

## **Pittsburgh Yards Community Work Groups and Task Forces**

Community residents engage with the Pittsburgh Yards development through monthly gatherings on the second Thursday of every month at 6:00 pm at the Pittman Park Recreation Center. Additionally, residents and other stakeholders have the opportunity to join smaller work groups and task forces, if they are interested in doing so, by informing Brooke Giguere, [brooke@thecoreventures.com](mailto:brooke@thecoreventures.com).

### **Why have community work groups and task forces?**

- To provide community residents and other stakeholders with the opportunity to invest their skills and interests in shaping the future of Pittsburgh Yards
- To dig deeply into issues and opportunities related to specific aspects of the project, whether they be short- or long-term
- To draw on the rich knowledge and abilities of active community members to maximize the potential impact of the project

### **Why join a work group or task force?**

- To influence the experiences, events and culture of Pittsburgh Yards
- To influence the image, impact and visual identity of the project
- To influence the types of businesses, entrepreneurs and jobs that will be part of the project
- To participate with your neighbors in shaping a major economic development project that will affect the southside for years to come

## **Work Groups**

Work groups are multi-year, self-selected teams of community members and other volunteers focused on particular topic areas.

History & Art - This group is researching the deep history of the Pittsburgh Yards site and adjoining neighborhoods. They are thinking through the where and how of integrating history and art into the site, including working with the architect, interior designer and landscape architect.

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Development Team Lead: James Harris, [james@thecoreventures.com](mailto:james@thecoreventures.com)

Meeting schedule: as requested by the team, coordinated via email

Development – This group is providing input on issues related to the construction and development of the site, such as environmental sustainability, landscaping, naming aspects of the site and building design.

Community Leads: Tony Pope, [tonyp@atelier7llc.com](mailto:tonyp@atelier7llc.com)

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Jobs and Jobs Culture – This group is looking at how to support residents in attaining and retaining employment at the site. They are also looking at how to ensure that Pittsburgh Yards is a desirable work environment; what is needed on the site or nearby to support employees; and how can those supports and culture can be put in place.

Community Leads: Greg Cole, [gregcole@emmaushouse.org](mailto:gregcole@emmaushouse.org)  
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### **Task Forces**

Task forces are small, temporary groups of self-selected or development team selected community members and other volunteers who focus on a single project or agenda.

Entrepreneurship – This group is working to attract entrepreneurs that will add community value, jobs and careers to Pittsburgh Yards. The group includes entrepreneurs and provides networking among entrepreneurs who intend to be active near or on the site. The group voices the opinions, and needs, of up-and-coming entrepreneurs that see Pittsburgh Yards as an opportunity.

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Branding – This is a short-term work that is providing input to the design company (Humint) on the colors, images and logos for Pittsburgh Yard.

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**Former Task Forces**: Naming, Groundbreaking