Traffic issues: what we’ve tried, what might be next

First on the agenda at the general community meeting on April 7 was a discussion of traffic issues. We were honored to have the City of Pittsburgh Traffic Engineer, Amanda Purcell, in attendance to provide input and share her expertise. We reviewed the options that have been explored thus far and talked about where we might go from here.

Speeding and the high number of cut-through drivers, particularly during rush hour, are the biggest traffic concerns in Polish Hill. These issues are mostly a problem on the main thoroughfares: Herron Avenue, Melwood Avenue, Brereton Street, Paulowna Street, and to a lesser degree, Dobson Street. Residents on smaller through streets such as Bethoven, Phelan and Pulaski, also report speeding cars.

For the last several years the PHCA has been working with Zone 2 Traffic Division, City Council District 7 office, and the City of Pittsburgh to find ways to address these issues. Here are the possible solutions we’ve explored thus far.

Lowering speed limits
This is the simplest, most obvious solution, and the first thing we tried. Unfortunately, we discovered that it’s not possible. Speed limits are determined on a state level, part of state code, and 25 mph is the lowest speed limit in the city. Officers can’t even enforce speeding until a driver is going 35 mph or more. While you do see 15 mph signs in some locations, such as the Herron Avenue S-curve, the traffic engineer says that’s just a suggestion -- not an enforceable speed limit.

Having police out during rush hour ticketing people
We asked Zone 2 Traffic Division if they could occasionally post officers on certain streets during rush hour. They told us they might be able to post a car occasionally, but they don’t have the manpower to do this on a regular basis.

In early May, Zone 2 Traffic Division informed us that they would temporarily assign a unit for traffic calming and enforcement to Polish Hill for a period of 30 days. When this period is over Zone 2 Traffic will evaluate as to whether this had an effect on speeding.

Limiting turns during rush hours
In 2013 the PHCA worked with Zone 2 to have radar boxes installed at locations in and near Polish Hill. The boxes recorded how much traffic was entering Polish Hill and how fast cars were going. Zone 2 Traffic Division analyzed the data and told us that the biggest issue was the volume of cars, and that most of the traffic was coming through during rush hour. Their suggestion was to install No Left Turn signs at particular locations, to be in effect just during rush hour. When we publicized the recommendations, residents rejected this solution, saying that not being able to turn left during rush hour would be an inconvenience for them.
PHCA news

Housing committee creates policy on future development

Following the real estate boom in Lawrenceville and the Strip District, individuals and small developers are looking for other centrally located city neighborhoods that might be a good place to live — or a good investment. Polish Hill, which is quiet, less expensive, with low crime rates and lots of vacant or City-owned property, clearly fits the bill. Increasing interest in the neighborhood led the Polish Hill Civic Association housing committee to create two new policy documents to outline how the organization will assess requests of support from potential property owners and developers.

Public property sale policy

When an individual or a developer applies to purchase City-owned property, the Council office will ask the local community group, if there is one, if they are willing to provide a letter of support approving the sale. Wishing to set precedent for a thoughtful process for cases going forward, the PHCA housing committee created a formal policy in regards to these requests. Such a policy would provide a consistent framework for evaluating requests to support purchases of City-owned and/or URA-owned public property in Polish Hill. This includes vacant land and property with structures.

Having this policy in place means that the PHCA can encourage rebuilding and development that is consistent with the values that residents identified while creating the Polish Hill Community Plan, completed in 2011. The plan was created through a grassroots process that included community meetings, surveys, workshops and interviews. Using the values and priorities outlined in the community plan, acceptable uses for property include:

-- A single family home for the buyer’s primary residence
-- A low to moderate income rental property
-- Fully renovating or developing and marketing the property for resale to low to moderate income residents
-- Using the property as a green space, if there are limitations in place on future development.

The PHCA housing committee will evaluate the requests based on this criteria and then make a recommendation to the PHCA Board of Directors. The board will then make a final determination on whether or not to support the proceeding of the public property sale.

