

Meeting Minutes  
Plant Utilization and Planning Committee  
**September 18, 2017 - 3-4:30 PM**  
272 Hillman Library

1. Introductions

*Co-Chairs Tracey Olanyk and Kathy Kelly welcomed committee members and guests. In addition, members were asked to introduce themselves at the start of the first AY 2018 PUP committee meeting.*

2. Review of PUP Committee Mission Statement

*After the committee's review and brief discussions concerning its current mission statement, there were no recommended edits to be made.*

3. Overview and Updates on Facilities and Property Management- Scott Bernotas and Eli Shorak

Facilities Management: *Scott Bernotas provided an informative overview of the roles and responsibilities of the University's Facilities Management included project management and event management. Of note, there were nearly 1500 special events held at the University last year; approximately 70% of projects are related to preservation of existing buildings (rather than new construction); and the annual budget has nearly doubled relative to the average of the past ten years due to aging infrastructure and facilities' needs.*

Property Management: *Eli Shorak provided an informative overview of Auxiliaries Management that includes property, parking, transportation, housing and retail spaces. Highlights included:*

- *Student housing capacity (8000) and most popular choices (Tower double occupancy with Tier 2 meal plan)*
- *Housing facilities upgrades*
- *Retail space plans for Amazon Store*
- *Revenue sources, Pittsburgh parking taxes*

4. Overview and updates on University Master Campus Plan, Innovation Corridor, and future projects –Scott Bernotas and Eli Shorak

Master Campus Plan: *Scott Bernotas provided an overview of the University's master campus planning process. A consultant (ASG) has been retained to work with the University over the next year to develop its master campus plan. Several stakeholder meetings are planned for September 27-29, 2017 to gather input. There will be several other opportunities for faculty, staff and other stakeholders to provide input as well. The committee members engaged in substantive dialogue regarding the process and the plan and emphasized the importance of communication and stakeholder input.*

Innovation District: *Eli Shorak summarized a recent Post Gazette article regarding the Brookings Institute Report about an "Oakland Innovation District" including UPMC, Pitt and CMU*

Future Projects: *Scott Bernotas and Eli Shorak gave an overview of several projects and priorities, including but not limited to:*

- *Facilities preservation focus on safety issues*
- *Sustainability Plan drafted for BOT approval*
- *Bigelow Boulevard improvements*
- *Schenley Quadrangle improvements (beautification and closed to vehicular traffic)*
- *Future transportation/traffic proposals related to Forbes, Fifth and Bigelow*
- *2018 Forbes Avenue project from Birmingham Bridge to Margaret Morrison.*
- *Walnut Capital purchase of the PAA*
- *Hotel (new construction) underway near the PAA*
- *One Bigelow will house the new Computational and Information Sciences building on the prior Syria Mosque site*

*Lengthy discussion ensued surrounding the University campus, traffic, transportation, bicycles, pedestrians, beautification, parking, etc.*

5. *Opportunities for PUP to provide input on University initiatives*

*This topic of discussion was deferred to the October meeting.*

6. *Meeting schedule for remainder of Fall term – **10/16; 11/20; 12/18***

*Informational item only – no discussion*

7. *Future meeting topics and priorities*

*The committee will discuss meeting topics and priorities at its October meeting. Members were asked to review the draft of potential topics and provide feedback prior to the next meeting.*

8. *Adjournment – Kathy Kelly adjourned the meeting at 4:36pm.*

#### Action Items:

- *Co-Chairs Kathy Kelly and Tracey Olanyk will forward a list of potential topics that the PUP committee can/will be addressing this academic year. The list is organized by the goals listed in the committee's mission statement. (sent via email on 9/21/2017 by Lori Molinaro)*
- *Co-Chairs Kathy Kelly and Tracey Olanyk will forward a list of the upcoming ASG public forum meetings regarding the University's master campus planning as well as links to articles related to the Brookings Report. (sent via email on 9/21/2017 by Lori Molinaro)*
- *Debbie Miller, Secretary, will distribute the meeting minutes prior to the October 16 meeting.*
- *All PUP committee members were asked to review the list of potential topics and let Kathy or Tracey know if there are any other topics/issues that we should consider discussing this year.*