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Visionary Place

This award recognizes the vision for a place currently under development promising significant impact on lifestyle and the region.





5th and Dinwiddie Development

Derrick Tillman President & CEO, Bridging the Gap Development, LLC

Amanda Markovic, AIA *Principal, GBBN*





Start with the end in mind

Owner's Project Requirements

- community
- energy
- indoor air quality
- indoor environmental quality
- landscaping
- materials
- operations & maintenance
- waste
- water
- transportation



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Then determine metrics

Owner's Project Requirements





Building People. Building Communities

- Commitment to providing MWBE opportunities
- MBE GC on the East Site representing a \$12M development project
- Community Opportunity & Training Program focused on Clean Energy Jobs
- Mixed-income housing and some Affordable Commercial Space



COMPREHENSIVE EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Restore an underutilized public works building
 - > Building addition that doubles the building area
 - High level, top notch sustainable Development being led by a black developer
- New construction of a major mixed-use development project that includes residential, retail, commercial space and a public plaza which will bring people together and create community.
- High quality design & construction.
- Create community hub of opportunities for local, small businesses and community-based organizations and stakeholders to have a rooted presence in the neighborhood. Job opportunities for local residents.







COMPREHENSIVE EQUITABLE DEVELOPMENT

- Retail that everyone will be excited about supporting.
- New jobs & workforce training that will extend beyond the Construction life cycle
- A public plaza that will invigorate & help connect the community while promoting community health and wellness
- Engage local artists with an opportunity to showcase public art.
- Expand and maximize the hiring of community-based M/WBE businesses
- Provide increased property taxes and create an economic "multiplier" for dollars to stay in the community
- Development without displacement both residential and commercial







OCATION FIFTH AVE

SITE USES



BUILDING USES

Residential: 190,000 total sf 171 total units

29 Studio Units (~400sf) 123 One Bedroom (~650sf) 19 Two Bedroom (~900sf)

137 units market rate34 units affordable (20%)

Commercial Office: 34,000sf Workforce training Flex Use Co-Working

Retail: 12,000sf West 2,300sf East





EXISTING BUILDING



East - Fifth Avenue View

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East - Fifth Avenue View

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East – Dinwiddie View

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EQUITABLE UNIT DISTRIBUTION



LINTC DESIGNATED AFFORDABLE UNITS

Total Level 4: 11

MOBILITY IMPAIRED UNIT Total in Level 4 Condo: 2

SENSORY IMPAIRED UNIT Total in Level 4 Condo: 1



Fifth Avenue View

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West - Dinwiddie View

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West - Dinwiddie toward Fifth



West - Our Way

West - Interior Views





Landscape Plan



Integrated Public Art















The UPMC Vision and Rehabilitation Hospital at UPMC Mercy

Mike Chiappetta Project Director - Corporate Construction, UPMC

Joe Shields Sr. Project Manager, UPMC

Wayne Nickels Project Manager/Senior Associate, HOK



UPMC VISION AND REHABILITATION HOSPITAL AT UPMC MERCY ART CONSULTANT SITE OVERVIEW - 15 OCTOBER 2020



CONNECTION TO PITTSBURGH'S URBAN FABRIC

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A perspective from the Boulevard of the Allies portrays the facade materials and native plantings blending seamlessly into the existing neighborhood and city landscape.

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The entry plaza paving material features high contrast color, finishes and a cane detection user experience to provide enhanced way-finding for low vision patients. The raised pedestrian crossing serves as a traffic calming method and the rehabilitation entry is wheelchair accessible.

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WEST ENTRANCE ATRIUM

LEVEL 1 EAST ATRIUM

ROOF TERRACE WINTER GARDEN

The outdoor space on the 4th floor roof terrace is divided into two different programmed gardens with a green wall. The Winter Garden at the north, as the extension of the indoor collaborative space, provides a space for staff gathering and special events.



- 2. Fourth Floor Terrace
- 3. Rehabilitation Garden

4. Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Lobby



Fourth Floor Terrace

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ROOF TERRACE Rehabilitation & HEALING GARDEN

The south terrace features a user-influenced design that is a multi-sensory space that empowers patients as they navigate their rehabilitation training regimens.











PM&R PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION LOBBY The Rehab & Healing Garden provides patients and visitors a calming view at the Level 4 Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Lobby.

