

Oakland Task Force
June 12, 2018
Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall

In Attendance:

Andrisko, Jayme – CHP	Morden, Ryan – Rep. Frankel
Boule, Anthony – PPA	Nichols, Bill – CMU
Ciranni, Angelica – GBA	Petropoulos, Georgia – OBID
Egler, Moira – Councilwoman Strassburger	Pruett, Steven – Soldiers & Sailors
Foster, Ryan - CMU	Rainey, Mavis – OTMA
Glasser, Jamie – Sen. Costa	Reppe, Bob – CMU
Hale, Tad – Avenu	Soloman, Mary Ellen – Uptown Task Force
Krolicki, John – UPMC	Supowitz, Paul – Pitt
Laforest, Greg – CMU	Urda, Kevin – UPMC
McCabe, John – Soldiers & Sailors	Wilson, Wanda – OPDC

PRESENTATIONS:

John McCabe

Renderings remain largely unchanged.
Received a RAD grant for light upgrades
O’Hara side wall is collapsing so this may lead to the creation of new loading dock area.

Kelly Hwang, Architect

Rite Aid Corp.
Only working on lower half of site at corner of Forbes & Atwood. Upper portion is privately owned and the landlord is limiting what can be done to the exterior. Interior will receive minor facelift.
New sign band and eyebrow canopies will be added. Rite Aid wants the building to be similar to their corporate branding but is willing to work with materials.
Windows will be re-established and have a slight tint so the store seems more open.
Concerns were raised about fire escape and, unfortunately, that is not part of the project scope it lies in the landlord’s hands.
Georgia raised concerns based on questions by the OBID Board and Kelly will get back to her. New renderings must be seen before a letter of support could come from the Task Force.

Bob Reppe/Mike Kelly – CMU

TCS Building
New President asked that the original building (50k s.f.) be reevaluated. Building has been expanded to 90k s.f. to accommodate demand.
Want to deliver completed building in 2020 and will break ground this summer.
Seeking LEED Gold status. Currently looking to add a signature element on south side.
Building will be mostly used to accommodate graduate student programming.
Will step back on residential side with tree buffering and outdoor seating.
Before Planning Commission in June.
Tepper Building will be online in July.

UPDATES:

Paul Supowitz

Bigelow Blvd. in front of the Art Commission in June. Looking for an OTF letter of support and will draft something and send to entire group. Feel free to call or email him with any questions or comments. Will also draft support letter for OBID banners, also going before the Art Commission, and contact Georgia with any questions or comments.

Ryan Morden

Boundary Street parking lot has been sold. No further details.

Angelica Ciranni

Current Executive Director leaving position to work for the University of Pittsburgh. Jenna Kramer will be assuming the ED position with GBA.

Wanda Wilson

Thanks to everyone who attended "Oakland Storytelling" it was a good night with good food.

Jennifer March

This year, POLO will be held on September 15 and they will be celebrating 35 years.

Jayne Andrisko

Euler Way is still being blocked frequently by construction.

Stan Caldwell

Four lanes open on Forbes Avenue for the remainder of the summer. Sidewalks opening soon around Tepper site.

Mavis Rainey

Joncaire Steps: foundation complete, railing and light poles installation week of June 14, 2018. Steps are closed until those installations are done.

Fifth/Atwood Shelter: railings, concrete pavers, canopy, complete. Sidewalk is open. Glass supplier anticipates delivery of glass back panels and canopy cover installation by end of June 2018. Ticket vending machines, planting's will then be done, at which time the shelter will open and the bus stop reestablished. *Coordinating with PAAC on ribbon cutting event

Forbes Betterment: Weekend Forbes Parkway East Ramp and Forbes Blvd of Allies Exit Ramp Closure tentatively reschedule for week of June 15-16, 2018 weather permitting. *Alternative rain delay weekend closure June 22-23, 2018. Contractor has contingency built into schedule for project delays due to weather. Still on schedule for project completion spring 2019. *Light pole delivery taking longer than expected.