

## Development Activities Meeting Report (Version: 06/24/2020)

*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> Emergency Generator at CMU RK Mellon Hall of Sciences/ 4644 Forbes Avenue	<b>Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident):</b>  Oakland Business Improvement District (OBID) Oakland Planning & Development Corporation (OPDC) Squirrel Hill Urban Coalition (SHUC) Area stakeholders/residents City Planning staff
<b>Parcel Number(s):</b> 52-N-59	
<b>ZDR Application Number:</b> DCP-ZDR-2025-00592	
<b>Meeting Location:</b> Zoom Meeting	
<b>Date:</b> March 10, 2025	
<b>Meeting Start Time:</b> 5:30 PM	
<b>Applicant:</b> Bob Reppe, Carnegie Mellon University	<b>Approx. Number of Attendees:</b> 23
<b>Boards and/or Commissions Request(s):</b> Public Art and Civic Design (PACD) Commission for placement in public right-of-way	

### 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.*

<p>The applicant provided an overview of the larger development plan (RK Mellon Hall of Sciences; DCP-ZDR-2023-11179), which is currently under construction. This application focuses on a proposed emergency generator located along Neville St, opposite the main building. Due to the unique layout of the street right of way, the generator will be positioned partially on a private parcel and partially within the public right-of-way, resulting in the need for encroachment permitting.</p> <p>A site plan of the generator was presented, including a landscaping plan of the surrounding area for buffering and screening. The applicant mentioned that the plan leaves space for an existing off-street path and existing stone retaining wall. Renderings from multiple angles were presented, along with the materials and colors of proposed fencing for screening.</p>
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### Input and Responses

Questions and Comments from Attendees	Responses from Applicants
Thank you for planning for shorter plantings for the side facing Neville St, which should help with traffic visibility issues, especially for turning vehicles exiting the parking lot. Also, thank you for CMU working to accommodate space for a sidewalk on the western side of Neville St.	We understand that Neville St is not a pleasant pedestrian experience. Yes, our plans include space that is ready to house a sidewalk in coordination with larger plans for streetscape improvement along the corridor.
Can you speak to the fencing and its security to prevent undesirable behavior hidden from view?	The fence will have two access points with locks. The fence will be over 6 feet tall and not easily scalable. We may have security cameras.

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Will there be lighting?	There is an existing streetlight and the adjacent parking lot has lighting.

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