

## 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> Downtown vending locations, various sites	<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> NA	
<b>Building &amp; Development Application (BDA) Number:</b> NA	
<b>Meeting Location:</b> via Zoom	
<b>Date:</b> Thursday, January 8, 2026	
<b>Meeting Start Time:</b> 5:30pm	
<b>Applicant:</b> DOMI and City Planning, Integrated Planning	<b>Approx. Number of Attendees:</b> 18
<b>Boards and/or Commissions Request(s):</b> <u>Public Art &amp; Civic Design Committee</u> : Vending locations in the public realm	

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

The City of Pittsburgh is rolling out a new 2025 vending policy for downtown that replaces unclear rules with a new system for specifically chosen sidewalk and street vendor locations. Under this new plan, all vending locations in the downtown area need to be approved to make sure they fit well into the neighborhood and public spaces. The suggested spots include sidewalk areas for small carts and metered parking spaces for food trucks. These locations were picked based on safety, making sure there is enough room for people to walk, and keeping a fair distance from other businesses.

### Discussion

Topic / Issue	Recap
Sidewalk Integrity & Riverlife Construction (Allegheny Riverfront Park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern raised: Delicate and expensive Bluestone paving has been installed along the riverfront. Heavy vendor carts or trucks driving on the sidewalk could damage it. Additionally, Riverlife's ongoing construction will add large in-ground planters that will alter some of the locations (around the 6th and 7th Street bridges).</li> <li>• Who raised it: Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• Applicant response: Vendors are required to carry general liability insurance to cover potential damages. Acknowledged the need to adjust the site map based on the new planters. These locations have vendors mostly during Pirates games and generally don't use heavy equipment.</li> <li>• Outcome/follow-up needed: The team will check the load limits of the different pavement and possibly adjust the locations based on the new park design.</li> </ul>

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Left-Side Parking Lane Logistics (Fourth Ave)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern Raised: Fourth Avenue is a one-way street with parking on the left side. Because most food trucks have serving windows on the passenger side, parking there would force them to serve customers directly into the street rather than onto the sidewalk. Should other locations be considered?</li> <li>• Who raised it: Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• Applicant Response: Agreed this is a great catch. Reiterated that all vendors must serve onto the sidewalk, not into the street. There are some food trucks that have serving windows on the driver's side, which would work in these locations.</li> <li>• Outcome/Follow-up Needed: This issue will need to be talked through after the meeting.</li> </ul>
Vendor Capacity at Multi-Space Sites	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern Raised: For sites proposed to hold 2–3 trucks, it was suggested to start with a phased approach—allowing only one vendor per site initially. This would give the city time to monitor potential drawbacks, such as waste management, before expanding capacity.</li> <li>• Who raised it: Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership</li> <li>• Applicant Response: We don't have decide on all of the sites tonight or in this round. The "2–3 spaces" metric was just to note the maximum physical capacity of the curb space. If the City sees locations not being utilized, it could be taken off the list.</li> <li>• Outcome/Follow-up Needed: Pittsburgh Downtown Partnership will send the project team a detailed analysis and written feedback.</li> </ul>

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