

Pimlico Community Development Authority
Meeting Summary
January 16, 2019
Pimlico Racetrack, 5201 Park Heights Avenue

PCDA Members In Attendance: Laurie Feinberg, Del. Tony Bridges, Senator Jill Carter (Mr. Riggins), Gloria Cinquegrani, Leslie McCuaig, Nechama Cox, Ramsey Harris, John Henderson, Mereida Goodman, R. Anthony Mills

Absent: Senator Antonio Hayes, Eric Lee, Marc Broady

Role of the Pimlico Community Development Authority (PCDA)

PCDA serves an advisory role in determining funding allocations for Local Impact Aid funding. PCDA has the responsibility to advise the Mayor on priorities and the final funding decisions are part of the City budget approval by the Mayor and City Council.

Opening Remarks

Laurie Feinberg, Acting PCDA Director, welcomed new members and shared the release of the draft FY20 spending plan.

Presentation

Sara Paraniham, Chief of Comprehensive Planning, shared PCDA's public communication efforts, the FY20 draft spending plan, and the role of PCDA. The PowerPoint outlining the FY20 draft spending plan is posted on PCDA's website.

PCDA community outreach efforts highlighted include [PCDA's webpage](#), [PCDA's 2019 calendar](#), [Neighborhood Initiative Competitive Grants](#), and the [PCDA Facebook group](#). Sara also shared background on slots funding (85% Park Heights, 15% One Mile Radius). Slots funding amounts included in the spending plans are estimates of the revenue to be received. The estimated total in FY20 is \$8,000,000: Park Heights (85%) \$6,800,000; 1 Mile Radius (15%) \$1,200,000.

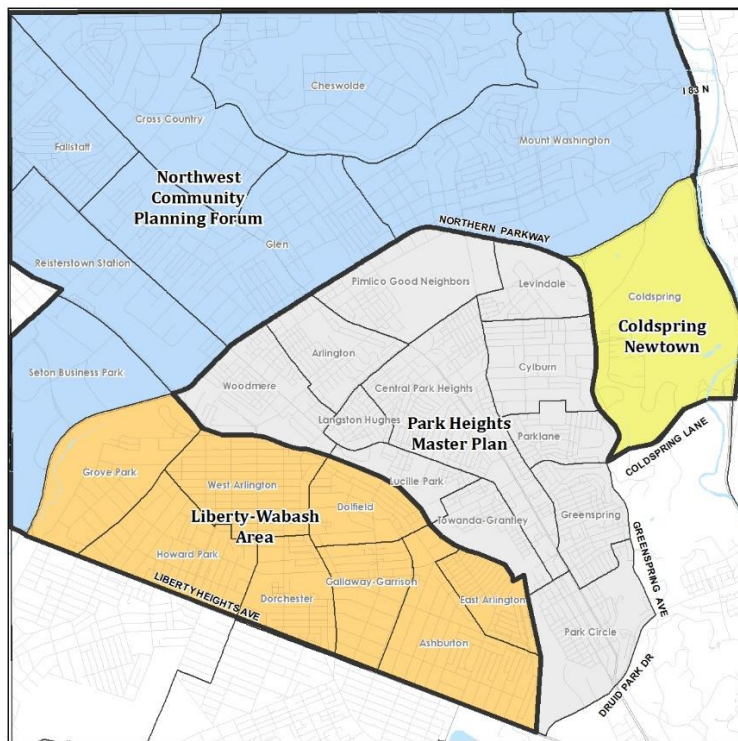
There is a new proposed allocation in the 1 mile radius based on need. The proposed allocation results in an increase of funding for Liberty Wabash area from 25% to 40% and a reduction from 70% to 55% for the NWCPF. This allocation is based on the percentage of people below the poverty line and the number of violent crimes committed, in addition to population and land area of the OMR geography.

