

Oakland Development Activities Meeting
October 24, 2019, 6:00 p.m.
Hosted by OPDC at the Western PA School for Blind Children
Project: 300 South Craig Street
Presenter: Peter Margittai, Margittai Architects

Peter Margittai began the presentation. The property is located at the corner of S Craig and Winthrop and is the former location of Razyzy Fresh. Tin Yen, owner of Sushi Fuku and Fuku Tea plans to add an additional Fuku Tea location in this retail space. The developers are seeking community feedback on proposed exterior renovations that will create more street presence for the shop.

The three main exterior renovation components include:

- Canopy structure formed by slats and low wall counter seating
- Communal table
- Loose seating

Signage for the shop will be placed on the canopy structure and the interior design will replicate the Fuku Tea located at Forbes and Oakland Aves.

Q: Will you be narrowing the sidewalk to include additional outdoor seating?

A: No. We're building off of the low wall that already exists.

Q: What commission approval are you seeking?

A: We are not asking for any variances, but because the exterior renovations will cost more than \$50,000 we need to present our plans to Planning Commission. We will request an agenda date after this community review.

Q: What material are the slats for the canopy?

A: We are still reviewing options. Right now, we are considering Ipe or Rich Light. Both will have the appearance of wood.

Q: Will the material change with weather?

A: Yes, Ipe is more likely to weather, but some people like the effect.

The architects also plan to remove two existing light posts, but will supplement light with fixtures on the canopy. They also plan to include planters within the seating area.

A: Where are the access points to the seating areas?

Q: we are not changing anything on the corner. Everything will remain accessible the way it is.

Q: Are there rules regulating signage/illumination on South Craig?

A: Yes, but we are well within the regulations. The signage on the canopy will be backlight to give a halo illumination effect.