

## Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 02/20/2026)

This report created by the Neighborhood Planner and included with staff reports to City Boards and/or Commissions.

Logistics	Stakeholders
<b>Project Name/Address:</b> 933 Liberty Avenue	<b>Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident):</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership (PDP) - RCO</li> <li>- Downtown Neighbors Alliance (DNA) - RCO</li> <li>- Downtown residents</li> <li>- Applicant team</li> </ul>
<b>Parcel Number(s):</b> 9-N-48	
<b>Building &amp; Development Application Number:</b> BDA-2025-10535	
<b>Meeting Location:</b> Zoom	
<b>Date:</b> January 8, 2026	
<b>Meeting Start Time:</b> 5:30pm	
<b>Applicant:</b> Source 4 Window and Door	<b>Approx. Number of Attendees:</b> 18
<b>Boards and/or Commissions Request(s):</b> Historic Review Commission: new vinyl windows in Penn-Liberty Historic District	

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

The proposed project at 933 Liberty Avenue in the Penn-Liberty Historic District involves replacing the building's failing, non-energy-efficient aluminum windows with new vinyl replacement windows to improve security and climate control. The new windows will feature a white interior and a laminated black exterior, and they will be custom-fitted to the exact dimensions of the existing openings. To ensure public safety during the installation, a secure scaffolding walkway will be constructed to protect and maintain access for pedestrians navigating Liberty Avenue.

### Discussion

Topic / Issue	Recap
Project Timeline & Scope	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> How long will the installation take, and does it include the first floor?</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> The install for floors 2–5 will take about a week. The first floor window might become a separate project at a later time.</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> None</li> </ul>
Window Colors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> Confirming the exterior and interior color choices for the new frames.</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> Exterior will be a very dark bronze/black to match neighboring buildings; interior will be white.</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> The applicant should bring a physical color swatch/sample to the Historic Review Commission (HRC) meeting.</li> </ul>

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Transom Panel Color	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> What color will the backing board behind the clear top transom glass be? It should ideally blend with the frame.</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> It is currently a black filler board, and the plan is to use a simple matte black backing.</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> Confirm the exact color match before the HRC meeting, as the commission will likely ask about this detail.</li> </ul>
Scaffolding & Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> Will the scaffolding make the sidewalk too dark for pedestrians at night? Can string lights be added?</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> The scaffolding will be open on the sides, letting in natural light. The facility manager confirmed they can provide electrical access for string lights.</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> String lights will be installed under the scaffolding to ensure pedestrian safety and visibility.</li> </ul>
Scope of Rear & Side Windows	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> Are the windows facing the back (Exchange Way) and sides also being replaced?</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> Yes, all windows are included. The rear windows by the fire escape require special laminated security glass to replace obsolete wire-fill glass.</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> None</li> </ul>
Alleyway Staging (Exchange Way)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> If any work or staging equipment is needed in the alley, please update the surrounding buildings, as residents navigate the alley to parking garages.</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> Staging is planned for a nearby parking lot, and the applicant is already coordinating with the lot owners for space.</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> If full alleyway closures are needed, coordinate directly with impacted residents and businesses to maintain clear travel lanes.</li> </ul>
Existing Window Conditions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> Existing failing windows compromise the facility's strict temperature needs and pose a physical safety hazard to pedestrians. Voiced strong support for replacing the windows ASAP due to these hazards</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Building facility manager</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> NA</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> Ensure these safety and efficiency points are elevated and explicitly included in the presentation to the HRC.</li> </ul>
Scaffolding Crosswalk Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> Will the scaffolding be setup with an opening in the middle so it won't block pedestrian access to the crosswalk?</li> <li>• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• <i>Applicant response:</i> The specific scaffolding system isn't finalized, but creating a break for the crosswalk will not be an issue.</li> <li>• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> Ensure the final scaffolding design accommodates an opening for the crosswalk.</li> </ul>

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Security & Pedestrian Flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="506 157 1442 226">• <i>Comment/concern raised:</i> Will the construction setup conflict with the daily crowds and protesters outside the facility?</li><li data-bbox="506 235 1122 268">• <i>Who raised it:</i> Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li><li data-bbox="506 277 1485 384">• <i>Applicant response:</i> The facility has an established "buffer zone" that prevents loitering directly against the building. The facility manager will also monitor the flow.</li><li data-bbox="506 392 1498 457">• <i>Outcome/follow-up needed:</i> Facility management will partner with the applicant to monitor the sidewalk and keep foot traffic free-flowing.</li></ul>

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