Meeting at Mayor's Office

January 25, 2019

**Meeting Summary** 

**Meeting Purpose:** Discuss coordination of the Autonomous Vehicle Road project with the PWSA Stream Removal project

#### Attendees:

Alex Sciulli (AS), Jake Pawlak (JP), and Brandon Vatter (BV), PWSA

Dan Gillman, Mayor's Chief of Staff

Don Smith, RIDC representative

Sam \_\_\_\_\_\_, Grant Oliphant, Rob Steffany, Heinz Endowments/Almono Partners representatives

Andrew McElwane

Tim McNulty, CMU representatives

RK Mellon representative

John Wilds and Jamle Duoar, Pitt representatives

Rebecca Flora, Katrina Flora, ReMake group representatives

Karina Ricks (KR), DOMI

### Summary

- 1. Mr. Gilman provided opening remarks. Called the overall project a clusterf@\$k. Emphasized the project, both connector roadway and stream removal, had missed deadline after deadline. Project was in critical jeopardy of losing public trust, and missing promises to the various stakeholders. Indicated there is not enough coordination amongst the various entities represented here today.
- 2. Heinz and Almono partners indicated the overall stakes are high for the Hazelwood Green redevelopment site (Almono site). They bought the site to model a whole new way of development. Almono site is committed to green infrastructure and resetting the conventions of how we manage our water issues for the 21<sup>st</sup> century with new and redevelopment. Showcase a new way of managing our water.
- 3. Heinz indicated they are worried about how the project gets back on schedule.

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- 4. Heinz indicated the connector road to Oakland is incredibly important. Developers have indicated their interest in the Almono site is contingent on the road being constructed.
- 5. Mr. Gilman indicated PWSA's project has to go first. PWSA's timeline has to define the schedule.
- 6. AS indicated he was new to the project over the last month, but had been briefed on the project and issues. AS indicated PWSA is looking to make a project manager change and he asked BV to take the lead on project management with some support.
- 7. BV explained the roadway and stream channel could be constructed concurrently and sooner if that was the desired approach by the group. BV indicated the current PWSA project schedule is design completion by October 2019 with construction start early 2020. AS committed to the group that he would take the lead on the PWSA project to make sure it stays on track and is coordinated with the roadway work.
- 8. Mr. Gilman indicated the top 2 projects for PWSA should be No. 1: Orthophosphate, and No. 2: Four Mile Run.
- 9. KR explained the connector road project and indicated DOMI was the lead for this project. KR indicated the Run would need to be regraded for the road and the roadway could not be located along the R/R tracks. The roadway has to be flipped to the lower area within the Run. KR indicated that Mike Panzetta is the DOMI project manager and Michael Baker (MBaker) is the design consultant for the roadway.
- 10. KR indicated DOMI is focused on the roadway design and currently no one is in charge of the actual mobility service that will use the road. KR indicated the trips per day and the type of vehicle are open issues to be resolved. KR indicated that electric buses have been ruled out because the local residents don't want them.
- 11. Heinz asked about the vehicle elevator at the Greenfield end of the road. KR indicated the design is currently focused on the connector road from Oakland and stops short of

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where the vehicle elevator would be located. KR indicated they are looking at other options than a vehicle elevator. KR indicated the PM for MBaker is Peter K. MBaker is also the 3<sup>rd</sup> party reviewer for the PWSA project.

- 12. Heinz indicated there is no one person coordinating all of the stakeholders. Heinz asked what the schedule was for construction of the road. KR did not provide a firm schedule. Heinz indicated there is a project messaging problem and people don't believe us that the road or stormwater project will actually happen.
- 13. Mr. Gilman indicated shovel in ground is critical. Some level of a phased approach is critical. Need to show the residents that this project will improve their way of life.
- 14. Mr. Gilman agreed with Heinz that an external project manager (PM) is needed to coordinate all of the projects. The group agreed the external PM should be through the Mayor's office in some form.
- 15. Almono partners indicated 1) the public narrative needs to be changed that tells the great story that these projects can provide, 2) Alex, Karina, and some others need to get together for the overall projects management, and 3) Need to shape the operations plan for the roadway.
- 16. Mr. Gilman agreed with the above 3 points and indicated we need to explain to Hazelwood how this project will be good for the local residents.
- 17. Discussion ensued about the external PM (named the Uber PM) and what qualifications that person should have, including community messaging and outreach experience, not necessarily an engineer, etc. Discussion also occurred on how this PM would be funded and how it would go through the City.

#### **Action Items:**

1. Heinz and others to develop qualifications needed for the Uber PM and think of potential candidates.

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- 2. PWSA to review further details of the stream project and work with DOMI on coordination with the roadway project.
- 3. DOMI/PWSA to coordinate a public meeting in February on both projects to keep the public engaged.
- 4. Next meeting: Friday, Feb 22<sup>nd</sup>, 8:30 AM