Letter of support procedure for real estate developments

An individual or developer who has secured property and is planning a project might also wish to obtain a letter of support from the PHCA. While such a letter is not necessarily required to have a project approved by the municipality, it can help during the process of raising funds or getting permissions from Zoning, City Planning, or Council. In these cases, the housing committee would meet with the owner and assess whether the project aligns with community values and goals. The committee would then make a recommendation to the board as to whether the PHCA should provide a letter of support. In cases of larger, complicated or controversial projects, the board might ask the owner or developer to attend a community meeting.

In both cases, the values and visions outlined in the Community plan would guide the decision to provide a letter of support, or for the PHCA to decline to support. For projects not covered explicitly by the Community Plan, PHCA’s vision for future construction and development is to encourage renovations and support new small-scale infill and microhousing developments. Small independent businesses, including office space, retail and restaurants are welcomed and encouraged.

Having these policies in place will help the PHCA and the community guide and influence future development. Copies of these policy documents are available on the PHCA website or can be requested at our office.

State Representative constituent services at the PHCA office each Friday

Staff from the office of State Representative Adam Ravenstahl will be at the PHCA office each Friday to provide constituent services. Assistance includes help in filling out state forms, problems with state income taxes or Human Services, unemployment compensation issues, car registrations, special tags, titles and license applications, information for senior citizens, and more. To schedule an appointment, call the State Representative’s office at 412.321.5523.

Credit for setting this up goes to PHCA board member Ruth Rizner. With the closing of Senator Ferlo’s Butler Street office, there was no longer anywhere nearby for residents from Polish Hill, Lawrenceville, and the Strip District to go for constituent services. Ruth suggested that the PHCA might serve as a satellite office, and contacted State Rep. Ravenstahl’s office to see if they would be interested. We’re glad to be able to host them here each week.

Planning the Polish Hill Arts Festival

This will be the 8th year for the arts festival, and planning has been underway since the winter months. We’re working to put together another varied and interesting band line up. As of press time we’ve confirmed Brazilian samba drummers Timbeleza, folk-country group The Hills and the Rivers, Polish Hill-based rock/metal cover band PARTY!, and Mathew Tembo, a musician, singer and song-writer from Zambia. Pandemic Pete will DJ between sets. There will also be some mini-sets for younger musicians to share their talents.

We are sad to say that IHM Church is not planning to do their Polish food booth at the arts festival. While the booth was profitable, the church doesn’t have enough volunteers to cook and serve for two days in a row. After doing Polish food for the church festival, the volunteers are exhausted. It was wonderful to have Polish food at the arts festival for the last seven years, and we thank the church volunteers who made that possible.
Graffiti: how to report it, how to get it removed

Graffiti isn't just an annoyance, it's criminal vandalism, punishable by fines, restitution, forfeiture, or community service. If you see someone spray painting on a building, call the police, and provide descriptions and license plate numbers. Here is the procedure to report incidents of graffiti and for property owners to request graffiti removal:

1. Call 911 and report the graffiti. The responding officers will take pictures and give you a report number, also known as a CCR number.

2. After being issued a CCR number, call 311 or use the online 311 form (http://pgh.civicplus.com/311) to report the graffiti. You'll be sent a Graffiti Permission slip, which should be filled out and sent to the Graffiti Buster's office.

3. Your request for graffiti removal will be evaluated and a determination made based on content, size, and location of the graffiti. The crews do not remove graffiti that is more than 10 feet off the ground.

4. Anyone noticing graffiti on another property, whether private, commercial or public, can also report it by dialing 311 or filling out the online 311 form. The report will be forwarded to the Graffiti Busters at the Traffic Division and Graffiti Task Force. However, Graffiti Busters cannot remove graffiti from a property until the owner has filled out the permission form.

Gateways signs to get a bright new design, same welcoming words

The faded and damaged gateway signs at the Herron Avenue s-curve and at Brereton and 30th streets will be repainted with the same "Witamy do Polish Hill" wording and colorful Polish folk design as the Melwood Avenue sign. Gina Favano, an artist who lives on Melwood Avenue, has already redone the sign under the Bloomfield Bridge and is working on the other two signs. We hope to have the signs in place by the end of the summer.

