Vacant Property Re-Use Plan to address vacancy and blight, mitigate threats of displacement and gentrification, and create catalysts for reinvestment driven by community vision.

Committee Meetings

- The resident-led committee has met monthly since October and adds new attendees with each meeting. The next meeting is May 5, 2021, at 4 pm on Zoom. **Email jpallitto@hillgroupinc.com to be added to the call invite.**
- March's meeting focused on sharing the status of the process, and began encouraging committee members to step up as community stewards and to share issues and resources with each other.
- April will focus on getting the word out and registrations for the upcoming neighborhood planning meetings as well as identifying additional stewards for other neighborhoods.

Outreach

- We are still working on gathering contacts and are encouraging everyone to share the [outreach form](#) for individuals to share their preferences for participation and add to our master contact list. A quick overview was given to the block watch committee meeting to introduce the process, if there are other active groups we can connect with, let us know!
- **We are looking for neighborhood stewards to support the visioning process in each neighborhood - if you are interested, let us know in the outreach form**
- A new education resources page is being developed and will shortly be live on the WCDC website.
- In addition, activities and some Q&A are now being planned for the spring onward, **if anyone has a particular topic they'd like to see covered, would like to participate or assist in the coordination efforts, email evaine@wilkinsburgcdc.org**



- Community Meetings have begun to be scheduled beginning with Singer Place and Upper Center throughout May. These 2 neighborhoods will serve as our pilot process and then we will continue to work through Wilkinsburg in the neighborhoods with significant vacancy and reach out to individuals who have expressed interest in participating.

Singer Place meeting dates:

- Saturday, May 1, 10:00 – 12:00 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 11, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, May 27, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Upper Center meeting dates:

- Thursday, May 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 18, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- Thursday, June 6, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

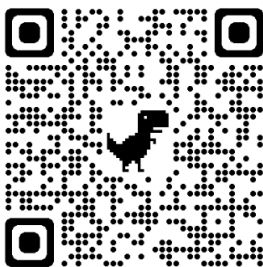
- **Registration to receive the meeting info is [here](#)**



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**STRONG
NEIGHBORHOODS
COMMITTEE**

Invites you to join us as we address vacant properties throughout the community.

**NEIGHBORHOOD VISIONING SESSIONS
WILL BEGIN IN MARCH 2021!**



Scan the QR code or join us at wilkinsburgcdc.org/strong-neighborhoods-committee/ to sign up to stay informed and participate in the planning process and share your input.

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