

Hazelwood Initiative 07/12/22 6pm Community Meeting Notes

**Professional Job Training for Young Adults, Hilda Maria Valdespino, Year Up**

- **Eligibility**
  - 18-29 years old
  - Eligible to work in the US
  - Must be living within commuting distance of Pittsburgh, PA
  - Motivated to launch a professional career
  - Available to accommodate full time hours, Monday through Friday 9:00am-5:00pm
- **Phase 1: Learning and development**
  - Standard training: Public speaking, Microsoft Excel, Business Writing, Computer Applications, Career Development
- **Phase 2: Corporate internship**
  - All participants who finish Phase 1, gain experience in roles like a Software Developer, Project Coordinator, or Data Analyst
- **Phase 3: Career & higher education support**
- Finish with a career with BNY Mellon
- **Educational stipend**
  - Provides a stipend of \$200 a month for first 6 months intended to help offset of opportunity cost associated with participating in Year Up
- **Deadline to apply:** August 20th
- Looking for about 15-20 more students for a total cohort of 40.
- **Contact:**
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- **Questions/Concerns:**
  - Why are those with college degrees not included?
    - There are other programs that are offered to those with college degrees, not the intended population for the program
  - Is it a paid internship?
    - Paid internship at minimum wage
  - One year program broken up into two 6-month phases?
    - First six months you get a stipend of \$200 a month, the second six months you make minimum wage.
  - Are there criminal requirements?
    - Yes, they meet the requirements of BNY, depending on criminal history on case by case basis
  - Do you need a resume to start?
    - No
  - Is there any professional clothing assistance?

- Yes, they have a small closet as well as connection with resources who can help provide professional clothing
- Are these skills transferable to other institutions besides Mellon?
  - Absolutely

**How Inclusionary Zoning Helps Keep Housing Affordable**, Dave Breingan, Executive Director of Lawrenceville United

- **Mission:** to improve and protect quality of life for all Lawrenceville residents
- **Changes in housing**
  - Increase in multi-family development: complete, underway, or approved
  - All within a 5 year span
- # Of new affordable housing units created in last decade by private developers - 10
- **Not just Lawrenceville:**
  - 2016 Housing Needs Assessment identified shortage of 20,000 affordable housing units in Pittsburgh
  - Pittsburgh lost over 10,000 black residents between 2010-2020
  - 80% of City neighborhoods demonstrate moderate or strong housing price growth since 2016
- **What is inclusionary zoning?**
  - Encourages or requires development to make percentage of units affordable to low-income households
- **Why inclusionary zoning?**
  - 900 programs in US: over 170,000 units created
  - Leverages private market in the face of shrinking federal \$
  - Uniquely good at creating affordable housing in areas with lower concentrations of poverty and better schools
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**Converting Good Shepherd Church into the Equity One Stop Shop Resource Center**, POORLAW and Praise Temple Deliverance Church

- **Development Team**
  - Project developers - POORLAW & Praise Temple Deliverance Church
  - Project Manager - Oak Moss
  - Architect - Rothschild Doyno Collaborative
  - Construction Contractor (Phase 1) - Massaro
  - Funding Consultant - DJS Ventures
  - Legal Support - Cozza Law Group
- Sales agreement in place to allow for a 6 month development window
- **Project overview**

- Restore and renovate the former Good Shepherd Church to serve the community in many different ways
  - Place to worship - reusing the existing church and hall
  - Place to serve social needs - offering tenant spaces to organizations who serve the community
  - Place to foster community community - provide flexible space for community use
  - Place to live - affordable rental opportunity of existing house (3 bedroom-possibly 4)
- 1st floor intended use:
  - Praise Temple Deliverance Church
  - Common Kitchen
  - Church Congregation/Community Gathering Space
- 2nd floor intended use:
  - Office space
  - POORLAW office
- **Project Execution**
  - Phase 1: Acquisition (within the next couple months)
  - Phase 2: Occupancy (within the next 6-9 months)
  - Phase 3: Renovation (within the next 1-2 years)
- **Website:** <https://poorlaw.org>
- **Questions/Concerns:**
  - Accessibility?
    - Each part of the building will be accessibility on its own, but movement between floors will need an elevator
  - Will pews be renovated?
    - Good pews will be maintained and used, and the roof will be fixed so water no longer will leak
  - If you are using public funds for this project, how does the use of religious services relate to this aspect of funding?
    - Funders have not had a problem thus far

### **Hazelwood Initiative Updates**

- HI NIF/C19 grant re-opening
- Officially closed on financing for Gladstone Residences
  - **Questions/Concerns:**
    - Is everything in Gladstone junk? Can it be donated or recycled?
    - Is there going to be parking?
      - Yes, roughly 45-48 spaces
    - Is this considered a historical site?
      - Yes
    - How do you apply for housing?

- Stay tuned for information on how to apply, applications can't be taken until 120 days before you're able to occupy, it will be at least a year
- Affordable Homeownership Program available houses by HI
  - 239 Mansion, 2 bedroom
  - 5431 Second Ave, 3 bedroom