Presentation:

**Pat Hassett – Public Works**
Greenfield Bridge Project

- A public meeting was held with over 200 Greenfield residents in attendance. Most expressed concern about a) detours and b) extra traffic on side streets. Over 8,000 cars use this bridge daily. Public Works is meeting with Port Authority staff to attempt to mitigate impacts.

- Final design has been completed waiting for PennDOT approval. The new bridge will be using many of the old architectural features that have been saved from the current bridge.

- Working to make the new bridge design bike and pedestrian friendly. The sidewalk will be widened by 5 ft. Bike lane on the Squirrel Hill side; will be protected with bollards.

- Bridge will be closed in October 2015 so that crews can begin to dismantle undercarriage. Contractors will have five days between midnight on Christmas to January 5 to: truck in 12 tons of dirt onto I-376, drop lower bridge, implode Greenfield Bridge and have I-376 clean/clear to traffic. Construction will run from January 2016 for 18 months. Goal is to have it open on May 17, 2017.

**Maureen Herbster – Massaro**
SkyVue Apartments

- When completed will be a 14 story, 580,000 sf development. There will be nearly 400 1, 2 and 3 bedroom units for rent. The development will include a rooftop lounge, outdoor kitchen & terrace, fitness center, recreational courtyard and dog park. Will include 290 parking spaces and retail space on the first floor.

- The sidewalk and curb lane will be closed for the duration of the project for safety purposes and will have signage to direct people to nearest crossing. The site has been fitted with a wheel washing station so that dirt and mud are kept to a minimum on Fifth & Forbes.

- Maureen provides project updates via email. You can be added to the list by making a request to her at: mherbster@massaroCG.com.
Trucks entering and exiting have been instructed to use only Fifth or Forbes Avenues. Deliveries and construction will take place during the first and second shifts. No overnight work will be necessary. Steel and planking will be delivered during the daytime hours to lessen the impact on Magee and residents.

Josh Lavrinc - Callay Capital  
Keith McGraw - Concord Hospitality Enterprises  
PAA Hotel

- Keith gave an overview of Concord Hospitality as well as sites they own/manage in Pittsburgh. Have a signed lease with the PAA for .5 acres (existing parking lot) to construct an 11 story, 4 star hotel. Lobby will be on the 11th floor as well as their restaurant, lounge, terrace and meeting rooms. Will be a LEED building.

- Will build out to the property line on floors 1-10 and will have a 10 ft. setback on the 11th floor. Parking will include 1 underground level, and 4 above ground levels. Valet service will be available on level 1. A total of 190 guest rooms will be available on floors 5-10.

- Trans Associates was hired to work on traffic issues and lessen impact on surrounding area. Entrance will be off Bigelow with the exit off Lytton Avenue. Nothing has been submitted to the City as of this date, taking the time to meet and present to community groups and institutions for their feedback first.

- Planning to present at the HRC on March 4 and Planning Commission in April.

- Some concerns raised by members of the OTF were:
  1. A lot of “beige” block being used, recommend using accent lighting to change color tones.
  2. More attention needs to be paid to how pedestrians interact with the development. Bike station will be right outside, not everyone uses a car.
  3. Can outdoor seating be accommodated on the Bigelow Blvd?
  4. Attention needs to be paid to the exterior on the Lytton Avenue side. Over 50,000 visitors use Alumni Hall every year and the University would prefer something better to look at than a loading dock and 3 stories of block.

Reports:

Kannu Sahni – Pitt

- In the planning stages for the March 28 Be a Good Neighbor day of service. Will be contacting Oakland groups to work out projects.

Meg Campbell – Pitt

- Have selected 2 tentative dates for Oakland Forever, September 19 and October 3. Sending around a sign-up sheet for organizational contacts.

John Krolicki – UPMC

- On February 26, there will be a public hearing at 1:30 to display and talk about renderings of new Presby building. They have been posted on the UPMC website: http://www.upmc.com/locations/hospitals/presbyterian/Pages/oakland-master-plan.aspx
Georgia Petropoulos – OBID

- Please plan to attend the Oakland Drink for Pink on February 25, 2015 from 5-7 at Peter’s Pub. Among the celebrity bar tenders will be members of City Council, former Steelers, and Oakland institutions.

Mavis Rainey – OTMA

- Construction Project websites have been created for the PennDOT Birmingham Bridge Project and the City of Pittsburgh, Department of Public Works Greenfield Bridge Project. Visit:
  - [http://birmingham.otmapgh.org](http://birmingham.otmapgh.org)
  - [http://greenfieldbridge.otmapgh.org](http://greenfieldbridge.otmapgh.org)

- Each website contains the most recent project news, project schedule, presentation materials, a ‘Submit A Question’ feature, public meetings schedules and more. You can also sign-up for specific project eAlerts.

- The Pittsburgh Bikeshare Program launches in April 2015. There are 10 station locations designated for Oakland. One station in particular will be located on Bigelow Boulevard, adjacent to the sidewalk toward the back of the PAA. Installation of all Pittsburgh Bike Share Stations is anticipated to begin in March 2015.

- Bates Street study by Pitt Engineering students completed. Unfortunately, the report only includes the day light hours and Sandy Phillips feels it is very important to include the night time hours. Mavis will forward the report so it can be placed on the OTF website. Talking with City about looking into medium scale upgrades. Talking with Cheryl Moon-Siriani from PennDOT regarding the improvements planned for Bates Street and the Boulevard of the Allies.

Anna Siefken – Green Building Alliance

- On March 28, 2015, the City of Pittsburgh and GBA will be sponsoring an Earth Hour where businesses/buildings will be asked to turn their lights off from 8:30-9:30 pm. An invitation only event will be held at the Carnegie Science Center to watch the city go dark.

- Approximately 83% of buildings in Oakland have signed up for the 2030 initiative.

- A water base line study has been developed and the GBA will be presenting it at a public session on 2/24 from 8:30-10:00 a.m.

- Inspire Speakers Series: Will Allen, Stephen Ritz, and Jennifer Flanagan March 12 @ 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm at the Hill House.

Holly Anderton – Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh

- Follow the link to the Library’s Black History Month programming: [http://www.clpgh.org/events/programs/bhm/](http://www.clpgh.org/events/programs/bhm/)

- As part of their “Donations & Libations” events, Butterjoint in April will donate the proceeds to the Carnegie Library.
Wanda Wilson – OPDC

- The City and Uptown have received a grant for the study of the Uptown Eco Innovation district. More information can be found at the Planning Commission website: http://pittsburghpa.gov/dcp/

Stan Caldwell – CMU

- Has many construction projects in the works and will continue for the next few months.
- Metro 21 – incorporates smart cities research into using our region as the test bed.