

Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 4/18/2019)

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Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church Signage	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church, Larimar Consus Group, and City Planning
Meeting Location: Kingsley Association, 6435 Frankstown Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15206	
Date: 06/01/23	
Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM	
Applicant: Howard Graves	Approx. Number of Attendees: 36 total (in person and Zoom)

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Ex: Community engagement to-date, location and history of the site, demolition needs, building footprint and overall square footage, uses and activities (particularly on the ground floor), transportation needs and parking proposed, building materials, design, and other aesthetic elements of the project, community uses, amenities and programs.

<p>Formal Description: Installation of sign including install with electrical work Sign currently installed; cited by City as nonconforming with Zoning Code Section 919.03. Will require variance by zoning board and other stipulations (unknown). Date will follow this meeting by 30 days, so should be July; will receive more specific guidelines. Believes applicable on different part of code; states it's a bulletin board and not an advertising sign. Looking for board approval; cognizant of potential change to light it gives off, and use during time of day/night. Should conform to code size. Looking to get support for Larimar Consensus Group. Sixth Mount Zion really wanted to bring this to the community; no prior public engagement. No demolition needs.</p>
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Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
The sign has been there for a long time. When did the City recognize that that was a problem?	When electrician took out a permit to electrify the sign. PLI cited because it had not gone through zoning; had not been approved prior. Those that installed the sign were either ignorant or did not care and put the burden on the Church.
Does the sign blink? Could it cause a distraction to drivers in traffic?	Illumination of the sign itself, it is not very bright. You can control these (the light emitted). It has a feature that could tone it down. It is not overly bright, and it adheres to code.

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<p>When sign first put in, very noticeable. It was very bright. Appreciate that the sign no longer is on at night. It is much better. I ask that certain contents be taken into consideration. It will go from black to bright white on certain slides. It is very hard to look at.</p> <p>Yes, the transition can be abrupt. The church has my support, I would like to be a good neighbor.</p>	<p>The zoning board will review those kinds of issues. So you're saying that, not just text, but images that are an issue.</p> <p>Brightness can be controlled. Imagery can be controlled. The timing can also be controlled. So they will keep that in mind.</p>
<p>Why don't they time it, so it is on at a certain time? And off at a certain time? Why should it be 24 hours? People aren't always going by there. Turn it on at 6 AM, and off at 8 at night.</p>	<p>(microphone passed to another speaker)</p>
<p>Should also depend on the time of year, like in the winter, it will be darker earlier.</p>	<p>Yes, clearly that is something that we will consider moving forward. We will not go down there and be defensive. We will state that we will take things into consideration.</p>

Other Notes

Planner completing report: Keith Portugal, Neighborhood Planner