

Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 01/24/2024)

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Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: Market Square	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP)- Residents Downtown- Applicant Team- Local Media
Parcel Number(s): 1-D-139; 1-D-141; 1-D-160; 1-H-226	
ZDR Application Number: DCP-PRE-2024-00633	
Meeting Location: via Zoom	
Date: Thursday, November 14, 2024	
Meeting Start Time: 5:00 PM	
Applicant: Larson Design Group	Approx. Number of Attendees: 40
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): <u>Historic Review Commission</u> : located in the Market Square Historic District. <u>Planning Commission</u> : exterior renovation cost over \$250,000 threshold as per Zoning Code Section 910.01.C.1.(c).	

How did the meeting inform the community about the development project?

Ex: Community engagement to-date, location and history of the site, demolition needs, building footprint and overall square footage, uses and activities (particularly on the ground floor), transportation needs and parking proposed, building materials, design, and other aesthetic elements of the project, community uses, amenities and programs.

Proposed renovation of the existing Market Square. The site is located in the Market Square Historic District and the Golden Triangle District A (GT-A) zoning district.

Renovate the existing area and to improve traffic and pedestrian flow. The main intent of the project is to create a more pedestrian and event/programming-friendly traffic pattern, while enhancing other priorities such as increased lighting and outdoor dining space. The project includes upgrading the hardscapes, lighting, and landscaping around the square.

Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• When the southern side is successful, will there be a push to remove private vehicle from the northern end also?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Due to restaurant delivery needs and trash collection, there likely will not be a push to remove private vehicle at the northern end.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Is there a way to allow for deliveries, but not have it open to general traffic?	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Access to the parking garage needs to be maintained. Might see how this initially changes the traffic flow and be flexible for the future.
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Will there be a maintenance endowment? Landscape beds have been a problem.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Maintenance will be a top priority for the PDP. There are no plans for a maintenance endowment.

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What does this proposal do for the private outdoor dining vs. public outdoor dining? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All outdoor dining will stay generally the same as it currently is.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> What is the approval process for the canopy/trellis and architectural changes? 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Historic Review Commission reviews and either approves or disapproves the proposal. Planning Commission will review as well.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment that removing parking while keeping pick-up/delivery options will be helpful for pedestrian flow. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thank you.

Other Notes

N/A

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