

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: Olympia Park Shelter Renovations	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): MWDC Residents Emerald View Park Staff
Parcel Number(s): 5-D-95	
ZDR Application Number:	
Meeting Location: via Zoom	
Date: Thursday, July 15, 2021	
Meeting Start Time: 6:30pm	
Applicant: City of Pittsburgh, Dept. of Public Works	Approx. Number of Attendees: 18
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Art Commission for exterior renovations	

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.

<p>Presented to MWDC in past: starting in 2015 we sought input and ideas from community; in 2016/7 work began with roof replacement, structural repairs, and masonry restoration; and then between 2018-present we have secured all funding and are embarking on final design discussions. Community input and goals include welcoming, accessible, and inclusive space; multi-generational; sustainable, and flexible spaces.</p> <p>The building is 4500 sf, and the scope of this project includes interior changes, window replacements, door replacements, and exterior paint. Two levels in the building: Lower is becoming a multipurpose space with restrooms, concession stand, and sport league storage rooms, and upper level will have a flexible kitchen community gathering space and restroom.</p> <p>Applicant presented options for exterior colors, options for window sizes, and that they are seeking input on the 1% for public art component.</p>

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Will shelter be reinstated as a place to vote?	Unknown, but will ask.

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Community spaces – would non-profits be able to reserve these spaces for meetings?	Yes, through public shelter rentals.
What is budget projections?	We have funding from previous years and requested some for 2022. We are on track to complete with the money we have. Complete in spring 2022.
Can we have a copy of this presentation?	I believe I can share, yes.
Front door ADA accessible?	Yes, both doors will be accessible.
How do we access the flexible space (lower level)? I don't think that is flexible, it's just smaller. I would like the removal.	We can remove this wall if the community would prefer that.
When did Olympia Park Shelter shut down?	I think early 2000 after a fire. Sometime around 2000.
Have you seen the drawings of the magnificent mezzanine? What happened to the grand staircase?	Removed in 1940s or 50s. Utility lines run directly under there and I think they were removed to repair those. The cost to replace would be astronomical; we did look into it though.
What is in kitchen	No stovetop or heating (fire suppression requires more funding) but a fridge will be there. Long countertops. Pantry storage. Simple and flexible.
Will there be any staff working there? Any offices?	I'm not sure if staff will be in building. Staff will maintain building and prep for rentals, etc. No offices.
Can that hump of grass on north side of shelter house be removed?	Historically there from the beginning. Not sure removing it is an option.
Emerald View Park ranger would love an office here.	Will note.
So, will the shelter be closed except for events or will the restrooms be available for general use either during games, people using the dog park or people just using the park in general?	That decision lies with DPW leadership. Restrooms not accessible from outdoors.
Financed by City or Emerald View Park?	By the City.

Other Notes

Text

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