Help maintain green spaces

Do you love gardening and have some spare time? Our parklets and gardens need continual maintenance during the growing season. There are locations all over the neighborhood where extra hands are needed, and volunteers can work on their own schedule.

We'll also be scheduling another neighborhood cleanup for June and will also announce a tree tending day. For more information, call 412.681.1950 or email valerie@phcapgh.org.

Safety at school bus stops

In the last issue, we told you of the concerns some parents had about the location of school bus stops. Of particular concern was the school bus stop at Herron and Melwood, which is an area with a great deal of high-speed traffic.

After working with Zone 2 traffic division and District 7 Council office staff to examine the issue, it became clear that the Melwood and Herron location, although certainly not ideal, may actually be the best option. Other locations were further away from where students lived, or would still require them to cross busy streets.

We are working with Zone 2 to find ways to make the current location safer.

Event Calendar

May 30 | PHCA yard sale and bake sale | 11:00 a.m. — 6:00 p.m. | 3060 Brereton Street | (accepting donations May 26-29, same location)

June 2 | Community Meeting | 6:30—8:00 p.m. | West Penn Recreation Center (lower level)

July 18 | Immaculate Heart of Mary Church festival | 1:00 p.m. — 11:00 p.m. | Brereton and Dobson streets

July 19 | Polish Hill Arts Festival | 12:00 p.m.—9:00 p.m. | Brereton and Dobson streets

There will be no community meetings in July or August. Meetings will resume in September.
A “proud grandson” shares his view of a WWII veteran

By Walt Kalista

Regis B. Myszewski (Pappap as we refer to him) was born and raised in Polish Hill. He has lived here for the past 88 years. Regis attended Washington Vocational High School where the electrical trade became an important part of his curriculum. At the age of 18, he decided to enlist in the military and “fight to defend his country.” Although his grandmother was concerned about his safety in pursuing a military career, he decided to join the Navy with his friend Crawford and others. Regis was a sailor aboard the USS Missouri during the surrender of the Japanese in World War II.

My grandfather has a lot of fond memories and one of his favorite wartime stories was when he was a gunner on a 20 mm cannon with a mark 14 gunsight. There was a Kamikaze approaching the USS Missouri. My grandfather lined up his cannon and started firing. He hit the plane causing a piece to land on the lower deck and saw the pilot’s face as he flew over and just missed hitting the ship.

Another memorable moment came after Pearl Harbor when Harry Truman sent USS Missouri “Mighty Mo” on a European cruise. My grandfather made visits to Italy; Athens, Greece; Istanbul, Turkey; and other countries. On this trip, his crew toured the Rock of Gibraltar. He mentioned that during the bus tour, it was raining and the roof was red leather. The red leather dye leaked on their white Navy suits. Upon reaching the final destination, they were told about the Gibraltar apes, who are tailless monkeys called a Barbary Macaque. Visitors were allowed to throw food to the apes but not at them. A funny moment occurred when some individuals decided to throw food at the apes. The apes did not take well to this and returned the favor by throwing the food back at them. His wartime stories are amazing and I admire him for his service to our country. He is always willing to share “war stories” and is keen on remembering the details.

After the war ended, he returned to Polish Hill and continued to develop his relationship with my grandmother, Henrietta Budzik. Henrietta sent my grandfather many letters keeping him up to date with neighborhood news during his time away at war. At the time, Henrietta lived at 3445 Bethoven and Regis lived at 3437 so they were always in close proximity to stop and talk. Eventually, their love blossomed and they married at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church followed by a honeymoon at White Sulfur Springs in Manns Choice. The Myszewski family expanded by two with daughters Susan and Phyllis. My grandparent’s marriage was full of love and they enjoyed traveling to such areas as Buffalo, New York and Erie; they always enjoyed the unplanned getaways. My grandparents would always take the scenic route as they appreciated the beauty of nature. They also had many dogs over the years and I always considered them expert trainers.

