

**Lower Hill Historical Review Process
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| 57 | Conference Call | Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh | 27-May-10 | Oxford Development | Chris Cieslak | CC, Dan Holland discussed YPA's Top Ten Best Historic Opportunities - Mellon Arena is not included. YPA had mixed feelings about preserving arena, general sense wasn't feasible. YPA has not taken formal position, but like to discuss what goes there after decision made. | Preservation | Held conference call for background, see item #___ |
| 56 | Website | SEA - Lower Hill Redevelopment Project - IP Meetings | 27-May-10 | www.pgh-sea.com | Website | Website summarizes historic review process, schedule, and has the various materials related to the Interested Party and public meetings in relation to the historic review process. Materials can be downloaded from website. | Planning | Items in pdf form on website, as well as cataloged items in SEA office |
| 55 | Conference Call | Find the Rivers! and Hill District Greenprint | 26-May-10 | Oxford Development | Chris Cieslak | Terri Baltimore said there were a lot of unknowns related to future Mellon Arena development but Greenprint efforts are to re-integrate neighborhood with downtown through linear connective green spaces. | Planning | Held conference call for background, see item #___ |
| 54 | Information | District Greenprint | 26-May-10 | www.pittsburghparks.org/greenprint | Find the Rivers! | The Greenprint project is led by Walter Hood, with Arup, Studio for Spatial Practice. They're working with community to determine the best locations for parks, gardens and trails...to establish visual and physical relationships between Hill and neighborhoods. | Planning | Bookmarked site, catalogued item |
| 53 | Website | Facebook group: Re-Use the Igloo (Mellon Arena) | 26-May-10 | www.facebook.com | Rob Pfaffmann | Social network site for Re-use the Igloo! As of May 24, 2010 - 4,617 members. | Preservation | Noted points of view, bookmarked site |
| 52 | Website | Find the Rivers! | 26-May-10 | www.findtherivers.net | Website | A community partnership for enhancing the Hill District and its green spaces. Greenprint, a foundation for Hill District Master Plan. | Planning | Reviewed website, Greenprint, community planning process, bookmarked site, cataloged item, see items #___ |
| 51 | Website | Hill District Consensus Group | 26-May-10 | www.hdcg.org | Website | Website of the planning efforts of the Hill District Consensus Group, including blog and other various resources. | Planning | Bookmarked site, catalogued item |
| 50 | E-mail | FW: UDA's failed master plan for Portland | 21-May-10 | Rob Pfaffmann | Citizen | Forwarded UDA's presentation for the Portland redevelopment project - was not accepted by Portland. | Preservation | Noted point of view, cataloged item |
| 49 | Letter | LH Redevelopment Project - Cultural Resource Consultation Process | 21-May-10 | SEA | Mary Conturo | Response to May 5, 2010 letter from Re-use the Igloo regarding scheduling adjustments and 1) shared financial info and conducted additional analysis, 2) no Federal funding, lead agency has been identified. | Economic | Noted point of view, cataloged item, see item #___ |
| 48 | E-mail | The Long Center - Austin TX | 20-May-10 | Oxford Real Estate Advisors | Joe Saccomano | Summary to convert old Palmer Auditorium to a new performing arts center. Development took 10 yrs, \$77m cost, underwritten by foundation. Revenues cover 70%, 30% gap covered by donations. | Economic | Referenced in Option Report, see item #50 |
| 47 | Conference Call | Mellon Arena and Preservation Questions - Neighbors in the Strip | 19-May-10 | Oxford Development | Chris Cieslak | CC spoke with Neighbors in the Strip to follow up on meeting May 13 with Scott Leib re: his proposal for indoor/outdoor market at Mellon Arena. Strip D. market is 10,000 sq ft, at \$1.5m cost - size of Mellon Arena is 100,000 sq ft, and is 1 mile away from Terminal Bldg in Strip | Preservation | Follow up to meeting with SEA, Scott Leib, Oxford, see item #___ |
| 46 | Conference Call | Mellon Arena and Preservation Questions | 19-May-10 | Oxford Development | Chris Cieslak | CC spoke with Portland Development Commission to learn more about Memorial Coliseum and Rose Quarter Development | Preservation | Follow up Rob's reference to Portland's re-use efforts, see item #___ |
| 45 | Website | www.rosequarterdevelopment.org | 19-May-10 | www.rosequarterdevelopment.org | Chris Cieslak | CC spoke with Portland Development Commission to learn more about Memorial Coliseum and Rose Quarter Development. This is reference website which includes various documents during their cultural resources review process. | Preservation | Follow up Rob's reference to Portland's re-use efforts, see items #___ |
