Greater Bustleton Civic League – 9/23/20 Conference Call, 7 PM

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Hello neighbor,

We really miss seeing everyone in person at our monthly membership meetings, and sure hope you're holding up and doing well. As you know, the American Heritage Federal Credit Union has suspended use of its Community Room for large gatherings until further notice because of the coronavirus.

The GBCL will hold a Membership <u>conference call</u> this Wed., September 23, at 7PM. To access the September 23 <u>conference call</u> 1st dial: 978-990-5268, you'll hear some instructions, and then... 2nd, dial the access code: 1095085, and then the # sign.

Our membership call will cover a number of Bustleton updates, including a Zoning presentation and Vote.

Zoning

<u>9415 Bustleton Avenue</u> – Presentation & VOTE. The commercial property, in between Midas Mufflers and Eppies Tires, is requesting a variance for the included use of two household living units which are prohibited in the CA-1 commercial zoning district. See the attached Zoning REFUSAL.

UPS Warehouse Update:

UPS and its developers gave a summary presentation September 8th of the massive 1.1 million sq. ft. warehouse planned for 1 Red Lion Road to the city's Civic Design Review (CDR) committee. The CDR focus is primarily on the visual aspects of a project and produces a list of unenforceable recommendations. The mandatory CDR is one of the last steps before building permits are issued. (A recording of the CDR presentations can be found HERE. 1 Red Lion Rd. case begins at 5:35:50.)

Despite providing project details a week before, and holding the last CDR presentation of the day, on the day after Labor Day, a record sized crowd dialed in to hear the very first public presentation to Philly residents and businesses about the massive warehouse. Comments made on the call from Bustleton residents and businesses were unanimous in their irritation with the lack of project details and any contact with UPS or public officials.

At the conclusion of the project summary, the CDR committee made a number of recommendations that included the development team discuss issues with the community organizations and public. The developer is currently in the process of scheduling meetings with the Greater Bustleton Civic League, Somerton Civic and the Sandmeyer Lane businesses group. Those three meetings will be virtual and open to the public, and will be announced once booked. The 2nd UPS presentation to the CDR committee will take place after the community meetings occur.

In preparation of the upcoming community meetings, the Greater Bustleton Civic League has hired the services of a traffic engineer and environmental attorney to examine existing project materials and confirm their findings. Once completed, the GBCL will share the results of that examination with area resident and businesses.

Please continue to spread the word about the project and its size, and keep an eye out for the GBCL examination reports and community meeting dates.

Thank you.

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• GBCL Bustleton 9415 REFUSAL.pdf (265 KB)