

Oakland-Wide Community Meeting
Minutes: February 23, 2021

UPMC Children’s Hospital Office Building/Oakland Medical Building: Exterior Masonry Restorations/Roof replacement/elevator upgrades

Presenters: Tom Pierce and Bill Szymczak (MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni Architects)

UPMC is working on two adjacent medical office buildings on Fifth Avenue: Children’s Hospital Office Building (3414 Fifth Ave) and Oakland Medical Building (3420 Fifth Ave). Both buildings will have elevation remediation and roof replacements. Both buildings will have full masonry restoration: repointing and cleaning stone, cleaning all elevations, resetting some brick and window lintels. The color will change to match the existing building and add warmth. The team is looking at terracotta-like mineral coating for the existing red brick building to create a more unified façade. It is proposing to paint top railings silver and recoat masonry immediately below gray. Elevators in both buildings will be updated, and an equipment room installed right next to the elevator shaft in 3414 Fifth Avenue. The entrance plaza will be remediated for drainage, and side parking lot will be repaved and entrance shifted slightly west.

Q: How does the new coating avoid pointing?

A: It doesn’t avoid pointing. We still have to repoint the bricks, but the coating adds a more uniform look.

Q: Are you required to go to Planning Commission?

A: Yes, they told us they will schedule us after this meeting.

Q: So the façade of the Serb National Federation building (3414 Fifth Ave) is being saved?

A: Yes, that façade will be restored to what it was before. It is mostly cleaning and minimal repointing on the upper stories.