



Public Engagement Meeting #1

April 28, 2022, 6PM – 8 PM via Zoom

47 Attendees, 79 Registered

*Denotes a question submitted by an attendee

Lines in italics were submitted by the attendees.

- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : Hello everyone and welcome to the meeting! If you have any questions throughout the presentation, please send them to the "Public Engagement Facilitator" through the chat. We will also open up the room to Q/A following the presentation.*
- *From a weiss/SoLo : who is on the steering committee are they in attendance
- *From Renee Mills: Good evening. What is the salary cap for affordable housing.
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : More information, including the Executive Summary of the PCNA can be found in the link below:*
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : <https://phdcphila.org/community-investment/improving-communities/reclaimed-germantown-and-mt-airy-properties/>*
- *From a weiss/SoLo : 101 e Collom was no danger to public safety
- *From a weiss/SoLo : 17 units 60-74 Collom
- *From Greg paulmier : The city of Philadelphia is experiencing a housing crises for low-income people. How come these properties are not turned over to PHA immediately so that repairs can be made and then be occupied/ These properties are also a blight on our neighborhoods and a cancer in our communities. There is no justification for the slow approach to these properties.
- *From a weiss/SoLo why is the maintenance company dhc not removing trash etc. from buildings
- *From a weiss/SoLo to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : door hangers did not give phone contact info
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : The Facebook page can be found in the link below:*
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : <https://www.facebook.com/PHDCGermantownRedevelopment/>*
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : Registration for the 2nd Public Engagement meeting is now open. See the link below for information on attending either in-person or virtually:*
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : <https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwqceygpj8pG9UDMSh84dAD1X4i-5d8wtgK>*
- From Jeffrey Johnson: Have any cost assessment been done?
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator: The steering committee members can be found in the link below:*

- *From Public Engagement Facilitator :*
<https://secureservercdn.net/104.238.71.140/k05.f3c.myftpupload.com/wp-content/uploads/Germantownpnca/Germantown-Steering-Committee.pdf>
- *From Rosalind Mckelvey : Question about the unit block s or East Wister and E. Collum Streets. Are they bought yet because right now they look like Katrina aftermath. The neighbors want to know of the plans of timeline?
- *From Evonne Tisdale: In reference to the door to door notification - what is considered close proximity? How close or far do you have to live to have standing as a neighbor or community member?
- *From Robin Pixley : Will you have input on the new developments happening in the area. i.e. new building by private contractors.
- *From Ann Doley: Can we alternate and not call on the same person repeatedly?
- *From Renee Mills : I know that however i keep hearing “Afordable Housing” “Afordable Housing”, what does that mean. We don’t want 6657-6659 turned back over to PHA/low income.
- *From a weiss/SoLo: there is an abundance of funds for housing and phdc has put rfps out for housing why does the money not go to renovating these properties so they will not remain vacant ?
- *From Ann Doley: Please answer more than one person’s repeated questions.
- *From Rosalind Mckelvey: Question about the unit blocks of East Wister and E. Collum Streets. Are they bought yet because right now they look like Katrina aftermath. The neighbors want to know of the plans and of timeline?
- *From Ann Doley: This is not fair to the full group!!
- *From greg paulmier: We elect leaders to empower people of our City how come non of the elected leaders of our city are not involved in this meeting?
- *From a weiss/SoLo: will the new door hangers also included that the discussion is about reclaimed former Germantown settlement properties?
- *From a weiss/SoLo to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : no one knows phdc especially since it was not spelled out
- *From a weiss/SoLo to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : will phdc be identified and pra phila redevelopment authority
- From Public Engagement Facilitator to Ann Doley(Direct Message) : Hi Ann. We are responding to questions that were submitted in order. We will also have time following the Q/A attendants to participate.
- *From a weiss/SoLo to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : as far as we understand these peoperties are not necessarily to be sold
- *From Ann Doley to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : You are alienating people because almost every question was from one person
- *From Renee Mills: in the meantime please reseal 6657-6659 properly and contact L&I for the art project. what about the funding that suppose to come from the developers and investors. a housing fund is available that was started by a council person.
- *From Renee Mills: Welcome to zoom

