

Oakland Task Force
University of Pittsburgh
February 10, 2009

In Attendance:

Antonelli, Linda	Magee-Womens Hospital of UPMC
Bettinger, Joe	Hieber's Pharmacy
Blenk, David	OPDC
Clark, Renny	Pitt
Clewett, Doug	CHS
Eichenbaum, Pam	OCC
Ellenberg, Curt	WPASBC
Fisher, Elly	OPDC
Hart, Nathan	OCC
Hassett, Pat	DPW
Kambitsis, Jason	City Planning
Layman, Jenn	CMU
Leibow, Ron	Pitt
McGuire, Deborah	Phipps
Mergner, Fred	PAT
Nahm, Liz	OTMA
Petropoulos, Georgia	OBID
Phillips, Sandy	People's Oakland
Rainey, Mavis	OTMA
Robinson, Brooks	RIDC
Paul Supowitz	Pitt
Vinski, David	Playhouse
Wilds, John	Pitt

Presentations

David Glickman, Carla Worthington, Kevin Kunak and Tom Churchick presented their plans for a new development at 214 South Craig Street. The group is hoping occupancy will be in the Fall of 2010 but they are in the very early stages of design, preliminary zoning approvals. The challenge for this development is the very narrow footprint. The building is planned to be a 45k sf "sustainable" office and retail building. 10 parking spaces will be incorporated behind the building and the group is trying to acquire more through lease agreements. Design will also be sensitive to the surrounding building designs with ample sidewalks for pedestrians. The location was selected for its proximity to hospitals, universities and cultural attractions.

Pat Hassett updated the group on the Bates Street Bridge project. The project is 50% design approved through PennDOT. The new design calls for five lanes and new pedestrian accesses, this bridge will be 6ft. higher than the current one. PennDOT

has approved the layout and decking alignment. The design is similar to the Hot Metal Bridge for historical purposes. To be determined will be the landscaping and maintenance agreements, traffic detours during construction as well as final design details. Construction is due to begin in the Spring of 2010. Current cost of the project is \$3.2 million and \$3 million has been allocated so far.

Announcements:

Nathan Hart gave an overview of the Superbowl celebration and damages and thanked John Wilds and Chief Tim Delaney for their attendance the previous evening at the OCC meeting. Pam Eichenbaum announced the new "Oakland Newspaper" and its debut edition.

OBID is currently reviewing a marketing plan for the district and applications for a "wayfinders" like signage system. Congressman Doyle is assisting with funding options. The OTF Environment Committee will be meeting at the beginning of March and the "Taste of Oakland" will be held in May. More details will follow.

Phipps Conservatory is currently in Phase Three of their renovations and a new exhibit opened the first week of February **Tropical Forest: Headwaters of the Amazon.**

OPDC still has houses available and litter crews will be working again this spring. A news conference will be held April 23rd to announce the new Neighborhood Partnership Program.

Pitt is currently in meetings with member of City Council regarding the new "Rental Housing Ordinance" as currently written applies to our dormitories. Home Town Streets is set to begin again in April. The contractor is considering working four 10 hour days from 9:30 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. Sunday through Thursday.

OTMA will hold a "Safety Enforcement Day" along with PennDOT on February 18, 2009. Tickets for cars as well as pedestrian violations will be issued.

Fred Mergner updated OTF members on the Transit Development Plan and some of the possible changes included in the draft document. He and Mavis will work together to review and get word out regarding Oakland route changes.

City Planning has a new strategic planner as well as Assistant Director.

**PLEASE NOTE THE 2009 MEETING SCHEDULE.
CONTACT TAMI WITH ANY PROBLEMS OR CONCERNS**

2009 Schedule Oakland Task Force

March 10 — UPMC Health System

April 14 — Carnegie Mellon University

May 12 — Community Organizations

June 9 — Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy

July 14 — Pittsburgh Playhouse

August—No Meeting

September 8 — Carnegie Library

October 13 — Western PA School for Blind Children

November 10 — Carnegie Museum

December 8 — Carlow University

January — Magee Womens Hospital of UPMC

February — University of Pittsburgh