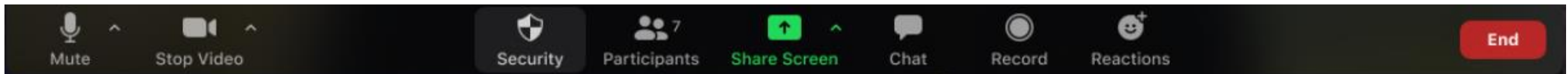


Welcome!

- By default Zoom has muted your microphone. Please turn on your video and wait patiently for the meeting to start.
- How to engage: Go to the bottom of your screen and click on "Chat" or "Mute/Unmute". You can also indicate you need to ask a question or like a conversation by clicking "Reactions" and choosing an option.



- We appreciate your patience as we learn how to conduct online meetings together.
- **While you're waiting, check out the EngagePGH page to read more about Livability and Identity to prepare for tonight's discussions.**





Community Action Team Meeting #7

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Josiah Gilliam (Pittsburgh Mayor's Office/Citiparks)

June 7, 2021

Land Acknowledgement

"A Land Acknowledgement is a formal statement that recognizes the unique and enduring relationship that exists between Indigenous peoples and their traditional territories"

- Laurier Students' Public Interest Research Group, Ontario, Canada
(<http://www.lspirg.org/knowtheland/>)

We encourage each of you to learn about the Native territories, languages, and treaties relative to where you and your family originate or currently live, and discuss our role as allies.

- <https://native-land.ca/>
- Ally Bill of Responsibilities written by Dr. Lynn Gehl, Aloginguin Anishinaabe-kwe: <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UBTEg72RP6gjJa5bwfnKvswN-VOzPTv/view>

More information about Pittsburgh's Native American history:

- <https://www.heinzhistorycenter.org/blog/fort-pitt-museum/delaware-treaty-1778>
- <https://www.wesa.fm/post/who-lived-here-first-look-pittsburgh-s-native-american-history#stream/0>



Agenda (2 hours)

5:00 – 5:10 PM: Welcome and Agenda Setting

5:10 – 5:25 PM: Progress to date, next stage of the process, research & engagement tools

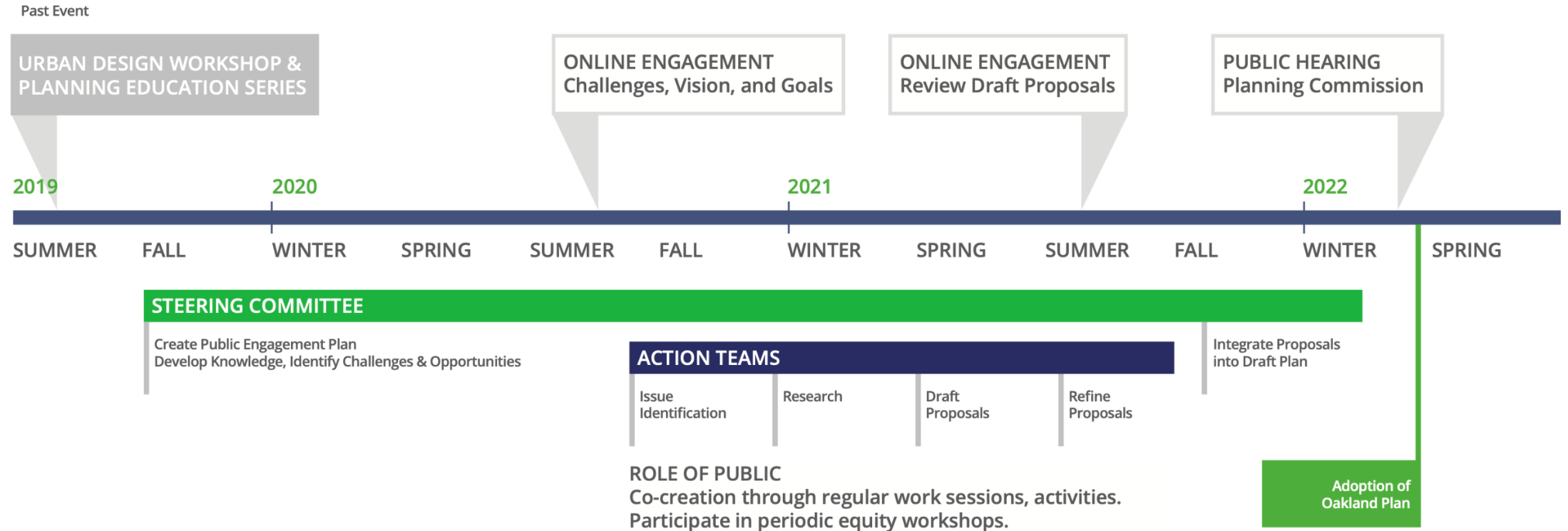
5:25 – 6:05 PM: 2 breakout room discussions, respond to Goals & Strategies Draft 2

6:05 – 6:20 PM: Large group discussion

6:20 – 6:30 PM: Wrap Up, any questions about next phase?



