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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 items #___
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