

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
Project Name/Address: Highland Park Pool- Vending	Groups Represented (e.g., specific organizations, residents, employees, etc. where this is evident): Highland Park Community Council Department of City Planning
Parcel Number(s): N/A	
Building & Development Application (BDA) Number: N/A	
Meeting Location: Zoom	
Date: 03/19/2026	
Meeting Start Time: 7pm	
Applicant: City of Pittsburgh	Approx. Number of Attendees: 42
Boards and/or Commissions Request(s): Public Art and Civic Design Commission	

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>City Planning staff presented proposed updates to the City’s mobile vending policies, with a focus on implementation in parks and a proposed location in Highland Park near the pool.</p> <p>The presentation included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Definition of mobile vending (sale of goods/services from non-permanent structures such as food trucks or kiosks) • Policy rationale, including expanding economic opportunity, supporting small business incubation, improving access to food, and activating public spaces • Overview of the legislative process, noting that the zoning text amendment has been adopted and the City is now in the implementation phase • Explanation of the approval process, including review by the Public Art & Civic Design Commission (PACD) • Description of how vending in parks will function, including designated locations and operational expectations • A map of the proposed vending location near the Highland Park pool, with capacity for up to three vendors <p>Staff emphasized that this meeting is part of the required Development Activities Meeting process and that additional opportunities for public input will be available prior to PACD review.</p>
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Discussion

Topic / Issue	Recap
<p>Vending Location, Parking & Existing Conditions</p>	<p>Vending Location, Parking & Existing Conditions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment/Concern Raised: Attendees asked how the proposed vending location near the pool would function in practice, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How vending would be accommodated within the existing space ○ Whether vending would replace existing parking spaces ○ Potential impacts on parking availability near the pool ○ Whether accessible parking would be affected ○ How the proposal relates to existing permitted vendors and pool concessions • Who Raised it: Multiple attendees • Staff Response: Staff indicated that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The location could accommodate up to three vendors ○ Vending would occupy existing parking spaces ○ Design details (e.g., how spaces are marked or designated) are still under development ○ No changes to accessible parking are currently proposed. Current parking spaces ○ Existing vendor permits will not be affected • Outcome/Follow-Up Needed: Additional detail on site design and parking impacts is pending.
<p>Program Structure, Permitting & Operations</p>	<p>Program Structure, Permitting & Operations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment/Concern Raised: Attendees asked a range of questions about how the vending program would function in practice, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How vendors are selected (e.g., first-come, first-served) ○ Whether permits are location-specific ○ How unused permits would be handled ○ Hours of operation ○ How the program differs from previous vending policies ○ How vendors would be promoted and supported • Who Raised it: Multiple attendees • Staff Response: Staff explained that: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All vendors are required to have an annual vending license that allows roaming. Permits for specific locations are required in some cases, including for use of vending spots in parks. Permits are currently first-come, first-served. ○ Permits are annual and cannot be transferred to another vendor ○ Vending hours will generally follow standard daytime park hours ○ The updated policy expands allowable locations and removes prior time restrictions (e.g., required movement every four hours) ○ The City may promote the program broadly, but vendor success will depend in part on community support

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome/Follow-Up Needed: Some operational details (e.g., permit transfer process, program promotion) are still being developed.
Trash	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment/Concern Raised: Multiple attendees raised concerns about trash and cleanliness, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Potential for increased litter throughout the park and pool area ○ Wildlife impacts (e.g., raccoons, deer) ○ The likelihood that park users will take food away from vending areas into other parts of the park (e.g., pool area), creating impacts beyond the immediate vendor location ○ Need for sufficient trash management and collection • Who Raised it: Multiple attendees • Staff Response: Staff stated that vendors will be responsible for managing their own trash and must remove waste from the site rather than using park receptacles. Staff acknowledged concerns about trash generated outside vendor areas (e.g., in the broader park or pool area) and indicated this feedback would be shared with the project team. • Outcome/Follow-Up Needed: Trash management, enforcement, and broader park-wide impacts may require further consideration as the program is implemented.
Reporting & Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment/Concern Raised: Attendees asked how issues (e.g., trash, vendor behavior) would be reported and addressed. • Who Raised it: Multiple attendees • Staff Response: Staff indicated complaints can be submitted via 311 and through a program-specific contact or Engage page. • Outcome: Informational; enforcement structure noted.
Additional Locations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Comment/Concern Raised: Attendees suggested potential additional vending locations at the tennis courts on Stanton Ave. • Who Raised it: Attendee • Staff Response: Staff welcomed feedback and noted additional locations may be proposed in the future. • Outcome: Additional locations may be considered.