Course Name**: 3 Crossings Development: Transformative Design in Pittsburgh’s Iconic Strip District**

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Description:

**About**

This panel discussion of collaborative participants will explore the challenges and opportunities of thoughtful urban development through the revitalization of existing brownfield sites and connectivity with the riverfront, while accommodating commercial leasing considerations in an urban context. 3 Crossings is a 20-acre mixed-use development situated along Smallman and Railroad Streets, bound by 25th and 29th Streets in the vibrant and revitalized Strip District neighborhood of Pittsburgh. The development integrates the neighborhood’s historic and authentic past as a market district with the desired lifestyle of today’s employee, resident, and visitor. 3 Crossings will reconnect the neighborhood to a revitalized riverfront with up to 375,000 SF of office space, 300 residential units, 1,200 parking spaces, a multimodal transportation facility, and riverfront trail. The presentation and discussion will focus on the team’s community engagement and design approach behind its vision to create a vibrant and active interpretation of the Strip District that pays homage to the neighborhood’s industrial heritage, while balancing design with public policies, economic realities, sustainability, and challenging site conditions.

This presentation will be given by Richard Bamburak, AIA, WTW Architects; Ben Kelley, Oxford Development Company; and representatives from both the Pittsburgh Department of City Planning and Strip District Neighbors and will be facilitated by Joseph Chaffin, AIA, Michael Baker International.

**Objectives:**

1.Recognize challenges and opportunities of creating mixtures of retail, office, and residential within close proximity to one another to complement an existing, vibrant neighborhood and exposed to the precinct, block, and individual building typologies and urban open-space that serve as precedents for designing new mixed-use, higher-density urban developments

2.Understand participatory methods and stakeholder influences that shape larger-scale urban multi-block developments, and how project developers and their planning and design teams manage the process and respond to evolving ideas and influences, with a particular focus on meeting community and policymaker expectations concerning public benefits such as open space, amenities, context, and local businesses

3. Identify methods and techniques used in multi-block higher-density mixed-use developments to achieve long-term sustainability goals, especially for balancing housing and jobs, reducing dependency on non-renewable resources, flood plain development, and managing storm water in an urban setting

4. Discuss how to balance design with the different interests between private investment, public amenity, governmental regulations, and community needs in an existing, vibrant neighborhood

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