

The Northside 2027 Neighborhood Plan (1)

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Nicole Radzievich, "Bethlehem lays out long-range plan for north of historic section – North Side 2027 initiative, a \$100,000 study, aims to spruce up neighborhoods." Morning Call, October 19, 2017.

<http://www.mcall.com/news/local/bethlehem/mc-nws-bethlehem-north-side-meeting-20171017-story.html>

On Thursday October 11 the first public meeting on "Northside 2027" will be held from 6-8PM at Liberty High School in the chorus room. The Gadfly will be there. Will you? Pass the word. Well, ok, Gadfly, you say, what is "Northside 2027"? My immediate thought was that it was a television series: Hawaii 5-O, Beverly Hills 90210, 77 Sunset Strip (Gadfly goes way back).

Take a look at the City newsletter that should be appearing in your mailboxes right about now for a description.

"The ultimate goal of [Northside 2027] is to enhance the Northside 2027 neighborhood by stemming declines in housing stock, promoting homeownership, improving the visual attractiveness of the area, ensuring vehicular/pedestrian mobility and safety, strengthening community facilities, and improving the general quality of life in the neighborhoods."

North Side is defined as running "roughly between Broad and Laurel streets... in some areas, west to Mauch Chunk Road and east to Maple Street."

"The initiative is a partnership involving Bethlehem, Bethlehem Area School District, Moravian College, businesses and citizens."
Gadfly will attend the meeting and will report.

Mayor Donchez, Councilman Reynolds, Moravian president Grigsby, and BASD School Board president Faccinetto all follow this blog (a tip o' the hat for that – I guess Gadfly should say a wave of the wings), and Gadfly hopes they will weigh in as appropriate.

The Gadfly is eagerly looking forward to learning more about this project.