

Managing the public environment: The role of a business improvement district (BID)

- 1. What is a BID & where do they exist?
- 2. Formation & evolution of the Center City District
- 3. What BIDs do
- 4. The organizing process

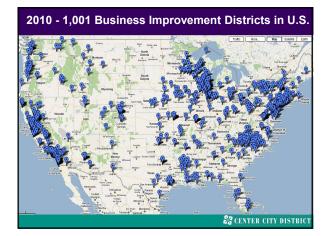
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Business Improvement District (BID)

- Spread to United States in 1980s; huge growth in 1990s
- Initially: A response to declining urban market share/suburbanization
- Response to "new federalism" 1980s, declining public resources
- Response to declining local business ownership & leadership
- But then spread to successful city and commercial centers
- Spread globally after 2000

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Business Improvement District (BID)

- Grounded initially in North American system of decentralized taxation & service delivery
- In United States & Canada BIDs are established under state or provincial law & approved by local municipal govt.
- In North America there is <u>not</u> one national law for BIDs, there are 50 different, though similar laws, in each American state & in each Canadian province

What is a business improvement district (BID?)

- BID is an independent management organization (separate from local government) whose purpose is to improve the competitiveness & attractiveness of a <u>commercial area</u>
- BIDs do many different things in many different cities depending on local needs, priorities & the types of businesses that are within the BID area
- BIDs are usually private sector initiated & they supplement, but do not replace municipal government services

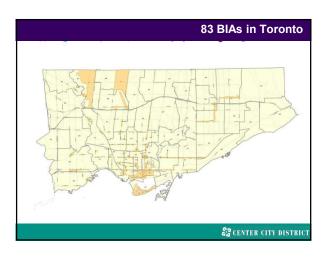
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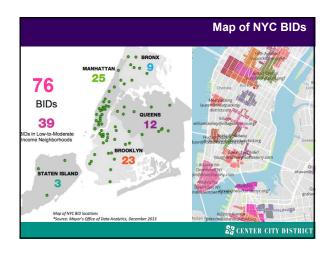
1,000 U.S. + 400 Canada = 1,500 BIDs in North America

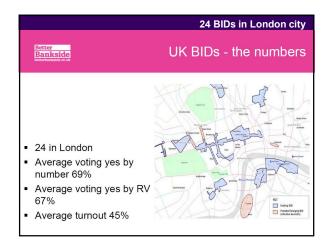
- Exist in South Africa
- England, Ireland, Scotland
- Germany, Austria, Serbia
- Japan (Osaka) 2015
- Australia/New Zealand (special rates) – not BIDs





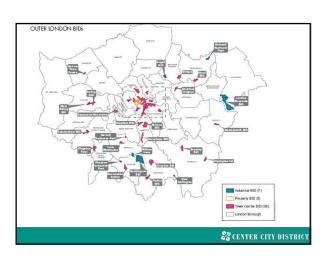


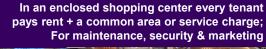




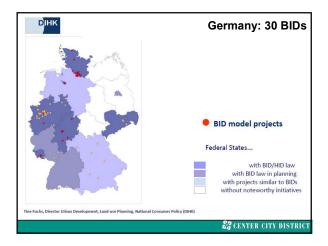


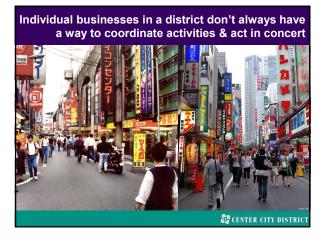






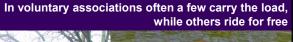














Some definitions/characteristics

 Self-help mechanism to improve competitiveness of place, that through a formal process, becomes mandatory;

- BID is usually governed by a private sector board of directors, though many have public sector directors; authorized within a framework established by local government; <u>Publicly authorized, privately managed</u> Result of the delegation of public authority
- BIDs have lives that extend beyond the local political cycle.

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Not redistributive tax, but an assessment for services rendered



What is the context for a BID?