- *From a Weiss SoLo: there is an abundance of funds for housing and phdc has put rfps out for housing why does the money not go to renovating these properties first so they will not remain vacant ?
- *From Ines Love, MHS: Who is the property management group?
- *From Emaleigh Doley to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : Will all of the questions being asked be recorded and part of your report?
- *From Renee Mills: Does PHDC own these properties and when they are sold Phdc gets the money then what.
- *From greg paulmier: The local elected leaders of the 8th District created this problem and should be made responsible for fixing it. Or we should vote them out of office. The committee orchestrating this zoom is just a ploy to distract the voters. We deserve better.
- *From a weiss/SoLo: that is not explaining why elected officials are not here
- *From Dean Vance: Just so you know: you did a great job on the flyers for these meetings. Thank you.
- *From Ann Doley: This is so wrong letting one person dominate and not opening the meeting up to others.
- *From anna figueroa to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : we ghj would like to keep it affordable housing for the people that want to come back in the community and for people
- *From a weiss/SoLo : this is a zoom meeting no reason no elected officials cannot be in attendance
- *From Jeffrey Johnson: The second meeting is still listed at the Germantown location
- *From Renee Mills: i'm talking about 6657-59 phdc got it for \$4
- *From a weiss/SoLo: not aware anyone other than pra owns these properties and am not aware these properties are to be sold
- *From Renee Mills: they don't know how to lead crooks
- *From anna figueroa: i will like to say something
- From Public Engagement Facilitator to anna figueroa(Direct Message) : Hi Anna. If you hit the "Reactions" button in the bottom and then click raise hand it will add you to the list. If you have any trouble just message me again and we will make sure your voice is heard.
- *From Renee Mills : 3 years
- *From Renee Mills: murder, fire squatters, etc at 6657-6659 blakemore
- *From Dimka BraswellHey. I'm Dimka Brsawell. I represent the Philadelphia Food Advisory Council, Urban Agriculture and Philadelphia Chair of NRCS, Natural Resource Services. I live in East Mt Airy and I'm housing insecure. With gentrification being a major problem, what can community lead organizations, like the 2 I sit on, do to give residents information about small and large community organization when it comes to housing? Both groups I work with deal with food insecurity, housing insecurity. I was asked to listen in from residents in my area as an urban farmer.
- From Ann Doley: I think social media promotion could be greatly approved. When I checked the Facebook page set up for this today it had 6 likes/follows - later it had 9. Germantown has 2 main social media groups that encompass at least 15,000 people combined plus smaller ones. I didn't see your meeting post (which looks more like a real estate ad) in any of the groups. I

posted it widely early this morning and it got almost no response - very strange since so many people in Germantown care passionately about development and affordable housing. So please improve your social media message and spread. It's too passive.

- *From a weiss/SoLo: thank you, sorry I must leave -Allison weiss SoLo
- *From a weiss/SoLo: ps not looking for payment of any kind -aw
- *From Ann Doley: You have to figure out how to balance the larger community needs against blight and displacement and the need for affordable housing with the very specific needs of former tenants and people who were displaced. This process needs flexibility.
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : The link to sign up for the 2nd and 3rd meetings can be found below:*
- *From Public Engagement Facilitator : <https://phdcphila.org/community-investment/improving-communities/reclaimed-germantown-and-mt-airy-properties/>*
- *From Ann Doley to Public Engagement Facilitator(Direct Message) : These meetings could benefit from a facilitator role separate from the main person asking questions. correction "answering questions"
- *From Lynda White: We need more transparency this process with no acronyms and telephone numbers to reach all persons in the community for meetings notices to provide a brief summary of the process and the problem to be solved and the timeline What can we expect once this step is completed? Is an effort been conducted to contact residents displaced and surrounding neighbors?
- *From Evonne Tisdale: I put flyers in the doors of people on Blakemore Street today - can you let Jalila know that I agree that the folks near the Blakemore property need to have a meeting so if she would like to call me so that we can get together regarding a meeting (215) 431-1506
- *From Ann Doley: Good points Lynda!!!
- *From VERONICA COOPER: Veronica also lives near the Blakemore property in East Mt Airy
- From Public Engagement Facilitator to Dimka Braswell(Direct Message) : Reach out to Jacquie at 215-419-7362.
- *From Ann Doley: I'm disappointed we didn't have more substantive discussion
- *From Lynda White: Another question is why are the properties been focussed on from 114?
- *From Renee Mills: thank you all. Be safe, stay healthy and continue to be wise