Oakland Development Activities Meeting September 29, 2020, 6 pm Hosted by OPDC on Zoom

Project: Family House – 233 McKee Place

Family House's organizational mission is to provide affordable and comfortable housing for patients and families who are coming to Pittsburgh for medical treatment. 233 McKee was the first Family House, established in 1983. The facility has been closed to Family House guests since 2015 and the Board decided in June 2020 that they will demolish the building and rebuild on the property. Demolition process started July 2020 and is planned for November 2020 (with a duration of 5-6 weeks). The property parking lot will be used to stage construction equipment and materials. No roads or sidewalks will be obstructed unless delivering material or hauling debris. Work will happen Mondays through Thursdays to prevent mobility stress during busy times. Asphalt parking lot will remain throughout construction process to prevent debris from contaminating streets, but a cleaning team will be readily available if there is debris. Chris Bell can be contacted with questions at cbell@familyhouse.org.

Q: Will plaques honoring volunteers be returned to their families?

A: If a family wishes to have a plaque, we intend to give it to them. We are also thinking about arranging unreturned plaques in a future presentation. Email Chris if you would like a plaque.

Project: University of Pittsburgh Institutional Master Plan

University of Pittsburgh has been working with the City to incorporate their comments on Pitt's IMP. They have removed the Central Oakland Housing site from their IMP after the community raised concerns about the building's height, and in order to make sure the building's design is in alignment with the City's forthcoming comprehensive Oakland Plan. The site will be left in the plan (grayed out) and revisited in the future.

Q: Has City Planning given you any more detail on the number of hearings you will have for the IMP? A: We are not certain, but we are thinking the City will want to have two briefings because of the large size of the plan. Last week we received feedback from the City, which we are now incorporating, and we are hoping for a date soon.

Q: Can you let us know what the City's feedback is, and how you are responding to it? A: Yes, we will make this available.

Q: Will there be a period of time for a final review before the briefing or hearing?

A: Most of the changes are small, but we will make sure to share these changes with you.