

Development Activities Meeting (DAM) Minutes: December 13, 2021

The Porch at Schenley: Structure Improvements and Greenhouse Addition

Presenting: Craig Collins – AXIS Architecture, Andrew Dunmire – VP of Design and Construction, Eat N' Park Hospitality Group

Craig Collins briefed meeting attendees on the development plan for The Porch at Schenley. The site seeks to develop its existing patio space to add a covered roof structure, steel beams, and vertical roller shades to its already existing patio space. They also plan to install a small greenhouse structure near the restaurant.

Collins emphasized that the patio roof project will not expand the patio boundaries but instead cover the patio with an awning frame.

The second portion of the project, featuring the installation of a small 8' x 24' greenhouse structure, is proposed along Schenley Drive between the restaurant and the small amphitheater to its right. The intention is that herbs and vegetables can grow there in addition to their existing rooftop garden to increase their capacity to grow fresh produce for restaurant patrons.

Collins showed renderings of both proposed projects, including detailed measurements of postings and footings of the new roof structure and greenhouse structure.

Andrew Dunmire explained the project's significance, emphasizing that the roof structure will allow for consistent good outdoor dining experiences regardless of inclement weather conditions. The greenhouse will help enhance the dining experience and support foods.

Q: Do the servers have a way to get outside without getting wet?

A: Yes. There is a side door they can use and travel from there to the front of the building.

Q: Will the patio for warm weather only, or will it be heated in the winter?

A: We'll temper the space to extend the season, but it won't be fully heated, so not year-round

Q: What is the variance you're seeking with the zoning board?

A: They haven't informed us of why we need one yet.

Q: Will there be tables that accommodate for wheelchairs in the covered patio area

A: Yes. It currently already is ADA accessible, and there will still be a certain percentage of handicap accessibility moving forward.