



Strong Neighborhoods Committee Update

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

April 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.**
- April's meeting was brief, but focused on providing an overview of the upcoming planning meetings beginning in May and recruiting additional residents to serve as stewards for outreach when scheduling additional neighborhood meetings.
- May may likely be the last formal Committee meeting though the time may be used to offer specific educational opportunities and preserve that time to connect residents to answers and resources.

Outreach

- **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 has been published - this is a helpful tool to learn more about terms and programs that may come up in the planning conversations as well as provide leads to new programs and opportunities that residents may find helpful related to: vacant properties, acquisition, rehab and repair, and renter resources. [Education & Resources](#)
- 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 all planned meetings is [here](#). Once other neighborhoods have been scheduled, we will reach out to those who registered with the time and location.** We are prioritizing reaching individuals who live or work in the neighborhood that we'll be in and will make our way around the Borough throughout the summer. All meetings will be hybrid so there is an option to participate online, but there will also be a physical location if technology is a limitation.



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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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