Forum Meeting 7-13-17 Notes

* Welcome and Updates
	+ Walking in Black History
		- Eric described what his experience as a student during the Walking in Black History trip
			* 39 students went on the trip
		- Depend gave the perspective of a chaperone.
	+ Gave a reminder about National Night Out event on August 1st
	+ Tolerance video camp
		- Ana talked about the tolerance video camp from the student perspective
		- Sr. Michele and Depend talked about the video camp from the perspective of a supervisor of the video.
		- After Sr. Michele and Depend talked about the Children’s March for Safety, a discussion began about the different safety concerns for pedestrians in the neighborhood.
			* 12th St. and the Bayfront Connector intersection is of specific concern.
	+ Sam Miller gave an update on the Erie Coke plant
		- He and others recently walked around the coke plant and observed a great deal of the pollution that is going on in the water as well.
		- Sam also met with a DEP member in Pittsburgh
		- New benches in the overlook spaces will be built in the coming weeks at McClelland Park
	+ Gary mentioned how he is meeting with a person from the Department of Environmental Protection on August 9th.
		- Gary will be discussing Erie Coke and also other environmental concerns in the neighborhood.
	+ Gary also mentioned that Chris Mong informed him that Harlin Day Care Center is close to being torn down.
		- The city is also considering taking down the house next door to Harlin.
* Discussion on bus shelters
	+ Passed out map of bus routes with bus stops in neighborhood
	+ Introduced residents to what is happening in other neighborhoods
		- More bus shelters in SSJNN neighborhoods
	+ Asked residents about who rides the bus or where they think most people get on and off the bus
	+ There was specific concern for students taking the bus, especially with the school consolidation
		- We will try to get someone from both the EMTA and the Erie School District to hear concerns specifically about busing for students.
	+ The Tacoma line (Route 22) is the most used route from the discussion
	+ Suggested stops that should have bus shelters:
		- Fairmont Parkway & Broad (across from Erie County farms and other stores in that plaza)
		- Buffalo Rd. and Broad
		- 18th & Thompson
		- 18th & June
		- 10th & Tacoma
		- 10th & Marne
		- 11th & Franklin
* Creation of working groups
	+ Introduce what the top issues were from February meeting
		- Street safety & road conditions
			* Sr. Michele
		- Neighborhood safety & crime
		- Opportunities for young adults & jobs
			* Gary, Patreece, Depend
		- Vacant lots, blight, and illegal dumping
			* Alva, Tom, Sue Wansor, Kevin
		- Outreach Committee
			* Gary
	+ We will spend time during the next meeting about the working groups
	+ The groups will also be posted on the Eastside Grassroots Coalition Facebook page with some type of group signup or forum
* Conclusion
	+ Reminder of upcoming events and meetings
		- National Night Out on August 1st
		- International Youth Festival on July 29th @ Veteran’s Stadium (football field next to Collegiate Academy)