

Uptown Task Force Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 1, 2019
8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
UPMC Mercy, Ferdinand Auditorium

Present: Roger Altmeyer (UPMC), Angelica Ciranni (GBA), Dara Braitman (DOMI), Derek Dauphin (DCP), Jamie Ducar (University of Pittsburgh), Simona Loberant (SEA), Breen Masciotra (Port Authority), Mike Madden (Pittsburgh Innovation District/Avenu), Tracey McCants Lewis (Pittsburgh Penguins), Alyssa Lyon (GBA), Jeanne McNutt (Uptown Partners), Sarah SanGiovanni (Uptown Partners), Mary Ellen Solomon (Duquesne University), Andrea Stanford (Allegheny County), Alex Toner (University of Pittsburgh), Sara Walker (Duquesne Light), Joe Wingenfeld (Uptown Partners), Joan Hayek (Duquesne University)

Call to Order/Welcome: Mary Ellen Solomon convened the meeting at 8:13 a.m. with an introduction of all present Task Force members.

Approval of Minutes: Mary Ellen asked for a motion to have the July meeting minutes approved that were previously distributed to all members via email. The motion was approved with no dissent.

Agenda Discussions:

(1) Development Sub-Committee Work Plan Approval: Mike Madden, co-chair of the Development Sub-Committee, presented the sub-committee's work plan at last month's meeting. Some edits were made to the draft presented in July to reflect updates to the monthly meetings and edits to the Fifth Avenue Commercial Corridor plan to reflect community involvement in that process.

Mary Ellen asked for a motion to approve the Development Sub-Committee work plan barring these changes. The motion was approved with no dissent.

(2) Facilitated Discussion of Governance: At last month's meeting, the group discussed reaching out to the Hill CDC to see if there was any overlap in interests or initiatives between the two groups. Mary Ellen will follow up on a communication to the CDC to see if there's interest in meeting to explore this further. Additionally, she will revise the draft RFP for a consultant and will circulate it to the members for review.

Sub-Committee Updates:

Community:

- The last sub-committee meeting focused on Public Art. The next meeting will be focused on metric tracking.

Development:

- Joe Wingenfeld and Mike Madden will meet about metric tracking to make sure that efforts are not being duplicated by their respective sub-committees. This week, a survey will be sent out to all of the sub-committee members to help rank the goals of the sub-committee for the remainder of the year. The next meeting will be about the survey and adding more external stakeholders to the sub-committee.

Mobility:

- The work plan will be completed next month and presented at the September Task Force meeting.

Infrastructure:

- Angelica Ciranni, current chair of the sub-committee, introduced Megan Zeigler, also from GBA, who will be taking over as chair. Angelica will still be very much involved with the sub-committee. The July meeting was about the Colwell Connector and how external partners could get involved with that project. The next meeting will be about trees and sidewalk repairs.

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.

Next Uptown Task Force Meeting - 8 a.m. on Thursday, September 5th at Duquesne University, Power Center Ballroom, Section A