

Important meeting Thursday on regulating student housing to protect the Southside neighborhood

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Community Development Committee meeting

Thursday, October 22, 6PM

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call-in number: (610) 997-7963

The City Council Community Development Committee is chaired by Paige Van Wirt, with members J. William Reynolds and Grace Crampsie Smith.

Everybody needs to put this meeting on their calendar.

Look at item #1 on the agenda.

Some protection for the vitality of the Southside neighborhood around Lehigh University has been a long time coming.

You can expect landlords — mostly absentee perhaps — to be mobilized against these regulations.

Support from across the city is needed.

More information coming.

But please put the meeting date on your calendar and note the instructions below so that you can participate.

Thursday, October 22, 2020

6:00 PM – Town Hall

Community Development Committee Meeting

Subject: (1) Zoning Ordinance amendments related to the proposed creation of a Student Overlay District and including other provisions to address student housing and revising certain dimensional requirements and accessory structure regulations; and (2) Financial Accountability Incentive Reporting Hearing (2020) in connection with the Article 349 Economic Development Incentive Reporting and Evaluation Program.

DUE TO THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY, TOWN HALL ACCESS IS CURRENTLY RESTRICTED. IF YOU WANT TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE FOLLOW THE PHONE COMMENT INSTRUCTIONS BELOW.

PUBLIC COMMENT PHONE INSTRUCTIONS

REMOTE PUBLIC COMMENT PHONE INSTRUCTIONS. If you would like to speak during the City Council Community Development Committee Meeting on October 22, 2020, please sign up per the instructions below or call into the meeting when the Committee Chair announces she will take public comment calls.

If you would like to sign up to speak, email the following information to the Bethlehem City Clerk's office (cityclerk@bethlehem-pa.gov) no later than 2:00 PM on October 22, 2020 (a) name; (b) address; (c) phone number; and (d) topic of comments. If you are signed up to speak, the Committee Chair will call you from (610) 997-7963.

After all signed-up speakers talk, the Committee Chair will ask whether anyone else would like to make public comments. If you want to speak at

that time, call the Bethlehem City Council public comment phone line at (610) 997-7963.

NOTES:

Calls to the public comment phone number will only be accepted during the designated public comment period with a 5 minute time limit. If you call and the line is busy, please call back when the current speaker is finished.

As soon as your call begins, please turn off all speakers, computer speakers, televisions, or radios.

At the start of your call, please state your name and address.

A five minute time limit will apply to any public comments.

Viewing:

You can watch the City Council Meeting on the following YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCRLFG5Y9UiojADKaRE1W3xw>