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Memorial Day on Brereton Street

The Ladies Auxiliary in a Memorial Day parade on Brereton Street, early 1950s.

Below: a group poses after the parade, with Brereton Street in the background. These photos courtesy of Doris Kwasniewski McNorgan; that’s her parents in the middle, marked with X’s.

Do you have photos from Polish Hill past?

Share them with the Polish Hill Archive!

Scan at a high resolution and email to us, or share originals and we will scan and return them.
From the PHCA photo archive: from WWI to Vietnam, others who served

“Polish Hill boys” Tim Bruzdewicz, Bob Topczynski, and Dick Pillart in Navy boot camp, 1951. Dick says, "Bob was known as Bob Topper, he and I joined the Navy together. Tim joined a little later"

Below: Left to right: Frankie Danowski, unknown, Tim Bruzdewicz, Dick Pillart, and Bob Topczynski. Dick says, "This picture is from 1952. We were all on leave, and the Polish Hill VFW asked us to be an honor guard at the church on Memorial Day."

(Photos courtesy of Dick Pillart)

Ted Kuras, of 947 Herron Avenue, home on leave, 1944. (photo courtesy of Eileen Goralski)

Martha (Fischer) Kazmierczak, Red Cross nurse during World War I. (photo courtesy of Loretta Burek)

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Josephine Rembisz lived at 3315 Ridgeway Street and served in the Woman's Army Corp during World War II. Here, she poses with her aunt Nellie Sacora and her daughters. (photo courtesy of Eugene Rembisz)

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walk, and add new landscaping along Dobson Street.

3204 Downing Street
A fire earlier this year created a big challenge for this homeowner. Facade work will include replacing the windows and trim, repairing the concrete steps and porch decking, replacing gutters, building a planter box, and adding an additional window on the second floor.

3512 Melwood Avenue
A badly deteriorated retaining wall, steps and sidewalk will be replaced with new concrete.

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A damaged retaining wall will be rebuilt, including installing a french drain.

3606 Melwood Avenue
A damaged retaining wall will be rebuilt, including installing a french drain.

3717 Melwood Avenue
This homeowner will be replacing the front walkway and steps, installing a custom-made metal railing, and putting an awning over the front door.

This year’s program was funded by a $35,000 grant from UPMC Health Plan as part of Pennsylvania’s Neighborhood Assistance Program and by other govern-ment dollars that support operational costs and PHCA staff. The decision on which projects would be awarded grants was made by an independent review committee, which included two architects and a developer. In order to ensure impartiality, the PHCA staff and board members did not make the decisions, and none of the review committee members are residents of Polish Hill.

The review committee used the published Pivotal Streets program guidelines to choose the winners. The guidelines stated that priority would be given to owner-occupied properties, to properties within the core of the neighborhood -- Brereton, Dobson, and Herron, and to applicants who were low income, seniors, or disabled. The committee also considered the scale and impact of the project, especially how it met the Pivotal Streets design guidelines.

With so many deserving projects of the 20 applications, the independent review committee faced some tough decisions. We thank them for their time and thoughtfulness in this process.

Traffic, from front page

Limiting access in other ways
Other suggestions for limiting access include: making Melwood Avenue one way, closing the S-curve to traffic (as it was in the early 1990s), or closing Finland Street at Bigelow, so drivers can’t enter the neighborhood there. Residents have rejected each of these suggestions. Feedback we’ve received indicates that while residents want fewer cars to come through, they don’t want to be inconvenienced themselves. Unfortunately, it’s not possible to limit access just for certain drivers. “Local Traffic Only” signs are suggestions, not enforceable by law. Any limitations on access will impact residents as well as cut-through drivers.

Putting in more crosswalks
In 2012, residents near the intersection of Melwood Avenue and Finland Street asked the PHCA to request that the City paint a crosswalk there. Cars coming into the neighborhood were speeding through the intersection, in an area with many children. The head of DPW turned down the request, saying that the intersection was too small to need a crosswalk. One morning, residents discovered that someone had painted a very official-looking crosswalk at the intersection. The “crosswalk vigilante” attracted media attention from local newspapers and networks across the country. After the story had been featured in three local news broadcasts, DPW agreed to paint a crosswalk. Residents report that the crosswalk does seem to help to slow cars. Since then, the City has responded to our requests and painted crosswalks at several other locations around the neighborhood.