REHABILITATION & HEALING GARDEN

Rehab training path, ramp and stairs provide patients with real life outdoor experiences in a safe and healing environment.





The Heart of Main Street - Braddock

Ken Doyno, AIA, NCARB, LEED AP Sr. Principal, President, Rothschild Doyno Collaborative

Gregg Kander Developer, The Ohringer

THE HEART OF MAIN STREET-BRADDOCK, PA



A Vision for Braddock



2008 - 2010

The Avenue Apartments

Developer: Falbo Penrose

4 Unit Apartments for seniors located adjacent to the Braddock Hospital.





Edgar Thompson Steel Works in Braddock today

Closing, Protest, and Choosing Hope

In 2009, Braddock Hospital announced that it would close. Braddock Hospital was located in a proud and impoverished community where many residents did not have health care insurance and used the hospital for primary medical care.

The community organized and protested the closing of the hospital. Marches and rallies became a national story as a symbol of the imbalance of healthcare coverage in our country.

Rothschild Doyno Collaborative was hired to help Braddock determine and articulate their steps forward. Through a participatory design process we developed a shared vision for their main street district of Bradoock Avenue including the former hospital site.



BEFORE

AFTER









2009 **The Avenue Apartments opens**

Braddock, PA



BRADDOCK AVENUE IS...

A PLACE FOR PEOPLE TO COME TOGETHER TO ...



Common Ground

Change involves many properties and many people doing different things. Finding common ground will help these efforts to make our community better.

Residents and leaders from Braddock gathered together to discuss their individual goals, successes, and challenges they have faced in their effort to improve the community. Each answered the question, "What represents success for Braddock to you?"

Many people have different goals for the future of the community. They also have diverse talent and various resources. These are valuable assets that can be utilized through cooperation among the different people and groups in Braddock. A shared vision for the future of Braddock will help to align these resources, talent and goals, and facilitate cooperation and collaboration.

At a meeting on June 22, 2011, participants at the first meetings were asked, "What represents success for Braddock to you?" The notes in green below represent their answers.



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2019 Annual

Data source: US Census 2019 Five-Year American Community Survey (block groups). *Based on Allegheny County quintiles: each income range represents about 20% of the county population.







In response to existing economic, social, and physical conditions, the team identified a series of specific tools that can be implemented by residents, property owners, new residents, Borough leaders, and community partners. The tools are described in further detail in the toolkit section of this report. These tools will help to improve the economic, social, and physical conditions of Braddock.



COMMUNITY PRIORITIES SM P

Engaging citizens and addressing their concerns was integral to the development of the toolkit. A community meeting was held in October 2011 as a forum for participants to vote on their highest priorities that would foster change along Braddock Avenue. After identifying potential efforts and locations to focus energy, residents voted by placing dots on large maps on those items they would most like to see.

Approximately 50 community members voiced their opinions about what issues are most important to the future of Braddock Avenue. These concerns range from small-scale, the individual property owner, to large-scale, or borough-wide. As residents, business owners, and investors consider developing or rehabilitating property in Braddock, it is crucial to consider the priorities of the community members. The community expressed a clear desire and openness for positive change, responsible property ownership, and stewardship for the Avenue as a community commons.

Overarching Goals:

Update zoning ordinances for commercial areas to foster good development.

Enforce traffic and vehicle rules, then divert industrial truck traffic from Braddock Avenue.



AREA 3 PRIORITIES: A PLACE TO GROW

Work to save high value historic buildings with apartments and other uses. (10 votes)

Use demolished building lots to help adjacent buildings. (8 votes)

Demolish those buildings that cannot be saved. (3 votes)



AREA 1 PRIORITIES: A PLACE TO WORK

Define street edge with landscaping and signage to announce the future development. (25 votes)

Evaluate condition of key historic properties to stabilize for future reuse. (9 votes)

Improve screening and streetscape at the industrial properties. (9 votes)



AREA 2 PRIORITIES: A PLACE TO LIVE

Redevelop the former hospital site. (42 votes)

Preserve terra cotta buildings and create a mixture of uses with ground floor activity and upper floor residences. (27 votes)

Demolish former 5th Ave.Tavern. (12 votes)





AREA 3 PRIORITIES:

A PLACE FOR EXCHANGE

Establish vacant lot strategy to clear title

and re-parcel large areas of vacant land.

