

**Oakland Development Activities Meeting**  
**January 28, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Hosted by OPDC at 294 Semple Street**  
**Project: Carnegie Mellon University, 477 Melwood Ave**  
**Presenter: Bob Reppe, CMU**

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Bob Reppe gave overview for project. University had purchased old Filmmakers building and is working on renovations, bringing up to code, retaining the theater, and not making much change on the exterior. Parking lot at 477 Melwood came with the building – want to improve it, share half of it with Pitt.

Currently no stormwater management, no street trees, and limited pavement. Working with Pitt to pave it all, install stormwater management that will direct water into aboveground bioswales towards the busway. Will plant trees along top of hillside to stabilize the hillside, add a retaining wall along Denver/Dover.

Will have bigger spaces for the university shuttle buses – can pull in then turn around to come out the same way they came in, but cars can exit the parking lot onto Denver. Going to Zoning Board for accessory parking on offsite location in early March, as well as planning commission because part of the lot is in the Baum Centre Overlay District.

**Q:** Where are the trees located?

**A:** Trees will be in the bioswale where the water will collect to infiltrate rather than going down the hillside

**Q:** Who has been parking here?

**A:** Filmmaker building users, and Pitt in a ‘squatter’ style.

**Q:** What will happen in the interim?

**A:** Will pave in June-July, during which time the shuttles can go down to the Morewood lot temporarily – pavement should only take two days, building the other stormwater pieces will take longer

**Q:** When will the trees be planted?

**A:** Plant trees in fall because they would not survive if planted earlier.

**Q:** The right half is designated for Pitt – is this part included in scope of paving?

**A:** Yes, CMU will repave all of the lot, and Pitt will ultimately lose parking spaces. They are being very amenable and working with us.

**Q:** Wexford had a status hearing today, do you have any update?

**A:** No. OPDC subsequently posted an update to the 3440 Forbes Ave. project page:

<https://www.opdc.org/design-development-review-projects/2019/3/22/murland-two-3440-forbes-ave>