Planning Process



Step 1: Process Introduction & Equity

- **Meeting 1 (10/5/2020):** What will the Community Action Team do?
- **Meeting 2 (11.2.2020):** What themes do we need to explore?
- **Meeting 3 (12.7.20):** Equity Workshop Part 1
- **Meeting 4 (1.11.21):** Equity Workshop Part 2



Step 2: Issues and Opportunities

- **Meeting 5 (2.1.21):** Livability and Identity (with Andrea Boykowycz; Spencer Williams, Municipal Arts Society; Sarah Nesbella, Community Human Services)
- **Meeting 6 (3.1.21):** Arts & Culture, Historic Preservation (with Anthony Cavalline, City Public Art & Civic Design; Dr. Amy Bowman-McElhone, Director of the Carlow Art Gallery; Kathleen Gallagher; Matthew Falcone, President of Preservation Pittsburgh)
- **Meeting 7 (4.5.21):** Public Health & Public Safety (Laura Drogowski, Manager of the Office of Community Health & Safety; Joshua Schneider, Fellow in OCHS, Oakland resident and paramedic)
- **No meeting in May 2021:** Action Team members asked to review Goals & Strategies



Step 3: Research & Engagement

Staff and consultants will conduct research and launch engagement activities to develop strategies that implement the group's ideas. These activities will replace the monthly meetings for at least the next few months.

These activities are expected to involve:

- Interviews
- Best practices research and case studies
- Focus groups, panels, or forums
- Surveys including visual preference surveys
- Walkshops and community mapping
- Arts, Culture, and Design Technical Advisory Group (TAG)
- Charrettes (*past*)



Interviews

Description

- Meeting with someone that has an experience or knowledge that you would like to better understand as it relates to a topic in the planning process. Could also involve someone with the ability to undertake a project.

Expected Action Team member involvement

- You may be interviewed, otherwise, they will be summarized in monthly updates.



Best Practice Research & Case Studies

Description

- Identifying and gathering information from other places or topics that represent good examples for how to achieve an outcome that is desired for the current project. These often involve looking at other parts of the city or other cities who have successfully addressed similar issues.

Expected Action Team member involvement

- Will be summarized in monthly updates.



Focus Groups, Panels, or Forums

Description

- Collect feedback, experiences, and ideas from stakeholders or experts for specific topics. Focus groups usually involve asking targeted questions to understand the details of the issue at hand and trigger dialogue between focus group participants. Unlike focus groups, panels and forums have an audience that listens and can ask questions. The intent is to explore a topic and introduce best practices and new ideas.

Expected Action Team member involvement

- Attend and ask questions.



Surveys Including Visual Preference Surveys

Description

- Surveys can take many forms, lengths, and depths of content. Visual preference surveys show participants images of alternatives and ask them to vote for their favorite to get feedback on preferences. This is often used to understand desired aspects of design for buildings, open spaces, or public art.

Expected Action Team member involvement

- Participate in the surveys, spread the word to others who would want to participate.



Walkshops and Community Mapping

Description

- Walkshops are an interactive way for participants to share experience and identify challenges and opportunities in a physical place. This is usually done with a group touring an area and having discussions, but it may be possible to achieve the same outcomes using a series of designated stops with signs that ask questions that can be answered using EngagePGH. Community mapping asks participants to think about the geography of a topic, where things are located or desired. Online, the two may be merged.

Expected Action Team member involvement

- Participate in the surveys, spread the word to others who would want to participate.



Arts, Culture, and Design TAG

Description

- A Technical Advisory Group (TAG) is a group of experts brought together to address complex topics that are part of the planning process. The Oakland Plan will include a TAG that will utilize local expertise to work through community desires around public art, cultural heritage, and design that have come out of many discussions including the Community and Development Action Teams.

Expected Action Team member involvement

- We are assembling currently. Let us know if you have expertise and capacity to participate in this TAG.



Charrettes

Description

- A charrette is a meeting in which stakeholders attempt to resolve conflicts and map solutions. For design and development projects, this usually includes understanding how desired activities can be accommodated in a specific place. Transportation, open space, stormwater management, and many other topics can be part of the solutions developed.

Expected Action Team member involvement

- Full participation in charrettes for the two sites and attend post-charrette open house.



Breakout Room – Goals & Strategies

Summary of Staff Process to Create Ideas

- Organize all Action Team comments ([archived here](#)) under the Community topics. Add comments received from the 2020 Online Open House ([archived here](#)) and neighborhood association input map ([archived here](#)). Combine similar comments.
- Review all comments and draft ideas to address them. This involved noting topics or proposals that were related and could be combined to meet multiple needs.
- Organize ideas under draft goals for each topic.
- Review all Action Team comments, and other comments received through above noted input methods, and begin to draft strategies to fulfill the various goals. Review these strategies with the Oakland Plan Steering Committee, and then with the Community Action Team.



Breakout Room – Goals & Strategies

5:25-6:05 PM

We have discussed the need for a community center and Oakland's rich history of community events and programs. What kinds of events would you like to see implemented in the future to bring the community together?

We have discussed Oakland's rich architectural legacy. Would you welcome the chance to engage with other cities that have been innovative and successful in their approach to preservation and community character?

Part of the nuisance conversations has consistently been the idea of clutter and trash. Would additional concerted community-centric clean ups and other opportunities be useful and of interest?

In your opinion, do the large institutions have an appropriate potential role to play with local Oakland organizational capacity building and support? Would you welcome opportunities to explore what may be possible in an official and organized manner?

Is there an element of the Community Action Team that you're particularly interested in learning and engaging more about?



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