Speed humps (not speed bumps), and a yellow line
The City suggested speed humps, which are often confused with speed bumps. The difference is that speed humps are specifically engineered so as not to catch a car’s undercarriage. Speed humps are only 3 inches high and are longer than speed bumps, so there is no chance of damage to cars. In 2013, District 7’s then-councilman Patrick Dowd worked to help get the first speed humps in the city put in on Gold Way. It was something of a pilot project for the City to see if speed humps would be a viable option for other neighborhoods as well. Two years on, feedback from nearby residents indicate that the speed humps do help slow down traffic coming into Polish Hill. Another help was the yellow line the City painted down the middle of the Gold Way s-curve, signaling to drivers that they need to share the narrow road.

We put out a traffic calming survey in fall 2014 to get feedback from residents. The majority of respondents supported getting more speed humps, particularly on Melwood Avenue. We are moving ahead with this. The next steps are to put in the request in to the City and look for funding.

What are other options going forward?
We’ve explored the most obvious solutions to slow down traffic and reduce the amount of cut-through traffic. Some solutions were not feasible, others were not appealing to residents. Some small scale infrastructure additions have proved to be at least somewhat effective and have support from residents. There are other creative traffic calming measures out there. Some neighborhoods use special signage, such as the “If You Lived Here, You’d Slow Down” signs on Robinson Street in the Hill District.

Artwork, gardens, and other visual attractions can encourage drivers to slow down and pay attention to where they are instead of speeding through. We welcome input from residents as we continue to work on this.

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**A thank-you to an unknown neighbor**

Susan (King) Bolinski, a lifelong resident of Melwood Ave, shared this story to thank an unknown neighbor for their kindness.

**Sending out a sincere “Thank You” to my neighbors (they know who they are) for a beautiful, anonymous Easter basket that was left on my front porch Easter Sunday morning. You see, last summer I added some outdoor decor along my tree area on my front sidewalk. Throughout the season, little by little, my decor of inspirational themed stones started to disappear. I was upset at first but then I accepted the fact that someone else needed them more than me. When we got down to the last stone, my husband decided to attach a note stating "Last one, might as well take this one too".

End of the season came and I cleaned up what little that remained of my decor. With spring upon us, I debated if I should decorate again. I hesitated until Easter Sunday came... on my front porch was a basket filled with hand painted inspirational themed stones and a note attached stating they saw our note last year and wanted to make up for those that stole our other stones. Thank you so much neighbors! That

**Upcoming road work on Bigelow Boulevard will impact Polish Hill**

In June, PennDOT will begin long-overdue rebuilding of a mile long section of roadways in and near Polish Hill. Roads being addressed include Bigelow Boulevard from Finland Street to the Bloomfield Bridge, North Craig Street and Baum Boulevard to just beyond the Morewood Avenue intersection. This project will entail traffic restrictions, including full closures and detours.

Work on the section from the Bloomfield Bridge to the Baum Boulevard Bridge will occur this year. Work will stop over the winter, then the bridge work and resurfacing on Baum will begin in March 2016.

**A very small cleanup crew**

Here’s District 7 Councilwoman Deb Gross and PHCA President John Rhoades, bundled up and ready to pick up stuff at the Redd-Up / Earth Day cleanup on April 25. This was supposed to be a big effort to pick up a winter's worth of accumulated trash around the neighborhood, but due to cold temperatures and some late-season snow that morning, there weren’t a lot of volunteers. So it was a very small cleanup, and we thank the hardy volunteers who did come out (including PHCA Secretary Josiah Parkinson, who took the photo). Another neighborhood cleanup will be scheduled in June.

**Polish Hill t-shirts**

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Polish Hill Civic Association Membership Application

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