

## Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 4/18/2019)

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

Logistics	Stakeholders
<b>Project Name/Address:</b> Chatham Institutional Master Plan	<b>Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident):</b> Trans Associates, Rothschild Doyno Collaborative, Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (SHUC), Residents, Department of City Planning (DCP)
<b>Meeting Location:</b> City of Pittsburgh Virtual DAM	
<b>Date:</b> 09/01/2020	
<b>Meeting Start Time:</b> 06:30 PM	
<b>Applicant:</b> Chatham University/Rothschild Doyno	<b>Approx. Number of Attendees:</b> 26

### 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.*

Creation of Institutional Master Plan (IMP), Changing Zoning to EMI from RM-M, Master Plan development in order to do so with Community feedback from Neighborhood Organizations including: Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (SHUC), Shadyside Action Coalition (SAC) and Woodland Road Association (WRA). 10 year projection to Expand campus footprint, increase by 240 dormitory beds, 100 faculty and staff, 550 students and 11 parking spaces.

### Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Would it be possible to add a grass/planter/tree buffer between 5 <sup>th</sup> avenue and the sidewalk?	As we get further in the design process we can look into that, looking to make it pedestrian friendly and considering the pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
While working on Fifth Avenue have you considered adding Bicycle lanes on fifth. It would be cheaper to do it now rather than in the future. I understand it would be just a short stretch on Bicycle lanes on fifth. It would be cheaper to do it now rather than in the future. I understand it would be just a short stretch, but one has to start somewhere.	5 <sup>th</sup> Avenue functions as a primary arterial/state route so it is outside the prevue of this study, we are in support
The reason you do not [have] many bicyclists, is because the Campus is not friendly to bicyclists. Narrow road. If you make it more friendly you will see more.	Looking to add additional bike racks to the university and the travel demand manager will handle this issue.
Although PennDOT owns, you can currently consider bicycle paths on campus and widening sidewalks. n campus and widening sidewalks.	Thank you for your comments and feedback. Thank you for your comments and feedback
How does tree of life enter into the plan?	We are partnering with them and working with them separately.

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Is there resistance from the city [and/or PennDOT] to a traffic signal at Wilkens and Murray?	We collected the data required by DOMI, but based on the evaluation it does not meet the requirement for a traffic signal, but a pedestrian or Rapid Rectangular Flashing Beacon(RRFB) signal is recommended and meet the criteria.
Is there a flashing beacon anywhere else in the city as an example?	Close to Duquesne University on Forbes Avenue coming off of the Liberty Bridge (exact installation), S. Braddock Avenue to Frick Park, and Liberty Avenue in the Strip District (exact installation)
I noticed in the master plan that Chatham has appropriated the homes on Murray Hill Avenue – 1163, 1165, and 1167. These are part of the historic district. What will be done with these	Maintained as Single-Family Homes facades, used as Offices, and programing potentially. Specified uses are currently unknown. 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> houses Chatham owns and faculty members typically lives there.
What is the traffic mitigation plan for Murray Avenue?	There is no anticipated change on Murray Hill Avenue. No additional measures proposed.
Hi I live on Murray Hill across from the library and parking lot, I'm concerned that the traffic survey underestimated the current and future impacts on that street, for example when evening classes end, swarms of cars leave at the same time, if you add more graduate students and faculty, where will they park?	There is no anticipated change or increase in use on Murray Hill Avenue as it is used today. The way it operates now is the way it will operate in the future. The growth will be 100 Graduate students over 10 years so slow growth and primarily on other parts of campus. Majority of growth has been in the Eastside building in the last 10 years, substantially increased square footage and etc. To occur there in the next 20 year horizon. Online student growth to mitigate this as well.
What does the current zoning not allow that you currently want to do? And while the current plan says that setbacks and building heights would be used under the master plan, how could that change in the future once the master plan has been approved and zoning changed?	EMI zoning allows you to align with the vision of the campus, increasing transparency, which the plan gives a good sense of what the plans are for the future. Dormitories are not allowed with the current RM-M zoning. EMI would allow for a process that allows for the intended changes.
What are the requests/restrictions in building heights and compatibility?	Look to the document online, specifically the Character Districts for contextual districts.
What is the plan for tree preservation?	Member of American Association of Arboretum and Botanical Gardens. Have a gardening staff and arborist that keeps trees on campus. Recognized as a national tree campus for the 5 <sup>th</sup> year. Have lost a number of large trees in the last few years due to storms illnesses reluctantly. Section related to Environmental Protection, with a map that identifies trees.
Murray Hill also gets the brunt of service traffic in the middle of the night, in violation of city ordinance, will anymore dumpsters or service vehicles that use the parking lot and loading dock be added?	Apologies, we instruct these guys not to do that and for some reason we have too go back and tell them again, due to staffing changes or other unknown reasons. There are no new dumpsters scheduled to go behind the library.

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<p>Providing a winding bike path would reduce the climb and encourage the use of bicycles rather than cars, I.e. less parking needs.</p>	<p>ADA accessibility issues due to the challenges of the grade/sloped /narrow campus(topographic issues). Woodland neighbor association value the narrowness. Student safety is an issue and we would like to be more bike-friendly.</p>
<p>Thank you for your time and although I have some concerns, I love living by your beautiful campus.</p>	<p>Thank you.</p>

**Other Notes**

N/A

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