

Plant Utilization and Planning Committee

October 21, 2019

2:00pm – 3:30pm

4065 Forbes Tower

1. Welcome and Call to order

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair, David Beck, at 2:04 pm.

2. Approval of September 2019 meeting minutes

The minutes were approved as written, though a question was raised about the parking near University Drive, behind Eberly Hall. Assistant Vice Chancellor Kevin Sheehy suggested referring to it as “hillside” parking.

3. Presentations:

Campus Master Plan/City IMP overview

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

Parking Plans

Kevin Sheehy, Assistant Vice Chancellor Auxiliary Operations and Finance

Associate Vice Chancellor McGrew provided an overview of “Planning at the University of Pittsburgh”

- AVC McGrew started with the university in April 2019 and leads a new planning department to include planning, design and real estate.
- She addressed the following key issues:
 - “Academic excellence” is the major portion of why we are here and aligning the strategic campus plan – must be agile, adaptive and flexible and focus on what is applicable to us – blended learning, research led teaching, and student demographics.
 - “Innovation agenda” addresses integrated learning, off campus spacing, cloud sourcing, subtle changes and changing the way we look at education.
 - “Urban impact presents a responsibility to interact and learn from our students, involve community engagement surrounding Oakland, and provide neighborhood outreach.
 - Key challenges include:
 - Digital learning, models of education, keeping education relevant.
 - Space – need a better understanding of our space; better data can guide and drive change and enhance insights.
 - Need better access improve community access to Pitt programs, make an impact on the neighborhood and improve community access to Pitt. Final public meeting for the institutional master plan will be on October 29th before the city council; City Council approval slated for November 2019 – January 2020.
 - View of our campus as a city with partnerships to housing, transportation, and public safety.
 - Design of the hillside as a unique sense of place, provide “places for humans and ecology to coexist”.
- A question was raised about the intent to re-engage people to get up to the upper campus or service those already there.
 - AVP McGrew acknowledged that both objectives are important
 - With respect to access to upper campus, plans include two express elevators for pedestrians and bicycles to access upper campus from the proposed rec center.

Assistant Vice Chancellor Sheehy provided an overview of “Parking Plans,” including:

- Eberly Hall parking lot will be closed beginning November 18th, the road will be shut off, but will not impact shuttle routes that will stay on Centre Avenue during the first phase.
- O'Hara garage will be closed beginning of May 2020, lease holders to receive written notification, phone call and email. Vast majority of leaseholders will move to Soldiers and Sailors, and some to other garages.
- Preparing for public access on events days, proposing a stacking parking system.
- Administrators recently met with student government leadership to review remote parking for students who park their cars and do not use them during the term, they might move to a South Side, Second Avenue and or Meade Street location.
- On November 1st, renovation will begin on Bigelow Blvd stretch between Forbes and Fifth will be closed.
- Shuttles on the Cathedral of Learning and William Pitt Union side will be relocated to Forbes Avenue and Schenley Drive extension.
- Team is working with the City's Department of Mobility and Infrastructure (DOMI), the city of Pittsburgh, and PennDOT for traffic lights and re-routing.
- There is a plan to institute "stacking" in 5-6 garages with an attendant to provide more parking spaces.

4. Announcements

- Next meeting, as below.

5. Adjournment

- David Beck adjourned the meeting at 4:15.

Next meeting: November 18, 2019 – 4065 Forbes Tower

- Community Engagement Centers
- Community Relations Initiatives
- Student Life Initiatives

Remaining PUP Committee Meetings for 2019-2020

- ❖ November 18, 2019
- ❖ December 16, 2019
- ❖ January 13, 2020
- ❖ February 17, 2020
- ❖ March 16, 2020
- ❖ April 20, 2020
- ❖ May 18, 2020
- ❖ June 15, 2020