 BIDs emerge when government doesn't have sufficient resources, or when government recognizes that local business leaders may be able to bring a more focused and hand-crafted approach to area based management, marketing & enhancement

BIDs emerge when local government is willing to "let go" and recognize that local businesses may bring a more entrepreneurial approach (Daley in Chicago, compared to Giuliani, Bloomberg, DiBlasio in NYC; Rendell in PHL)

 BIDs are organized when business leaders are willing, or feel compelled by competition or decline, to "do more"

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Business Improvement District (BID)

- BIDs are <u>substantially different from privatization</u>, since they are not usually spending out-sourced public resources, but rather newly raised resources;
- BIDs are not imposed by government; rather business owners take initiative, conduct a planning process in consultation with government to determine if additional services are needed, what those services should be, and how the cost of services should be allocated among beneficiaries (Australian & New Zealand special rates)
- Funded thru <u>mandatory assessment</u> that is self-imposed; different from Main Street & town center management

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False analogy to "gated communities"

BIDs are about management, promotion, public space improvement & stimulating development













Pennsylvania Municipality Authorities Act of 1945 Special services districts

A Special Services District is a legal mechanism for property owners in a commercial area to act together to achieve common goals, such as improving the safety, cleanliness & image of public areas, marketing & promoting the district & to fund these services thru mandatory charge.



Enlightened self-interest Reclaiming the public domain



"I already provide cleaning & security for my 15 properties in Center City. But if our holdings are just islands of clean & safe in the middle of a downtown that no one will go to, it's bad for eveyone's business"

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220 blocks in CBD: started with \$6.5 million operating budget Grown in 30 years to \$30.5 million Supplement but not replace city services





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1990: what size District?

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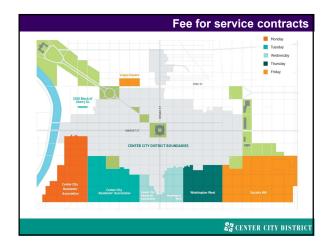
Continuous graffiti removal from <u>first floor only</u> During warm weather months



Pressure wash sidewalks







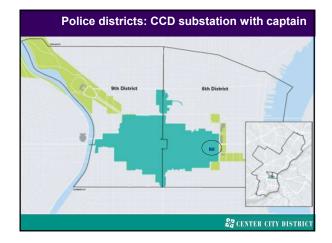
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A welcoming presence & source of information on the street



CCD Police Substation Where Police & CSRs stand joint roll call













Since 2018: Deployed Ambassadors of Hope CCD funds: CSRs, Project Home & CIT trained police CCD provides dedicated van to transport to shelter



Continuum from Security to Hospitality Grand Central Partnership, NYC; Tampa, Florida



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Unarmed; no powers of arrest Hotel concierge + professional town watch





Downtown Center, Los Angeles, "Purple Patrol" www.downtownla.com/

The Down Center BID's Safe & Clean team, the "Purple Patrol", is committed to assisting those who work, live, and play within the district.

Team members are highly visible in their purple shirts and provide 24hour supplemental services to maintain safety, cleanliness, and hospitality within the district.

All team members are provided enhanced training to ensure that your time spent in the Downtown area is memorable and safe

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Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada Downtown Watch Ambassadors



Easily recognized in red and black, Downtown Watch ambassadors have been walking the streets seven days a week, year round, during the day and evening since 1995. This goodwill team patrols downtown, offering directions, tourist info, first aid (CPR-certified), and assistance wherever needed. They also participate in community events and act <u>as additional "eyes and ears"</u> for the Winnipeg Police Service. Easily recognized in red and black, Downtown Watch ambassadors























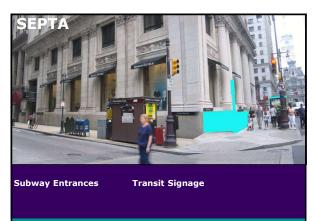










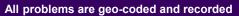




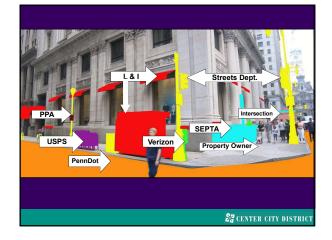










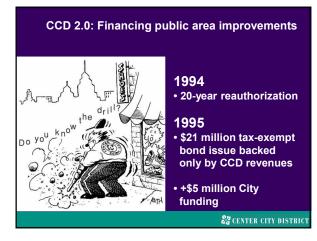








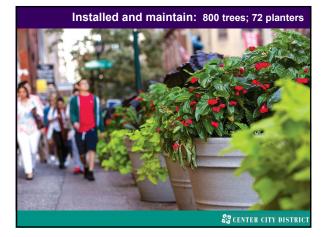




Unique Pennsylvania Aspects

- BIDs formed under the Municipality Authorities Act (prior to 2000) are municipal authorities, not non-profit corporations
- Have the authority to bill & collect directly from property owners without the city as intermediary – relatively unique
- Have power to file liens co-equal to municipal liens
- Have the authority to issue tax-exempt debt, independent from the city debt ceiling and bond-rating

