

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

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

Logistics	Stakeholders
Project Name/Address: Signage for Pitt Bioforge building, 46 Beehive Street	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): Hazelwood Initiative University of Pittsburgh Kolano Design
Parcel Number(s): 56-E-12	
ZDR Application Number: BDA-2025-03407	
Meeting Location: 107 Flowers Avenue & Zoom	
Date: 6/10/2025	
Meeting Start Time: 6:00PM	
Applicant: Kolano Design; University of Pittsburgh	Approx. Number of Attendees: 27
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Planning Commission	

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

Pitt's BioForge will be a biomanufacturing facility focused on cell and gene therapies. The core and shell of the building are over 80% complete, with substantial completion planned for August 2025 and interior buildout complete in 2026.

Hazelwood Green is one of about 10 special sign districts in the city, and has one of the most conservative of the sign plans. There will be various signs on the BioForge building for University of Pittsburgh, Bioforge, and ElevateBio, that are all permitted by right, and don't need Planning Commission approval.

Additionally, there are two highwall signs that do need Planning Commission approval and require a DAM. These signs are identical and will read "University of Pittsburgh" and be placed near the roofline on opposite sides of the building with limited illumination.

Input and Responses

No input was given.

Other Notes

Pitt also provided information on various on-going community and life sciences initiatives geared toward bringing benefits from this new facility to Hazelwood, as well as public art that will be incorporated into the BioForge building.

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