

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 Campus Recreation/Wellness Center – 3921 O’Hara St	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): OPDC OBID University of Pittsburgh OTMA Schenley Farms Association Residents
Parcel Number(s): 27-P-79	
ZDR Application Number: DCP-ZDR-2022-01132	
Meeting Location: via Zoom	
Date: March 21, 2022	
Meeting Start Time: 5:30 pm	
Applicant: University of Pittsburgh	Approx. Number of Attendees: 17
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Project is a component of the University of Pittsburgh’s IMP and will go before the Planning Commission.	

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>OPDC has not heard about this.</p> <p>OBID has been in communication with University of Pittsburgh about this project and the Board gives preliminary support at this time.</p> <p>This is one of first projects out of IMP and a critical component to provide recreation for our students. The hillsides, landscape, and stormwater are the origins of the design. Reforestation strategy to realize the Green Ribbon. The Green Ribbon is a core theme of the IMP as ecology, experience, and restoration alongside the hill. At the base (flat, dense) it will be urbane, then rustic up the hill, and the Sylvan zone at the top. There is a 125’ topography difference. Going up the hillside is a combination of soft- and hardscapes that are places to collect stormwater. Accessible pathways are provided and there are nodes for activities.</p> <p>Provided massing showing building pushed into hillside to be less invasive. Provided renderings of a building constructed on glass and metal panels. They are looking at bird mitigation strategies. Green roof with solar panels over transom windows.</p>
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Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Is any part of the recreation building open to community?	That's up to Student Affairs team. This was paid for by Student Fees. I think that's a good question for the future. The community will also have an opportunity to have one of the food service venues.
What is expected time of construction?	Started on enabling infrastructure – roadways. Starting construction in June this year. Opening Fall 2024.

Other Notes

Planner completing report: Stephanie Joy Everett