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STATE OF THE HILL DISTRICT
Saturday, June 20, 2015; The Kaufmann Center, 1825 Centre Ave;
11am - 3pm (doors open at 10:30am)

“A swirling energy of revitalization, rehabilitation and renovation with the fervor of a revival is occurring in the heart of the City of Pittsburgh. The Hill District is positioning for its comeback!”
—Marimba Milliones, President & CEO, Hill CDC

Pittsburgh—June 5, 2015  The Hill Community Development Corporation (Hill CDC) invites Pittsburgh to the inaugural State of the Hill District event recognizing the Hill District’s cultural legacy, current economic development and community activities and the unveiling of the Centre Avenue Redevelopment Plan.

With more than $400 million in residential and commercial development combined with future entertainment and mixed-use development, the Hill District is hitting its stride, and the community is leading the way. The State of the Hill District will be a comprehensive review of what is happening in the Hill District and will include lively entertainment, interactive discussion and a barbecue cook-off. “The assets of the Hill District will be on full display, it should be a wonderful, informative and festive event,” says Councilman Daniel Lavelle, who will greet State of the Hill District honorees.

Marimba Milliones, President and CEO of the Hill CDC will do an interactive keynote address unveiling the Centre Avenue Redevelopment Plan. The presentation will include updates on the Lower Hill District, new housing projects and the historic New Granada Theater block development.

The event’s summit format will include two hot topic community panel discussions facilitated by Michele Cooper of McAuley Ministries, and William Generett of Urban Innovation 21 on:

**Getting to the Heart of Community Development: How Children & Families, Art & Culture, Health & Wellness, Education and Faith Matter** Moderated by Michele Cooper of McAuley Ministries - Confirmed Panelists: Paul Abernathy or Focus Pittsburgh; Celeta Hickman, Artist, Educator and Co-Founder Ujamaa Collective and Yvonne Mcbride, Author and Oral Historian.

**Bricks, Mortar and Money: Seizing Our Moment: Buildings, Businesses and Breakthroughs** Moderated by William Generett of Urban Innovation21 - Confirmed Panelists: Christine
Mondor of evolveEA; Karris Jackson of POISE Foundation and City Councilman, Daniel Lavelle.

Plus, during a special ceremony, State of the Hill District Awards will be given to residents and stakeholders involved in last year’s Lower Hill District efforts and other community collaboration initiatives. Honorees include:

Audrey Anderson
William Bercik
William Generett
Glenn Grayson, Jr.
David Hopkins
Donte Kyte
Marc Little
Deborah Pittrell-Parker
Carl Redwood
Brenda Tate
Chloe Velasquez
Rev. Lee Walls
Eugene Williams
John Anderson
Pastor Vincent Campbell
Phyllis Ghaffoor
Hill District Minister’s Alliance (Pastor Grigsby)
Bomani Howze
Joann Lewis
Charles Mosley
Emma Pipkin
Kimberly Slater-Wood
Sala Udin
Diamonte Walker
Dewitt Walton
Mercedes Williams

Enjoy performances by the Hill Dance Academy Theatre (HDAT) and musician Tony Campbell (with Poogie Bell, Howie Alexander and Dwayne Dolphin), to the unveiling of the Centre Avenue Redevelopment Plan.

Come feast on soul food during the BBQ Cook-Off on the Plaza featuring sizzlin’ ribs, chicken and succulent sides when Z Best BBQ faces off with In God’s Hands Catering! A continental breakfast will also be provided by Thyme Limit Catering.

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For more information about the Hill CDC or to register for the State of the Hill District, go to www.hilldistrict.org or call 412.765.1820.