

Historic Deutschtown: Development progress and community involvement in action!

“It’s a positive day in Historic Deutschtown” said Joey-Linn Ulrich, Elm Street Manager, as state and local officials dedicated five new homes before an enthusiastic crowd of neighborhood well-wishers. Located in the heart of the Historic Deutschtown neighborhood on Pittsburgh’s Northside, this project is the result of the hard work and dedication of a great many stakeholders and reaffirms a commitment to enhance and preserve one of the most historic neighborhoods in the City of Pittsburgh.

This exciting new project, at the corner of James and Tripoli Streets, was originally envisioned by the East Allegheny Community Council several years ago. Last year the East Allegheny Community Council contacted the Northside Leadership Conference to manage the development. With a mutual vision for the area, October Development, an up-and-coming development agency, purchased the properties and agreed to develop the homes. Denny Campbell (along with Bob Baumbach) designed the homes and served as project architect. The timing and cooperation of all the stakeholders produced three new townhouses and two rehabilitated homes, bringing four new property owners to the community, and further enhancing the neighborhood housing stock.

The success of selling four of the five homes before completion of construction has the groups enthusiastic about the future of Historic Deutschtown. The Historic Deutschtown neighborhood, nestled in Pittsburgh’s historic Northside, is home to a variety of beautiful new and historic properties, and is conveniently located near the beautiful Allegheny Commons Park. In fact, despite a national and regional downturn in the housing market, this neighborhood has consistently proven to be one of strongest real estate markets in the area.

To preserve the historic character of the neighborhood and to meet growing demand for housing in the area, the Northside Leadership Conference is embarking upon a long-term housing and marketing plan that aims to preserve the architectural integrity and character of housing in Historic Deutschtown. But we do not want to do it alone. We recognize the power of resident driven ideas and actions, and we welcome your input and participation as we move forward with a variety of exciting new projects in the area. To accomplish the kind of wholesale change we would all like to see, a grassroots approach to community improvement is critical. To be part of the change, please call Joey-Linn Ulrich, Elm Street Manager, at 412-330-2554.

Finally, we would like to thank everyone who made this development possible: Mayor Luke Ravenstahl, State Representative Don Walko, State Senator Jim Ferlo, Councilwoman Darlene Harris, Councilwoman Tonya Payne, First National Bank, the Urban Redevelopment Authority of Pittsburgh, and a special thanks to the East Allegheny Community Council without whose vision, motivation, and dedication to neighborhood improvement, this project would not have been possible.



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