(48 votes)

ACTIVITY AND CONDITIONS

At the heart of vibrant communities are the buildings and green spaces that give form and shape to the streets and sidewalks where people interact. This study focused on identifying and celebrating the strength of the buildings and lots that contribute to and activate Braddock Avenue. Also important is the physical condition of these places and spaces as they demonstrate the care and pride of ownership and community spirit.

The identification of active places in good condition indicate areas of strength that should be supported and celebrated. Areas that are not active and are in poor condition represent an opportunity for change and investment.





A PLACE TO LIVE AREA 2: 3rd Street to Corey Avenue

Reconnect a strong residential neighborhood to an active and occupied Braddock Avenue.

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Leverage for adjacent use

North Braddock RESIDENTIAL INFLU improve residential connections and increase residential opportunities

Connects to

NEIGHBORHOOD AMENITY Activate Braddock Avenue with neighborhood services

ALLEY CONNECTION Restore Maple Way to provide convenient service access to businesses, parking, and reestablish urban grid

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CORNER CONNECTION Reinforce strong urban corner with new development on former hospital site

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BACK TO THE FUTURE

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Continue historic lot widths to relate across Braddock Avenue and stabilize adjacent historic properties

BEST FACE FORWARD

Terminus of street becomes orientation point and opportunity to create a place within the new building or on the site

LOTS OF STRENGTH

Enhance and expand existing community assets. Understand potential use of property to enhance development on former hospital site 2012 - 2014

The Overlook Housing

Healthy, high quality affordable homes and apartments that initiated a master plan for the new center of Braddock

The Overlook is an affordable housing redevelopment of the former hospital site in Braddock. It is part of a phased masterplan identified in the Braddock Avenue Market Restoration Study. As both an architecture and urban design firm, Rothschild Doyno Collaborative has worked with the community on multiple phases providing a stronger connections and realization of the community goals and priorities.

The transformation of the vacant hospital site into high quality and affordable homes created a signal for a hopeful future and reinvestment in the neighborhood. Situated around a new community park, the residences add vitality for the community. The development includes a community center, accessible outdoor space, and a mix of 24 apartments and single-family homes providing for a broad range of needs. The homes were constructed to have lasting value, integrating high quality materials, water and energy efficiency. With high quality design standards in mind, the Overlook development provides long term value to the community of Braddock.





2012 - 2015

501 Braddock

Located along the commercial main street in Braddock, the site was part of the former Braddock Hospital site, demolished in 2013, that served as the center of the community. The new commercial building is at the intersection of two skewed street grids, and borders a new Community Park at the center of the neighborhood.

The emotional trauma of losing the community hospital is replaced by a new urgent care facility elevated at the corner overlooking the park. An emerging entrepreneurial spirit is fostered with the inclusion of live/work studios and apartments, shaping the Maker's Plaza.

The streetscape is activated with a restored storefront rhythm in-filling and strengthening the vitality of the main street. Relationships are formed between the historic and modern architecture that surround the project, resulting in a uniquely "Made in Braddock" response to a commercial infill project.







2015 **501 Braddock opens**

Braddock, PA



A PLACE FOR EXCHANGE

Restore a vibrant center for community exchange of dialogue, goods, and services.

AREA 3: 6th Street to 8th Street



2018 - 2021

Ohringer Arts

The Ohringer, Braddock's iconic eight-story furniture store from 1941, has re-emerged as an Arts Incubator and affordable Artist Housing. The project follows several attempts to re-inhabit the long-vacant building with arts-based interventions. Now, the building is completely transformed to create places for professional artists to live, work, and exchange. The reactivation of this icon connects two areas of main street redevelopment, builds upon the maker culture of Braddock, and continuously illuminates the heart of community through arts.





Ohringer Arts

Braddock Avenue once had 100+ main street businesses: seven furniture stores, six grocery stores, and four theaters! With the decline of the steel industry, many businesses closed including Ohringer Home Furniture.

After the Ohringer furniture store closed in 1964, the building cycled through long periods of vacancy. It avoided demolition by staying in the minds of the community through multiple artistic interventions.

The Ohringer provides affordable housing for its artist community, free art studios, performance practice spaces, and a flexible artist gallery where residents can sell their work, and obtain new commissions.







INVITING CHANGE



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