| 44 | Meeting | What's Next For The Igloo? | 17-May-10 | City Live Event | Eve Picker | A meeting, seminar that asked the question "what are the very good reasons to either keep or get rid of Mellon Arena. Over 100 attended, with Kimberly Ellis, Christine French, Larry Glasco and Rob Pfaffmann as panelists, and moderated by Evan Stoddard. | Balanced | SEA staff attended, circulated meeting notes to consultant |
| 43 | Meeting | Comments on Public Meeting #1 | 13-May-10 | Oxford Development / Baker | Chris Cieslak | Summary of comments presented at Public Meeting, May 13, at Ebenezer Church. Handouts included Guiding Principles of Hill District development, Reuse the Igloo handout. | Planning | Recorded and cataloged, see SEA website for all handouts from this meeting |
| 42 | Meeting | Meeting between Preservation Pittsburgh and SEA | 13-May-10 | Preservation Pittsburgh | Scott Leib | Meeting with Scott Leib and Mary C. Agenda items included: importance of Civic/Mellon Arena, preservation, adaptive re-use, SEA planning process and federal funding. | Balanced | Consultant discussions with Neighbors in the Strip, referenced in Options Report, see item #___ |
| 41 | Conference Call | Mellon Arena and Preservation Questions - Bureau for Historic Preservation | 11-May-10 | Oxford Development | Chris Cieslak | The purpose of call to summarize key points from IP Meeting #6, get feedback from PHMC on draft economic analysis, to discuss receipt and response to Reuse the Igloo's letter of May 5, 2010, considering intangible benefits, cataloging correspondence. | Planning | Follow-up with PHMC as needed during review process |
| 40 | E-mail | Future of Mellon Arena | 5-May-10 | Citizen | Kathleen M. Dickinson | Would like us to consider historic, sentimental value. Find a way to continue its existence. | Preservation | Responded via e-mail, catalogued point of view see item #___ |
| 39 | Letter | Lower Hill Redevelopment and Civic Arena - Cultural Resource Consultation Process | 5-May-10 | Re-Use the Igloo! | Re-Use the Igloo! Steering Committee | Request delay in public information meeting on May 13, and clarification on funding. | Preservation | Met with Todd Poole, see May 21, 2010 letter in response, see item #___ |
| 38 | Meeting | Mellon Arena Wish List | 5-May-10 | Heinz History Center | SMG | Heinz History requests several items for donation to museum after doing tour of Mellon Arena. Currently under discussion what will be donated | Other | Under discussion with transition group |
| 37 | Information | Homage to the Fallen: Top 10 Buildings We Wish We Had Back | 1-May-10 | Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh | Anna Brinley, Anna Broverman, Dan Holland | "...we learned that urban renewal is not the way to revitalize cities..." Hill District was chosen as a site. Does not mention Mellon Arena's potential for either re-use or demolition. | Preservation | Noted point of view, cataloged item |
| 36 | Information | Top 10 Best Preservation Opportunities in the Pittsburgh Area | 1-May-10 | Young Preservationists Association of Pittsburgh | YPA Staff | "...the data shows...in last seven years, more than \$80 million has been invested into properties placed on YPA's Top 10 List...an investment in historic properties is not only good for economy, but good for environment..." Mellon Arena not on list. | Preservation | Noted point of view, cataloged item |
| 35 | Meeting | Washington Plaza Community Meeting | 29-Apr-10 | Washington Plaza Residents Group | Angela Howze | Purpose to discuss various issues affecting Washington Plaza residents, one issue was their role in Mellon Arena redevelopment. Guest speaker included Rep. Wheatley, Councilman Lavelle, Rif Qureshi Various viewpoints on Lower Hill development in Hill and region. | Balanced | SEA staff presented, cataloged meeting |
| 34 | E-mail | Civic Arena IP meeting presentation | 21-Apr-10 | Citizen | Gary English | Attached presentation he made April 21, 2010 meeting: historical concerns, legal interest, economic interests, re-use and politics, Act 77 RAD, preserving regional assets. | Economic | Consultant and staff researched RAD Law |

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| 33 | E-mail | Mellon Arena | 16-Apr-10 | Citizen | Tee Cee Furiga | "...do not destroy this beautiful, historic building..." | Preservation | Responded via e-mail, catalogued point of view see item #___ |
| 32 | E-mail | Transplant the Civic Arena to your proposed amphitheater on the North Side? | 16-Apr-10 | Citizen | Wayne D. Palke | "...that would save part of the arena & the land on the Lower Hill could then be redeveloped..." | Demolition | Responded via e-mail, catalogued point of view item #___ |
