



MEMORANDUM

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RE: Pitt Chilled Water Plant Status Memo

On behalf of the Hill District's Development Review Panel (DRP), we offer this update memo on the status of the project in the DRP community review process. Details about this submission can be found at www.hilldistrict.org/chilledwaterplant.

The DRP is the Hill District's unified and comprehensive community review process that gives every Hill District resident a voice in the redevelopment of their neighborhood. It is a partnership with six (6) Hill District Community Based Organizations: Hill Community Development Corporation (Hill CDC), Hill District Education Council (HDEC), Hill District Ministers Alliance (HDMA), Uptown Partners, Hill District Consensus Group (HDCG) and the Center that Cares that streamlines community level review while assuring transparency and sufficient community feedback. The mission of the Hill CDC is to work in partnership with residents and stakeholders to create, promote, and implement strategies and programs that connect plans, policies, and people to drive compelling community development opportunities in the Greater Hill District. The Hill CDC is responsible for facilitating the implementation of the Greater Hill District Master Plan, specifically addressing any community concerns regarding redevelopment and economic opportunities in the area.

DRP Project Status:

The Pitt Chilled Water Plant project is currently still under review in the DRP process. The project first submitted in May 2020 and presented in June 2020 at which time it did not receive a passing score from the DRP Committee. The DRP Committee provided substantial feedback regarding increased economic impact opportunities and the Hill CDC met with the University to collaborate on developing their MWBE business and local hiring opportunities. As a result, the University presented a comprehensive plan to the DRP Committee in March 2021 and their proposal received an **80%-B**. That plan included: a 35% MWBDE Goal for contractors and suppliers, which will generate close to \$28 million for those

businesses; a mentor-protégé program; 10% local hiring commitment; two Operating Engineer Apprenticeships to operate the Water Plant; capacity building with a Hill District focused cohort for their Fall 2021 Turner School of Construction; and hiring an Intern and an Administrative Assistant from the Hill District to support the project. The project then went on to present at a community meeting in April 2021, where the project did not receive a passing score. The University is in the process of providing documentation to evidence the success of their economic impacts to the DRP Committee prior to presenting to the community again at a public meeting seeking their support.

The DRP Committee wants to commend the University on their efforts, collaboration, and engagement responding to the feedback they received. We look forward to the University providing those updates and presenting to the community again soon.

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