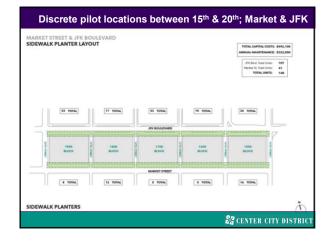




















BIDs improve the appearance of retail shops 34th Street Partnership, NYC



Provide storefront design & window display services

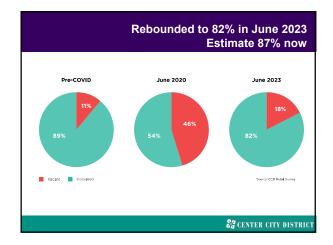
- Advise on marketing & promotion
- Coordinated advertising campaigns

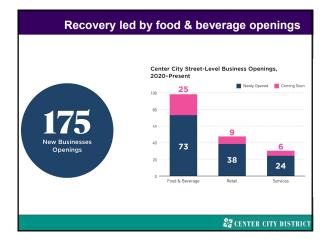










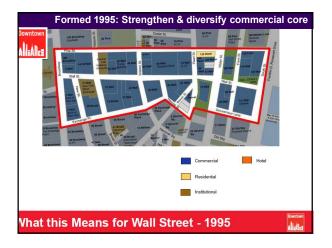


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222 Full Service Restaurants	36 Bars & Nightlife	134 Apparel	18 General Merchandise
204 Takeout, Sandwich &	17 Bakeries	116 Jewelry	
Quick Service 59 Coffee Shops	12 Ice Cream, Water Ice, Smoothie, etc.	68 Food & Drink	
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	roviders (25%)	37 Entertainment, Arts & Recreation	5 Office Supplies & Stationery
105 Beauty		24 Home & Garden	3 Bookstores
75 Bank & Financial		22 Electronics	26 Other
71 Health			
35 Fitness		331 Vacancies	(18%)
18 Laundry			
18 Legal			
14 Real Estate			
10 Professional Services			









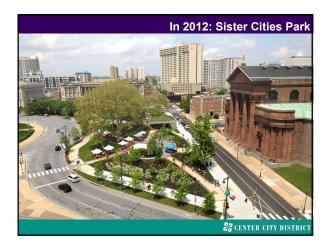














Very successful water fountain







\$60 million construction project Broad range of public, private & foundation funding Federal TIGER grant Contributors to the Transformation of Dilworth Park

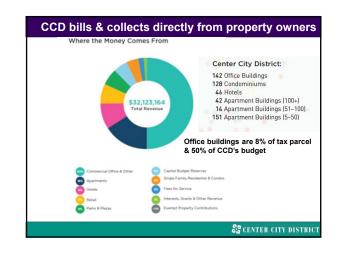
Major Public Dono	rs
Center City District	\$15 million
City of Philadelphia	\$5.75 million
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$16.35 million
Federal Transit Administration	\$15 million
SEPTA	\$4.3 million
Major Donors to Constr	
The Albert M. Greenfield Foundation	\$225,000
John S. and James L. Knight Foundation	\$400,000
PNC	\$300,000
William Penn Foundation	\$1.2 million
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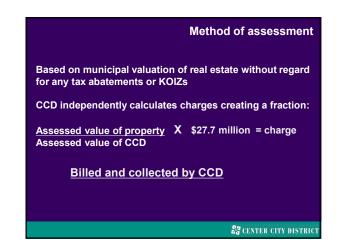
Since 1997 = \$151.3 million in capital investments

