

## 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
<b>Project Name/Address: CMU IMP (3 RCO Meeting)</b>	<b>Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident):</b> Three RCOs, residents, applicants, etc.
<b>Parcel Number(s): Multiple</b>	
<b>ZDR Application Number: None yet.</b>	
<b>Meeting Location: Virtual (Zoom)</b>	
<b>Dates: 12/13/2021</b>	
<b>Meeting Start Time: 5:45 p.m.</b>	
<b>Applicant: CMU</b>	<b>Approx. Number of Attendees:</b>
<b>Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Planning Commission</b>	

### 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.*

*Note: A prior DAM occurred on October 26, 2021 with OPDC and SHUC. After that meeting but before CMU submitted their application, another RCO, OBID, extended their boundaries which then overlapped CMU's IMP area necessitating a second and final DAM. The questions and answers from both DAMs are represented below.*

Carnegie Mellon University has completed multiple meetings with Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition, Oakland Planning and Development, Oakland Business Improvement District, 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 (10/26/2021)	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/etc to campus. How will you avoid increasing the impact on parking nearby?	Fully supportive of Registered Community Organizations and monitor conditions.

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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 bridge 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.
"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?	It would. We would attempt the highest caliper possible. We like to replace or keep as many mature trees as possible. Where do we need to focus on trees now and project out for the life of this plan and thereafter.
Would like to see more analysis of connections between campus bicycle connections and the improvements planned by MoveForwardPGH (e.g., Morewood and Fifth).	
Sounds like you're planning net loss of parking on Frew and Craig?	We do not know for Craig Street yet. We are still trying to work through a strategy.
Can you comment on saving the old wood	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 furnished for the new office building
Forbes Bridge is PennDOT, right? Is its replacement in the Long range plan?	It is owned by the City 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.
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?	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.
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.	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.
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Question about parking demand and not providing more parking.	Multi-pronged mobility effort is designed to make it easier to walk and bike to campus. More likely to do so if they have places to shower, store bikes, etc. Also supporting the City in the creation of residential parking areas. Also, by having more students live on campus by providing more housing, we hope to be ensuring they aren't in the community and parking on neighborhood streets.
Question about Margaret Morrison, Tech, and Frew Street neighborway and slowing traffic.	Agree that it should not be a fast-paced, lots of pedestrians, people accessing homes, golf course, park, on weekends people use these streets to get to Schenley

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	Park, so want to discourage more people from using the streets as cut throughs.
Replacing the total caliper would allow the replacement of a 3 inch tree with a three 1 inch trees, but canopy would not be the same. Can you replace the canopy?	Agree, but stuck with the City code which focuses on caliper. This is a 20-30 year document, and if we do replace one 3 inch tree with three 1 inch trees, we will still have three times as many trees over the long run. Working with EvolveEV to come up with exactly what that means, how we measure, what other factors we need to consider. In addition to EvolveEA, we have an ecologist who's a part of the tree management plan team and are looking at what types of tree we're planting. Need to balance out the tree loss today and impacts to people today with future benefits.
Question about gaps in the bike connections between Oakland and Shadyside.	In regards to bike route, from Fifth to Forbes on Morewood, to the bike lanes on Forbes Ave, this is the missing last leg to get to Schenley. Working with City we're looking at creating a two-way bike track and rebuilding the sidewalk on Morewood. In terms of getting to Shadyside, agree that the plan seems to have gotten stalled.
Talked about Donner, is that replacing the whole building?	That's the idea. No concrete plans, but if we're going to do something with that building we would take it down and replace with 1-2 buildings. On the interior of campus vs. the edges of campus.

**Other Notes**

All three RCOs introduced their organizations, missions, and then described prior meetings where the applicant presented the IMP and various projects contained therein. This includes the Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (SHUC), Oakland Planning and Development Corporation (OPDC), and the Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID).

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