

Meeting Minutes  
Plant Utilization and Planning Committee  
**October 26, 2020**  
2:00 PM to 3:30 PM  
Zoom meeting

1. Welcome and Introductions

Debbie Miller, Co-Chair

Dave Beck, Co-Chair

*Dave Beck called the meeting to order at 2:03pm. All participants identified themselves and their roles. Dave Beck requested that the agenda be re-ordered to permit the presentation of Pitt's Climate Action Plan by Aurora Sharrard and Steve Baumgartner.*

2. University Resilience Framework/COVID Plans – Update Chancellor's Liaison(s)

*No new updates related to University Plans. Refer to recent communications re: Guarded Posture and students sheltering in place before winter recess.*

3. September 2020 Meeting Minutes Approval Status Dave Beck, Co-Chair

*September meeting minutes approved as written.*

4. Campus Master Plan

Scott Bernotas, Associate Vice  
Chancellor for Facilities Management

Beth McGrew, Associate Vice Chancellor for  
Planning, Design, and Real Estate

*PROJECTS: (Scott Bernotas)*

- *Petersen Event Center \$16M renovation to be completed next week for occupancy*
- *Scaife Hall addition of 104,000sf - \$120M with scheduled completion of August 2022*
- *Bigelow Blvd Project phased re-opening to begin week's end. Mid-block crosswalk between WPU and COL. Target for full re-opening – end of calendar year 2020.*
- *Hillside access, connection, roadway prep for future buildings/plans*
- *COL ground floor restrooms and HVAC (A/C)*
- *Murdoch Building completion expected by year's end with relocation of LRDC employees beginning in January 2021.*

*IMPROVING DIVERSITY IN PITT'S CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS*

- *Expanding women and URM owners AND employers who have diverse workforce and active plans in recruitment/hiring processes.*
- *Successful example: Homewood CEC*
  - *42% minority labor participation*
  - *Expedited invoice payment to minority owned subcontractors*
  - *Lessons learned: NEW strategies; outreach to promote trades in H.S.; work with unions; mentor/protégé programs, etc.*
- *Shift from "Finding Opportunities" to "Building Opportunities"*

*INSTITUTIONAL MASTER PLAN (IMP) (Beth McGrew)*

- *Required by the City of Pittsburgh*

- *Provided sample project examples (Towers)*

#### CAMPUS AMENITIES

- *Provided examples of waste receptacles and lighting*

#### WORK AND SPACE - CAMPUS/CLASSROOMS

- *Equitable access to learning technology for all students*
- *Agility and Resiliency*

#### NORTH HILLSIDE CAMPUS PLAN

- *Hardscape and Softscape (Urbane, Rusticated, Sylvan)*
- *Reforestation of Hillside*
- *Ecological Succession*

#### COMMUNITY

- *Resilient Campus + Community*
- *Oakland Plan Opportunities*
- *OPDC Shared Goals (Density; Neighborhood Identity; Street Level Educational/Cultural Ops)*

#### 5. Pitt's Climate Action Plan

Aurora Sharrard, Director of Sustainability

*Presentation of Pitt's Climate Action Plan by Aurora Sharrard and Steve Baumgartner. PowerPoint presentation will be made available to the PUP Committee. Strategies:*

- *Create equitable investment*
- *Advance academic mission*
- *Ensure economic resilience*

*Carbon Neutral Pitt strategies:*

- *Reduce Demand*
- *Clean Supply*
- *Low carbon connections*

*Committee Q&A with PUP members*

- *Q&A regarding Pitt's exploration of alternative fuel sources (other than fossil fuels)*
- *Pre- and Post- COVID emissions? (mixed bag with decrease associated with fewer commuters and increase with HVAC systems running more frequently for fresh/clean air exchange)*
- *Renewable energy credits are being pursued LOCALLY to support economy and community*

*Ad-Hoc Committee on Fossil Fuels (Town Hall meetings to discuss investment portfolio)*

#### 6. Executive Session when applicable

Elected members

- *No Executive Session was held*

#### 7. Announcements and New Business

ALL

- *None*

#### 8. Adjournment

- *Dave Beck adjourned the meeting at 3:16pm.*
- **Next Meeting: Monday, November 16, 2020**