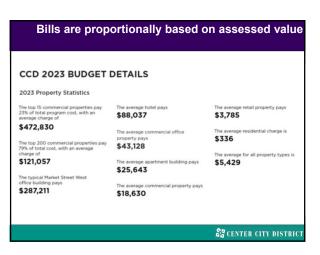












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1	Comcast Center	\$584,526.4
2	Mellon Bank Center	\$573,406.0
3	Centre Square	\$569,679.4
4	One Liberty Place	\$532,490.7
5	Comcast Innovation Center	\$453,924.31
6	Independence Blue Cross - DiBona Building	\$452,675.53
7	One Commerce Square	\$433,713.9
8	Two Commerce Square	\$411,484.9
9	Marriott Hotel	\$407,518.2
10	401 North Broad Street	\$400,192.8
	TOTAL	\$4,419,419.6







Estimated charge 2023 Symphony House \$72,040*

Average unit charge

based on OPA assessments On average +2.45% Symphony House

* Residential condo associations assessed at 50%



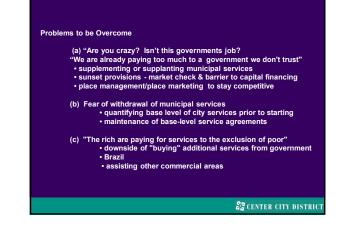


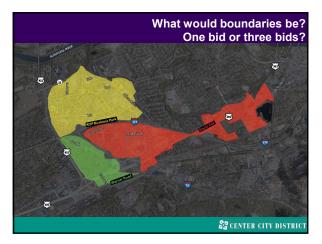


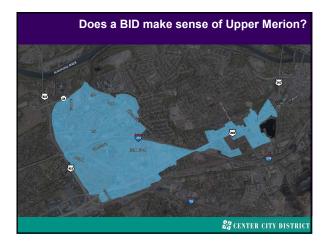
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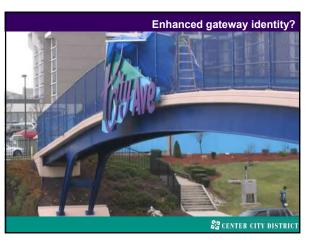
















Public Safety Marketing Streetscape Plans use Special Services District represents a unique partnership between the and the Township of Lower Henon and between the public and private s Philadephia and Lower Henon Pennsystema in the District is the first mulces or business improvement district from among over 1,200 districts in

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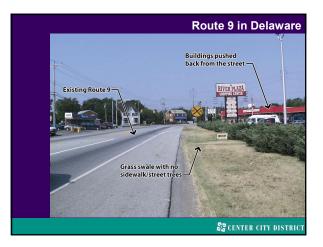












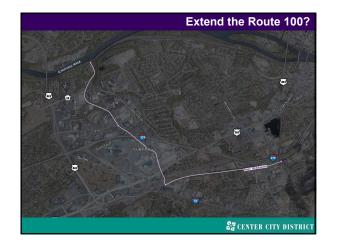












Commuter shuttle: University City District Link offices to transit & lunchtime amenities?

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Next Steps

- Does the concept of paying extra make sense or is it dead on arrival?
- Are major business/property owners willing to take the lead on exploring the options? <u>A group needs to lead !</u>
- One area or three? What exactly are the boundaries?
- What Services? Property owners will want to know what they are already getting for their tax dollars, before they agree to pay for supplemental services.
- · Township needs to quantify "base level of services."

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- Make a "wish list" of all desired services that would improve the competitiveness of the area & <u>provide</u> <u>benefits to all types of property owners</u>. You are very different types of businesses. What needs do you share in common?
- Cost-out these alternative services & match them with revenue scenarios
- Through discussions with other owners & tenants, establish priorities & determine how many additional dollars each property owner, or that owner's tenants, are willing to pay on a monthly basis for these services.

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2 A place to work	100%
7 Directional signs for drivers	90%
11 Sense of Safety	87%
20 Reputation in the region	84%
5 A place for dining	77%
17 Condition and quality of buildings	77%
1 For shopping	74%
18 Condition and quality of signs	71%
21 Communication with municipal government	71%
10 Uniformed security presence	68%
14 Marketing to attract visitors	68%
15 Marketing to attract office tenants	68%
22 Cooperation among property owners	68%
9 Clean sidewalks	65%
13 Marketing to attract retail customers	61%
4 A place for entertainment	58%
12 Marketing to attract retailers	58%
8 Directional signs for pedestrians	48%
6 A walkable environment	48%
16 Marketing to attract developers	45%
3 A place for culture	35%
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1 Additional uniformed security personnel on foot or bikes	23%
3 Information booths for visitors	16%
2 Uniformed hospitality personnel	6%
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