| 31 | Letter | Mellon Arena | 16-Apr-10 | Citizen | Erika P. Kreisman | "...why leave us with all box buildings?" | Preservation | Responded by letter, catalogued item |
| 30 | Phone Message | Mellon Arena | 16-Apr-10 | Citizen | Rebecca Gilbert | "...Mellon Arena should be preserved and used as a year-round skating rink with a park around it..." | Preservation | Returned call, catalogued item |
| 29 | E-mail | Reusing the Igloo! | 14-Apr-10 | Citizen | Jason Harris | "...the arena should be left and reused in a way so as to be a lasting reminder of why we shouldn't let it [destruction of Lower Hill] happen again." | Preservation | Responded via e-mail, catalogued point of view see item #___ |
| 28 | E-mail | Reusing the Igloo! | 14-Apr-10 | SEA | Mary Conturo | Responded to Jason Harris e-mail, to be included in records, invited sender to visit SEA website for information and materials on historic review process. | Preservation | Responded via e-mail, catalogued point of view see item #___ |
| 27 | Letter | Lower Hill Redevelopment and Civic Arena | 12-Apr-10 | SEA | Mary Conturo | Response to March 18, 2010 letter from Melissa McSwigan. Acknowledged that letter included in records. | Preservation | Responded via letter catalogued point of view. See item #___ |
| 26 | E-mail | Downtown Pittsburgh redevelopment starts to bear fruit | 9-Apr-10 | SEA | Thanks A lot | Forwarded e-mails to SEA: exchange between Thanks A lot and Neighbors in the Strip about moving Strip to Civic Arena. Forwarded dozens of links on history of region, nostalgia, etc | Other | Noted point of view, catalogued item |
| 25 | Website | Pens Fans Share Mellon Arena Memories | 9-Apr-10 | www.thepittsburghchannel.com | WTAE | Broadcast TV - video clips and interviews of fans remembering Mellon Arena | Nostalgia | Noted point of view, catalogued item |
| 24 | E-mail | Igloo | 8-Apr-10 | Citizen | Barbie Suhr | "We are a Pittsburgh family that wants our Igloo..." | Preservation | Responded via e-mail, catalogued point of view see item #___ |
| 23 | E-mail | Mellon Arena | 8-Apr-10 | Citizen | Greg Gassert | "...if the Penguins host the NHL Winter Classic this January, why not have it at Mellon Arena with an open roof." | Other | Responded via e-mail, catalogued point of view see item #___ |
| 22 | Meeting | Hill Planning Forum - Workshop | 1-Apr-10 | The Hill Planning Forum | Hill Planning Forum | Purpose to introduce guiding principles, explaining master plan process, and holding break-out workshops to identify outcomes for master plan. | Planning | SEA staff attended, catalogued meeting |
| 21 | Letter | RE: Lower Hill Redevelopment and Civic Arena | 18-Mar-10 | Citizen | Melissa McSwigan | "...express my concern for the process underway to determine fate of 28 acres..." "...the Hill should be given significant priority for economic opportunity (jobs, etc)...should be process ample time..." | Planning | Noted point of view, catalogued item, responded by letter dated April 12, see item #___ |
| 20 | Letter | RE: Mellon Arena | 17-Mar-10 | House of Representatives, City Council | Jake Wheatley, Jr, Danielle Lavelle, Jr. | "...We come together in a unified voice declaring our complete opposition to the idea of keeping Arena standing in its current condition." | Demolition | Noted point of view, catalogued item |
| 19 | E-mail | Mellon Arena | 9-Mar-10 | Citizen | Ken Doyno | "I believe we should advocate, participate in, and facilitate public exchange that celebrates different opinions..." | Planning | Noted point of view, catalogued item |
| 18 | E-mail | Could not be replicated today | 7-Mar-10 | Citizen | Eysturoy | "...if they really embrace green why wouldn't they go green all the way and reuse the arena?" | Preservation | Noted point of view, catalogued item |
| 17 | E-mail | Copy of Form Follows Function Reuse the Igloo | 25-Jan-10 | Citizen | Edward Mitchell | Letter to Mayor re: development history of Mellon Arena, architecture, and his personal history related to Mellon Arena. | Preservation | Mr. Mitchell was invited to be an Interested Party, catalogued item |
| 16 | Letter | RE: PA History Code process, Pittsburgh Civic Auditorium (Mellon Arena) and Lower Hill Redevelopment project | 25-Jan-10 | Bureau for Historic Preservation PHMC | Jean Cutler | Letter commenting on first meeting (Jan 19, 2010) and to summarize PHMC's understanding of process and timing SEA has chosen to follow. | Other | Forwarded to Oxford for review, and to adjust process as needed |
| 15 | Conference Call | Cultural Resources Review Process - PennDOT, PHMC, FHWA | 14-Jan-10 | Baker | Tim Zinn | The purpose of call to clarify the cultural resources review process, federal funding, section 106, I-579 cap - decision reached that review process will continue to follow PHMC's guidelines. | Planning | Follow up call to clarify ongoing process |
