

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

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Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: Carnegie Mellon Institutional Master Plan	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (SHUC), Oakland Planning and Development (OPDC) Residents, Carnegie Mellon University (CMU), Department of City Planning,
Meeting Location: Department of City Planning Zoom	
Date: 10/26/2021	
Meeting Start Time: 07:00 PM	
Applicant: Carnegie Mellon University- Bob Reppe	Approx. Number of Attendees: 28

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.

Carnegie Mellon University has completed multiple meetings with Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition, Oakland Planning and Development, Shadyside Action Coalition and other community organizations since spring 2021 regarding the 2022 Institutional Master Plan. There are 20 development sites inclusive of new student support centers, entrance to campus, potential mixed-use buildings, increased transportation components: managing the mobile components, public realm improvements. CMU is committed to sustainability practices, and Neighborhood Enhancement strategies. Making landscape improvements that include stormwater improvements. There have been approximately 80 meetings regarding the master plan on and off campus.

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Does “no net new parking” mean “ we will maintain the same ratio of parking to campus head count as head count grows”, or does it mean “the same number of spaces as we have now”? IIRC Frew St I City, not CMU How do city parking spaces figure into the analysis?	. Hard number, based on number of spaces. Already working with DOMI about analysis.
Scarcity of campus parking is impacting neighborhoods even a mile or so away because commuters park in the neighborhoods and walk/bus/scooter/ect to campus. How will you avoid increasing the impact on parking nearby?	Fully supportive of Registered Community Organizations and monitor conditions.
Will improvements to Forbes Avenue bridge over the Railroad include protection from weather? It’s not just spray from passing cars, it’s wind and rain whipping down the valley	Yes, we would love to see solar shading. It has to do with the low capacity of the bridge. We are also proposing a lacy brige across the hollow, a pedestrian bridge that would be protected
Inch by inch replacement is good, but since it is the older trees that work hard for our environment, will you have as a priority saving old wood trees where possible.	Absolutely. We do not take down trees that do not have to be taken down.

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<p>“caliper” is diameter, right? Cross-section of trees grows as the square diameter, though. So replacing a 3’ caliper tree with three 1’ caliper trees would be a substantial reduction in cross section, would it also be a substantial reduction in canopy?</p>	<p>It would. We would attempt the caliper as high as possible. We like to replace or keep as many mature trees as possible. here do we need to focus on trees now and project out for the life of this plan and thereafter.</p>
<p>Would like to see more analysis of connections between campus bicycle connections and the improvements planned by MoveForwardPGH, especially Morewood x Fifth</p>	
<p>Sounds like you’re planning net loss of parking on Frew and Craig</p>	<p>We do not know for Craig Street yet. We are still trying to work through a strategy.</p>
<p>Can you comment on saving the old wood</p>	<p>Urban tree is the organization that we work with to save the wood. It would be reclaimed and used to furnish the next residence hall and other trees will be re furbished for the new office building</p>
<p>Forbes Bridge is PennDOT, right? Is its replacement in the Long range plan?</p>	<p>It is owned byCity and PennDOT owns the roadway. It was rebuilt in the 1980s and there may be some short-term interventions that can be done without rebuilding the bridge. We are hearing about it regularly; we are thinking about the long term as well.</p>
<p>Unrelated, what is the IMP process Is there a separate process for the CMU campus community for the long-range (10-year) plan? Is there discussion about future investments and government?</p>	<p>We have talked with on campus constituents as we have discussed with those off campus. We worked with the division of Student Affairs regarding development sites and with the public/neighborhoods.</p>
<p>What’s the status of the plans for construct in the hollow? DOMI’s plans to realign Neville to accommodate a sidewalk at-grade will that affect existing CMU construction there.</p>	<p>Maintains the 10-foot easement along the railroad tracks as well as the contiguous safe path for the Eliza Furnace Trail. DOMI is only looking to realign at the Duquesne site. It does not affect our project/plan.</p>

Other Notes

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