

Meeting Minutes
Plant Utilization and Planning Committee
Monday November 20, 2017 – 3-4:35pm
272 Hillman Library

Introductions:

Co-Chairs Tracey Olanyk and Kathy Kelly welcomed committee members and guests. Tracey called the meeting to order at 3:01pm.

1. Review/approve the minutes from October meeting.
The DRAFT October meeting minutes were approved as written.

2. *Representatives from Vanasse Hangen Brustlin (VHB) provided an overview of the transportation master plan being prepared in concert with the Campus Master Plan, Athletics master plan, Student Life/Housing master plan, Sustainability master plan, Utility master plan and Innovation District planning. Furthermore, VHB is consulting with UPMC, the City of Pittsburgh and the Port Authority. Eli Shorak noted that a survey is planned to solicit input from University faculty and staff regarding housing and transportation concerns. He encouraged the PUP committee to dialogue and bring forth topics for consideration as well.*

The presentation generated robust discussion and feedback from PUP committee members. Topics of discussion included, but were not limited to:

- *Bigelow safety concerns (between Fifth and Forbes)*
 - *Daily traffic concerns in/out of Oakland with construction, vehicular, bus, bicycle and pedestrian traffic.*
 - *Importance of consultation/input from community partners, UPMC, Phipps, Museums, VAMC, CMU, Carlow and Chatham Universities.*
 - *BRT initiative and digital signage plans*
 - *Bates Street, Second Avenue and I-376 access and congestion concerns.*
3. *New Business – There was no new business for the PUP Committee. John Childs informed the committee of plans to resurface and re-signalize Forbes Avenue from the Birmingham Bridge to Margaret Morrison beginning in January 2018 as well as plans to repair two bridges that serve as portals to Oakland: (1) Charles Anderson bridge from Schenley Park and Blvd. of the Allies and (2) Swineburne bridge alternative route to Second Avenue from South Oakland.*

 4. *Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 18, 2017 from 9:30am to 11:00am and will include a tour of newly renovated Posvar Hall. Please note the TIME CHANGE and plan to meet on 1st floor area of Posvar Hall by escalators.*

Respectfully submitted by:

Debbie Miller, PUP Committee Secretary