

**6th Ward Block Watch & Community Meeting on 3523 Penn Avenue (the
Journeyman's Table)
Meeting Notes
9/30/2019, 7 p.m., Desmone Architects**

1. Public Safety Update – Sgt Lance Hoyson (Zone 2 Police)

Only two theft from vehicle in July and August. This month – two burglaries. Below Woolslair Way. Someone went into a house and took jewelry. The resident wasn't home when it happened – the other a construction site burglary. Make sure all construction sites are secured. But those have really leveled off across LV. Investigation is ongoing for an incident with former Pints on Penn got shot with a BB gun.

Anita brought up with Sgt Hoyson a citation against her grandson that she believed to be done unfairly.

Public safety update neighborhood wide – next one is October 15 at the library. Presentation from the city on 311 vs. 911. Crime update there as well.

2. Parks Listening Tour – Erin from Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

Part 2 of Parks Listening Tour is going on right now and called the parks plan and it gives an update on the park system and all the input that community members gave. Will have a larger discussion at the Lawrenceville-Wide Public Safety Meeting on 10/15 at 6 p.m. at the library. It will go through and outline the plan. You can also go to the parks website which has a lot of more detailed info.

3. Community Meeting on 3523 Penn Avenue – Journeyman's Table

Rachel reviewed the community process and ground rules. No zoning changes for the project. Has always existed as a restaurant/tavern space. Liquor license transfer application for just the owner, not the location.

Rachel turned it over to Dan DeRight from Steel Spirits LLC. This will be my 9th restaurant opening – opening crew at Eleven, Sonoma Grill, Casbah. Last one I opened was in Strip was Emilia Romagna before owners got in a dispute and closed.

Style is New American – seasonal. Medium sized restaurant: large enough to feel like a community, but don't want a huge space with lots of churn. Want to know our customers. Everything is from scratch. Craft cocktails: infusions.

History of the building: has been a restaurant or tavern since 1887. Became Kopec's until the 70s, was a neighborhood dive. Pints on Penn bought in 2014, opened it up quite a bit, but was still a tavern. Kitchen was tiny.

The Journeyman's Table: I'm a chef, most of my background in fine dining, we want to be a restaurant that serves drinks, not a bar that happens to serve food. Looking

at Lawrenceville, there are some expensive, high-end spots, as well as large, college-oriented, loud spots. Not something that's more casual and more community-driven. Goal is to bring great, scratch made food –contrast with Pints on Penn where food was brought in. Doing a bottle-less concept, which Pgh currently doesn't have. Will have significant amount of taps and no bottled beer. Small selection of wine by bottle, plus white and red wine on tap. Cuts down on amount of waste and neighborhood impact. Allows for portion control – can get ½ pint, doesn't have to come as a full bottle, can do a flight. Trying to source as much locally as possible – obvious exceptions like seafood.

Blueprint: transforming from a bar into a restaurant. Reduced bar space. Moved bathroom towards the back with the other bathroom. Sit-down dining on 1st floor. New staircase going in the front, go straight up to second floor. Small second floor deck with back view of church.

Menu: seasonal and frequently changing. Couple dishes will probably stay as staples to keep customers happy. Fine-dining quality in a casual atmosphere. Fresh pasta, smoked meats, will change frequently. Small amount of bar bites for the bar, but the menu will be full-service and full-building. Can order dinner at the bar. Limited take away menu: not enough kitchen space. Total of 37 taps on bar. Small selection of bottled wines to complement wines on tap. Craft cocktails will be rotating and changing.

Operations: 16 FT employees, 10 salaried, 6 hourly. 6+ PT employees. Open 5 days per week for dinner only to start. Means people have repeatable schedule to have families and lives. Still tip model. Planning to be closed Tues/Wed to address shortage of places to eat on Sun/Mon in Lawrenceville.

Neighborhood integration: no zoning changes, little changing with the building. Less impact b/c of bottle-less concept. Trying to find additional parking – seeking partnerships with other users. Use of space outside of dinner service for local events/meetings. Hope to be open late January. Looking forward to being a part of the Lawrenceville community.

Q&A

Ruthie: Welcome to the neighborhood. Will you have a kids menu?

- Yes, we plan to have a kids menu. Let us know if you have any ideas!

Brian: Happy to hear something is coming in. Seems like a great space. Curious about parking: what options do you have?

- Don't want to put it out there until I have resolution, but there are a handful of sites that we're looking at that have been used for a variety of things – maybe just a Friday/Saturday night thing, just reaching out at this point. We

are still prospective buyers, haven't closed yet, hard to finalize anything until we have ownership.

Inshira: Price points?

- Main dishes in the high teens. Apps 2/3 of that. Also looking at a table platter that would be more expensive and something to share.
- Inshira: Italian?
- New American. American palate with influences all over. Ran the kitchen at Morimoto at Philly, Chinese restaurants, a lot of Italian and Spanish – love pasta.

Sam: How do we follow progress?

- Website due up anytime soon. Trying to keep up with social media but lot going on right now.

Bob: What's the idea behind the name?

- Comes from two things: me personally I didn't go to culinary school, came up in the apprenticeship model, that's how I learned: apprenticeship, journeyman, master model. Love food and cooking and journeyman is the pinnacle for me – once you're a master, you kind of know everything you know and stay there, where as I want to be someone who keeps learning and growing.

4. Other Updates

- Mintwood warehouse – They got zoning approval but they got approved for warehouse on ground and office on Mintwood level but they have a tenant that would be office for both so they have to go back to zoning for office for all which is what they previewed to the community anyway. No changes with parking requirements but we do have to provide a letter of support. Used to be Giant Eagle. It's between Liberty and Penn on Mintwood street. Original plan was residential but they nixed that plan. Revisited office use and they came back out to present. We worked out some conditions with support just to make sure no negative impact but we heard people were happy was office.
 - Sam, Mintwood: they've been working on it so is that stopped? Or do they continue to work on original office? - Dave: they have been approved it's just really a zoning change doesn't really affected building permit.
- Arsenal 201 - went to planning commission and planning commission wrote a number of conditions related to concerns we had but it was approved. We don't have report yet. But once we have it we'll put up website. They wanted to have a meeting with Milhaus to talk about construction and they did commit to that and agreed to share a construction management plan. Public community meeting around that too. Phase 2 will be in back of Phase 1 closer to river. Add Willow Street connection is contingent on County DPW site relocating. They didn't want community feedback on park. It came down to

finances. The community has requested a lot and they said they don't have the funds to put into a community engagement process or more throughout design. Pretty disappointed but very underdeveloped. Part of their commitment in Phase 1 was for eventual green space. 2 acres. Would be privately maintained but available for public. Included a dog park and some trees and some landscaping. It's about the size of Schenley plaza. They were unwilling but we got other things out of them.

- 3250 Liberty Avenue - Community meeting tomorrow in Polish Hill. Big project mixed use for residential and commercial. Second mtg. focusing on traffic impact.

Any other topics?

- Who is the tenant for Mintwood? We don't know.
- Discussion about Nextdoor Lawrenceville app and civility on the site.
- Pittsburgh Public Schools shared information about Early Childhood Education centers in the community.
- Office of Community Affairs shared a variety of updates and resources.

Adjourn at 8:30 p.m.