

Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 12/20/2019)

This report created by the Neighborhood Planner and included with staff reports to City Boards and/or Commissions.

| Logistics | Stakeholders |
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| Project Name/Address: Duquesne University IMP and Zone Change | Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): RCOs, community non-profits, elected officials/staff, applicant staff and consultants, residents. |
| Parcel Number(s): Multiple | |
| ZDR Application Number: DCP-ZDR-2020-05391? | |
| Meeting Location: Virtual (Zoom) | |
| Date: 8/24/2020 | |
| Meeting Start Time: 6:00 p.m. | |
| Applicant: Duquesne University | Approx. Number of Attendees: 20 |
| Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Planning Commission for IMP and Zone Change | |

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Ex: Community engagement to-date, location and history of the site, demolition needs, building footprint and overall square footage, uses and activities (particularly on the ground floor), transportation needs and parking proposed, building materials, design, and other aesthetic elements of the project, community uses, amenities and programs.

Identified the two projects (IMP and Zone Change), multiple meetings with Uptown Partners, held meetings with the Hill CDC, chose to participate in the Performance Targets Program, conducted other more targeted engagements, etc. Discussed the benefits of the College of Osteopathic Medicine, purchase of Life's Work of Western PA building which helped that organization to have some sustainability, sale of St Martin's Hall which returns property to taxable status. Described use of IMP Best Practices Guide and selection of consultant team. Described rounds of comments from City Planning staff and impact of COVID-19 on how cautious they need to be about what they can commit to doing. Noted changes that they made to their proposals during the planning process including the elimination of a proposal on Brottier Commons in response to faculty comments. Noted that a current project, Cooper Fieldhouse, is also included in the IMP because they got a variance to do that ahead of the IMP update. Noted the need for a zone change from Uptown Public Realm to EMI for the former Life's Work of Western PA site to create the College of Osteopathic Medicine. Noted 12 projects in the 10-year envelope and that many of them would be donor funded. Noted that a mixed-use project on Forbes Ave was taken out and put back in based on request of Uptown Partners. Also the creation of open space along Forbes Ave at Boyd Street in collaboration with the BRT project. Showed renderings of a number of the projects. Walked through current design thinking for the College of Osteopathic Medicine and desire to have it connected to district energy. Noted that they are making some final changes by the end of this month and have another meeting with the Hill CDC planned.

Input and Responses

| Questions and Comments from Attendees | Responses from Applicants |
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| When are you hoping to have your letters of support for the IMP and zoning change? | We will share the changes to the IMP with Uptown Partners so you can see them and we can have a meeting with you. We have met with a lot of different groups but so many groups are going through a hard time that they feel uncomfortable asking questions. Would like to meet with the new Executive Director at Uptown Partners. |

Other Notes

None

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