

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: Davis Avenue Bridge	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): BHCF City Council Office DOMI PPC Friends of Riverview Park Residents
Parcel Number(s): N/A	
ZDR Application Number: Unknown	
Meeting Location: via Zoom	
Date: June 27, 2022	
Meeting Start Time: 7:00pm	
Applicant: City of Pittsburgh	Approx. Number of Attendees: 19
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Art Commission approval 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>Project would reconnect the Brighton Heights neighborhood with Riverview Park. This is currently in the Final Design process. Construction is anticipated for Spring 2023. Intend to have additional public meetings in the autumn as construction nears.</p> <p>Using previous amenities in part to guide – gateway, signage, and wayfinding elements. New bridge will be for pedestrians and bicycles only. 396’ long and using original bridge abutment with new piers mid-span. Steel truss design. Incorporating planting spaces into Davis Ave side and park side, trying to make this a gateway. Also, considering lighting.</p> <p>Provided renderings.</p> <p>1% for art component for this project - \$30,000. Call for artist occurred in Spring 2022 and had 17 submissions. Selected Lori Hepner who has great background in community engagement and involvement, and that is really exciting. Engage PGH page: https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/davis-avenue-bridge</p>
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Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
How long will construction take?	Pretty quick. Bridge is fabricated offsite. Site prep will take some time. Roughly April – October, 2023.
We’re excited. Thanks for info	

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I think this is fantastic.	
Thanks, Zach and Mark. I'm a Davis Ave resident.	
Really excited for the bridge!!!! Thank you for the updates!!	
A great project!	
Wasn't there a public art piece that was a part of this project?	Yes, the artist Lori Hepner is on the call. There was not a design shared yet. Zach said that was still in contract stage. No design yet, will incorporate community feedback.
Please include Friends of Riverview Park in art design.	you bet!
Is there an update on when the next meeting will be?	The meeting will be coordinating with PPC. PPC wants one month notice to help get the word out. Aiming for September.
Art Commission date and process?	Going in July and September
Will art component be a part of this Art Commission date?	No, that will be a separate Art Commission.
What do we get to influence?	We took feedback in the winter and people referenced other park bridges and chose weathering steel (painted, galvanized, weathering options provided), so these were incorporated. Gives character and can blend into scenery.
I think green would be awesome to blend into background.	See above.
Parking on Brighton Heights side? Is that part of project.	That has been the biggest concern raised, but it is not within the current scope. Most people will drive to Riverview Park to use the facility as there is a lot of available parking. Also, Davis Avenue is a calm street. If there are issues, we can address it in the future if it does become an issue.
Davis Avenue has been dead-end for years now, I do think there will be more bicycles on the street. I'd like to see	

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safety prioritized. Vehicular traffic may need to be cautioned.	
Do we have historic traffic data when the bridge was up and used by vehicles.	We could look up records. Most recent counts show 300 vehicles per day.
People use Rodney to cut through to Woods Run.	With the bridge being pedestrian only. We will have bollards at both ends of bridge (can raise and lower) so that it is used as it should be (no motorized vehicle

Other Notes

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