

Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 06/24/2020)

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

Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: University of Pittsburgh Alumni Hall ADA Ramp Installation 4227 Fifth Ave	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): Oakland Transportation Management Association (OTMA) Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC)
Parcel Number(s): 27-L-86-0-1	
ZDR Application Number: DCP-ZDR-2020-12402	
Meeting Location: Virtual, via Zoom	
Date: April 27, 2021	
Meeting Start Time: 6:00 PM	
Applicant: University of Pittsburgh	Approx. Number of Attendees: 39
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Historic Review Commission (HRC) approval for exterior renovations in the Oakland Civic Center Historic District	

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.

- Melika Ghavvas, planner at the University of Pittsburgh, led the presentation, and was also joined on the applicant team by two other University of Pittsburgh representatives.
- M. Ghavvas discussed the scope of the project, which is to involve the Lytton Avenue entry to Alumni Hall. The existing exterior stairs and support walls are to be removed, and new stairs and an ADA-compliant ramp are to be installed in their place.
- M. Ghavvas mentioned that the new stairs and handrail would be of the same materials as the existing stairs and handrail. Existing light fixtures are to be reinstalled after the other improvements are completed.
- M. Ghavvas showed a photograph of the existing condition of the stairs, handrail, and walls.
- M. Ghavvas then showed a site plan, highlighting the scope of work within the property line.
- Detailed drawings were shown, indicating the angle of the new ADA ramp from sidewalk to landing. A new concrete walkway will be implemented, with a new stone bench on the existing sidewalk to be added.
- Elevations were presented showing the new ramp, new stairs, and reinstalled light fixtures.
- In addition to the access improvements, two new planting beds are to be installed, but the landscaping is to stay the same otherwise. M. Ghavvas showed details of the new plantings, which include one triangular shaped area and one rectangular shaped area.
- M. Ghavvas mentioned that construction is set to start after permits are obtained and that the duration of construction would be 16 weeks.

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Melika, can you share the construction schedule including demolition and what the parking and traffic restrictions will be?	We'll have to go through the HRC review process, and then after the permit process, it will be 16 weeks. Some fencing will be provided around the area of work, but I believe the sidewalk will still be accessible. I don't believe we'll have to close any lanes of the street. There will be sidewalk restrictions, though. After we have this DAM, the City will get us a date for the hearing. Most likely, it will be the first HRC meeting in June.

Other Notes

Planner completing report: Phillip Wu