

Lower Hill (Mellon Arena) Redevelopment
Sports & Exhibition Authority of Pittsburgh and Allegheny County

Interested Party Process

The goal of Interested Parties consultation is to identify historic properties potentially affected by the project, assess effects to historic resources, and seek ways to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects on historic properties resulting from project implementation. The project team, through a good faith cooperative approach with the Interested Parties, will identify project purpose and need criteria, evaluate alternatives that avoid or minimize adverse effects to historic resources, and prepare a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) that documents the process, results, and commitments for the project. The process will be aided by Project Team presentations, meeting handouts, workshop activities, coordination, minute preparation, and discussions. Apart from the meetings, Email will be the primary mode of communication. Information on upcoming meetings, including meeting scheduling and agendas, will be provided in advance of the respective meetings and will be posted on the SEA website: history@pgh-sea.com.

Tentative Process Schedule

1 Organizational Activities

- “Request to Initiate Consultation Form” to PA Historical & Museum Commission (PHMC)
 - Status: Ongoing with 30-day review period
- Establish Area of Potential Effect (APE)
 - Status: Mellon Arena identified as the only NRHP eligible resource
- Interested Parties Invitations
 - Status: Ongoing with initial invitations sent
 - Status: Additional Interested Parties being solicited

2 Interested Party Meeting # 1 (Tuesday, January 19th)

- Lower Hill (Mellon Arena) Redevelopment Project Overview & Status Update
- PA History Code Process Overview
- Interested Party Process
 - Goals
 - Guidelines
 - Approach
 - Minutes
- Project Purpose & Needs Criteria
 - Hill District Community Benefits Agreement (CBA)
 - Project Purpose & Need Identification Exercise
- Interested Parties solicitation
- Meeting Summary & Follow-up Items

3 Interested Party Meeting # 2 (Tuesday, February 16th)

- Meeting # 1 Minutes Review & Comment
- Draft Purpose & Need Statement
 - Review & Comment
- Alternative 1 – Site Redevelopment with Mellon Arena Demolition
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Purpose & Need Criteria
- Solicit Other Alternative Concepts (Workshop)
 - Goals & Objectives
 - Purpose & Need Criteria
 - Outline of Follow-up Analysis
- Meeting Summary and Follow-up Items

4 Public Informational Meeting #1 (TBD)

- Present Draft Project Purpose & Need Essentials
 - Obtain input via Comment Form
- Present Alternative1 – Site Redevelopment with Mellon Arena Demolition
 - Obtain input on Alternative via comment form
 - Solicit Alternative Concepts via comment form
- Where to get additional project information (Project Website)
- Tentative Process Schedule

5 Interested Party Meeting #3 (TBD)

- Meeting # 2 Minutes Review & Comment
- Public Meeting #1 Summary
 - Finalize Project Purpose & Need Statement
- Other Alternative Concepts
 - Results of Follow-up Analysis
 - Discussion
 - Additional Concepts
- Discussion of Most Feasible Alternative
- Measures to Mitigate Impacts & Project Commitments
- Meeting Summary & Follow-up Items

6 Public Informational Meeting #2 (TBD)

- Present Purpose & Needs Statement
- Present Alternative Concepts
 - Obtain Input via Comment Form
 - Obtain input on Most Feasible Alternatives

7 Interested Party Meeting #4 (TBD)

- Meeting #3 Minutes Review & Comment
- Public Meeting #2 Summary
- Mitigation Commitments & Memorandum of Agreement
- Meeting Summary and Follow-up Issues