



December 8, 2017

Attn: Department of City Planning
200 Ross Street, Fourth Floor
Pittsburgh, PA 15219

Re: 366 & 348 Gross Street

Dear Esteemed Members of the Planning Commission:

On behalf of Bloomfield Development Corporation (BDC), I write today to convey the community opinion and resolution as voted on by the BDC board of directors on the variances sought by West Penn Hospital/Allegheny Health Network for the demolition of two structures at 366 and 348 Gross Street.

On December 5, 2017, BDC convened an open and public community meeting attended by over 21 community members and stakeholders. Ron Andro, CEO of West Penn Hospital, presented plans to demolish structures at both addresses and a timeline for demolition. The community process for this development reflects the community's existing process, and provides a forum where proposed development projects can be discussed, vetted, and measured against community plans and priorities.

Community consensus as expressed at that meeting was in favor of removing both buildings. The residents in attendance expressed frustration, however, that the demolition had begun internally and by removing windows, leaving them with blighted and unsafe buildings as their only option.

BDC board of directors passed a resolution of support with conditions on December xx, 2017 of the demolition plans of West Penn Hospital. The residents in attendance requested the following conditions of that support, which have been reviewed with and agreed by Mr. Andro:

1. Air quality will be continuously and thoroughly monitored at and around the site and all dust be continuously watered down in order to minimize health risks to neighbors. Dust and debris will also be watered down and air quality monitored after demolition when debris is being loaded into trucks or dumpsters.
2. The structures at 366 and 348 Gross Street have doors and windows secured immediately; openings where windows have been removed will be covered, and doors will be closed and locked or nailed close.
3. All demolition activity will be restricted to the hours of 8:00am and 8:00pm, Monday-Friday.
4. Construction and contractor vehicles will park somewhere other than Gross Street or other residential parking areas.



5. After demolition, a fence will be erected on the property line between the properties at 348 Gross and 344 Gross Street.

We thank the Planning Commission for their further consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "CHOWELL", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

Christina Howell
Executive Director, Bloomfield Development Corp.