Next steps include:

- Public forum February 5
- Deadline for comments to PCDA February 15
- PCDA work session February 20
- Presentation of PCDA recommendations on the draft spending plan and release of CC Jackson Final Draft plan by Recreation and Parks February 27
- Release FINAL Spending Plan April

Questions and Comments

- Councilman Schleifer talked about the Phase 2 study for development of the Racetrack and voiced his concern that none of the spending plan recommendations are focused around the track given the potential huge investment coming to that area.
- Question about equity in city investment in neighborhoods. For example, what has been invested in Canton and Highlandtown vs. Park Heights? How does the PCDA budget compare to the total budget for economic development?
- Why do you keep talking about a 1 Mile Radius when there are areas further than one mile from the Racetrack that are getting money?
 - The eligible area has evolved over time, starting with 2007 Special Session SB3 to 2013 HB1020. Originally, the eligible area was more closely based on census tracts within 1 mile of the Racetrack, which is why it is referred to as the 1 mile radius, but over time it was expanded to the areas shown on the map below.
 - Links to the legislation are on PCDA’s website: <https://planning.baltimorecity.gov/about-pimlico-community-development-authority>



**Pimlico Local Impact Aid Eligible Areas
1 Mile Radius**

- 1 Mile Radius (15% of Total Funds)**
- Northwest Community Planning Forum (55%)
 - Liberty-Wabash Area (40%)
 - Coldspring Newtown (5%)
- Park Heights (85% of Total Funds)**
- Park Heights Master Plan Area



- Why isn't Ashburton receiving funds? Lots of trash in Ashburton. Applied for a statue of Dr. Anne Emory, but didn't receive funds.
- What happened to the Wabash corridor? Why can't that corridor be cleaned up similar to what is proposed for Northern Parkway?
- Will Hanna acknowledged that it has taken time (12 years) to get where we are today and congratulated everyone on how far we've come. He shared that we are now seeing progress. He also shared the legislation "2013 HB 1020" that defines the One Mile Radius areas eligible for funding.
- Question about how to apply for human services funding. Was referred to representative from Mayor's Office of Human Services.
- George Mitchell (Langston Hughes Resource Center and Neighborhoods United) highlighted the need for jobs in Park Heights and mentioned there is a job fair on February 16 that will bring hundreds of jobs and get people to work.
 - George encouraged organizations to apply for funds outside of and in conjunctions with PCDA slots funding. Lamented that organizations in Park Heights weren't receiving funding through the Baltimore City Youth Fund.
 - George's organization (Neighborhoods United) hosts events for seniors and they can provide assistance for seniors, such as providing help with tax sales. Every Thursday is Senior Day.
- When the racetrack is rebuilt, who are the vendors going to be, when thousands of jobs are created? How to be a part of the redevelopment process at the racetrack?
- Seeing progress on Park Heights Avenue, but what about the side streets? Resident lives on Spaulding Avenue, who came to Park Heights in 1971, when it was a nice neighborhood, voiced her concern for cleaning up and improving the side streets (vacant homes, rats, overgrown grass, backyard is a wilderness). Indicated she's not leaving her house and was concerned how people will be able to afford new houses that are being built.
- Lives near the racetrack and shared that there is a crisis on the side streets in Park Heights and that it is unconscionable what children have to pass and what it does to their souls and psyches when they walk down the streets to get to school. There is not a crisis at the border; there is one on the side streets in this neighborhood. Noted allocation of funds in spending plan to cleanup and beautify Northern Parkway and expressed the urgent need to clean up the side streets in Park Heights.
- Park Heights resident from Chalgrove Avenue shared that seniors are having challenges with investors targeting seniors and trying to buy their properties in tax sales. How to save houses from unpaid water bills and taxes? Del. Dalya Attar shared there is legislation to stop houses from being taken away by liens such as water bills. This is supported by City Council.
- Park Heights resident shared it has been challenging for seniors to get 311 requests resolved. They are calling 311 and have confirmation numbers but nothing is getting done. Noted home next to hers is filthy with rats, roaches, and mosquitos during mosquito time.

- Where is the funding to assist elderly homeowners?
 - HCD has a resource to assist with homeowner maintenance. Please reach out to Alice Kennedy (Alice.Kennedy@baltimorecity.gov or 410-396-3474) at the Department of Housing and Community Development.
 - Housing Programs and Services available: <http://www.baltimorehousing.org/ghsh>
 - Legal Aid through the Department of Aging was also shared as a resource.