

University of Pittsburgh
Institutional Master Plan
Public Meeting No. 4
May 2, 2019
MEETING MINUTES

NOTE: QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS ARE IN BLUE.

Lina Dostilio Statement on behalf of the University of Pittsburgh:

Within the city's IMP guidelines, the actions institutions take to address their impact on surrounding neighborhoods are called "Neighborhood Enhancements." As part of Pitt's IMP process, some of you have suggested that our neighborhood enhancements begin by the University acknowledging its impact on the communities that border our Pittsburgh campus. On behalf of colleagues from across the University who plan and implement on-campus housing, off-campus living, transportation and parking, facilities management, and community and governmental relations, we want you to know that we hear you. The University of Pittsburgh has impacted your neighborhoods as it has grown over its 110-year history in Oakland, through our campus developments and their associated construction processes, our students who live in privately-owned housing off campus, parking and transit needs of our students, staff, and faculty, and the ways in which the campus acquired property on its campus edges. The by-products of our size and growth can create challenges for residents who live close to us. They can also create benefits, if our programs and services that are open to the community are well publicized, accessible, and thoughtfully engaged with our neighbors. Proximity to a vibrant campus, major employer, and institution of life-long learning can be a substantial opportunity for our neighbors. In recognition of the impact we make, we are committed to continuing our work to address concerns as you share them with us and we are committed to enhancing the positive contributions we make to the quality of life in your community.

1. Mr. Giampolo stated the following: I am requesting once again that my email of March 10, 2019 with the document "Investigations Needed by Oakland Residential Community" be given to each member of the Board of Trustees. If the request is not being honored, then our community wants a letter from Chancellor Patrick Gallagher as to why. That letter should also be made a part of the minutes.
2. Pit should put their negative impacts on the website.
3. The University should restrict students to live in certain neighborhoods. Isn't there legislation proposed for this? The community wants conversations.
 - a. Paul S. University is willing to have a conversation about this legislation.
4. Litter – The University should give the community \$4 out of student tuition to handle the litter – SOUL program. See OaklandDignity.com.
5. Concerned that no net new parking will force people to park in the neighborhood.
6. During holidays there is plenty of parking, and during the school year there is no parking. That should be studied.
7. OPDC wants to work with Pitt to establish performance measures.
8. Shuttles – TDM and sustainability, the University should set goals and strategies.

9. One Bigelow:
 - a. Will there be a population location shift?
Yes certain departments will collaborate in the building.
 - b. Will One Bigelow house non-University staff?
 - i. The program is just getting started to confirm tenanting.
 - c. SCI will be a main tenant. There will be no non-University students for this department.
 - d. Parking to be included is less than today's 350 count and is for current parking patrons.
 - e. Why can't green space be by the neighborhood vs. in the middle?
 - i. That question will be reconciled during design and community engagement.
 - f. There is a concern about noise during construction
 - g. Will it block the view of the Cathedral? Why can't it be 10 stories vs. 17? It will affect property values. It will affect the view from Lytton Ave.
 - i. The University will look into these concerns for this development site.
10. Are there statutory laws for Pitt police enforcing parking codes?
 - a. Pitt Police can only enforce parking on Pitt property.
11. West Chester University has implemented zoning practices to protect housing values.
12. What about building re-use?
 - a. The University's Campus Master Plan has 70% of improvements as renovations.
13. Hydropower:
 - a. Are you still working on Hydropower?
 - i. Yes, the University will secure 25% of electrical use energy annually from this renewable resource.
 - b. Will it be less expensive?
 - i. It is unclear the long-term cost model due to market conditions.
 - c. Where is the cost/money for the Hydropower coming from?
 - i. University funds.
14. We had a grocery store and now it's gone. We had two grocery stores, now a residential community can't support one.
15. We would like the Board of Trustees to answer our concerns.
 - a. How do we get a letter to them/contact them?
 - i. Send correspondence to the University of Pittsburgh's Office of the Board of Trustees.
 - b. Can we get a schedule of their meetings?
 - i. Meeting dates can be found on Pitt's web site.
16. You said Pitt doesn't want to expand but also that you want to expand retail services – there needs to be a balance.
17. The Innovation District should be in Uptown.
18. Will housing keep up with enrollment?
 - a. The University housing construction agenda is meant to keep up with enrollment changes knowing not all students live in University housing.
19. Panther Hollow community would like the University to state they will not allow a roadway through Panther Hollow.
20. Pitt - The transportation project path is not settled so the University has not taken a position.
21. The University should downsize and leave Oakland.