| 14 | Letter | Lower Hill (Mellon Arena Site) Redevelopment Project | 7-Jan-10 | Baker | Tim Zinn | Letter outlining first public meeting on the cultural resources review process, timeline, agenda. | Other | Plan for first cultural resources review meeting on Jan 19, 2010 |
| 13 | E-mail | Greater Hill District Development Principles | 2-Jan-10 | The Hill Planning Forum | Carl Redwood | Document that provides framework for the greater Hill District Master Plan, and to serve as interim guidelines. | Planning | Noted point of view, catalogued item |
| 12 | Meeting | SEA Board Meeting | 18-Nov-09 | SEA | Minutes | John Axtell stated he expects SEA to act in the public interest by following laws determining potential historic structures, and looking at ways of mitigating adverse effects. He asked Authority to consider the costs of demolition vs. salvage benefits and make figures public. | Preservation | Noted comment and request, and SEA stated that no figures were yet available, but there would be a public process |
| 11 | Meeting | SEA Board Meeting | 18-Nov-09 | SEA | Minutes | Rob Pfaffmann sent Authority a letter dated Sept 22, 2009 re: cultural resources review process. He believed it was a long process, no need to demolish the facility ...and that historic tax credits could be used, and all interested parties visions should be considered. | Preservation | Noted comment, and SEA stated there would be a public process |
| 10 | Letter | Public input during Mellon Arena review process | 1-Nov-09 | Citizen | Melissa McSwigan | "...in order for a transparent and collaborative process to occur, it must include those who believe the Arena can be reused...and those who believe it should be demolished..." | Balanced | Catalogued point of view, see item #___ |

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| 9 | Letter | RE: Mellon Arena Consultation Process | 22-Sep-09 | Citizen | Rob Pfaffmann | Asking for clarification on process, and opportunity to present their proposal. | Preservation | Noted point of view, cataloged item |
| 8 | Conference Call | Mellon Arena and Preservation Questions - Bureau for Historic Preservation, PHMC | 21-Sep-09 | Oxford Development | Chris Cieslak | Discussion of historic review process and clarification on Section 106, PA History Code, SHPO participation, lead federal agency identification, review process timelines, contact info and resources. | Balanced | Follow up call to clarify ongoing process |
| 7 | Meeting | Five Mile Development | 17-Aug-09 | SEA | Donald P. Cella Jr | Subsequent meeting to discuss their relocation plans, including costs, timeline. | Preservation | SEA staff attended meeting, cataloged handouts, see item #___ |
| 6 | Information | Salvage - Restructure - Reuse of Mellon Arena | 10-Oct-07 | Citizen | Donald P. Cella Jr | Presented plan and costs for salvaging, dismantling and moving portions of Mellon Arena to be part of an office park located near Pittsburgh. Subsequently invited to be an Interested Party. | Preservation | Meeting with SEA staff, discussed plan |
| 5 | Meeting | Five Mile Development | 10-Oct-07 | SEA | Donald P. Cella Jr | Meeting with development firm that presented plans for relocating Mellon Arena to SEA staff | Preservation | SEA staff attended meeting, cataloged handouts, see item #___ |
| 4 | Letter | RE: New Multi-Purpose Arena, Pittsburgh, Allegheny County | 4-Apr-07 | Bureau for Historic Preservation PHMC | Jean Cutler | Requested mitigation for adverse efforts of new arena for recordation of Epiphany Church and Fifth Ave buildings "it is imperative that SEA include the interested parties in the planning for the redevelopment of the Civic (Mellon) Arena site..." | Preservation | Recordation submitted and accepted by PHMC |
| 3 | Information | A Civic Renewal | 1-Mar-07 | Rob Pfaffmann | Rob Pfaffmann | proposal for the re-use of Civic Arena | Preservation | Noted point of view, cataloged item |
| 2 | Letter | RE: Civic Auditorium (Arena), Pittsburgh, Allegheny County | 2-Aug-01 | Bureau for Historic Preservation PHMC | Jean Cutler | Letter from PHMC to Gary English accepting application to acknowledge Mellon Arena eligible for inclusion on National Register of Historic Places | Preservation | Noted point of view, cataloged item |
| 1 | Information | Mellon Arena: Renovation & Expansion Study | 1-Jun-01 | HOK Sport | HOK Sport | HOK study of possibilities of remodeling and expanding Mellon Arena - to make arena competitive with comparable facilities. Two options presented: minimal remodel approach with no lost hockey season; total remodel with one lost hockey season. | Preservation | Cataloged item in SEA office and website |