

GW Campus Plan Advisory Committee Meeting (CPAC)

Virtual Meeting

September 16, 2024 | 4 pm

Notes

Meeting Began: 4:03 pm

1. Introductions

- GW Participants:
 - Kevin Days
 - Gabrielle Sosa
 - Brian Snyder
 - Adam Aaronson
 - James Tate
 - Seth Weinschel
 - Julia Duff
 - Maralee Csellar
 - Tayah Frye
 - John Ralls
- Community Participants
 - Ed Comer, ANC2A-04 (Watergate)
 - Harold Christy, Community member
 - Sarah Maddux, Board and Officer of the West End Citizen Association
 - Helen Sheridan, Community member
 - Sarah Shapiro, a resident of Columbia Plaza
 - Barbara Kahlow, Board and Officer of the West End Citizen Association
 - Trupit Patel, ANC2A-03, Chair
 - Sadie Cornelius, FBA Board Member
 - Will Crane, FBA Board Member
 - Ella Mitchell, GW Hatchet reporter
 - John Seichter, West Ends Citizen Association

2. I Street Mall Project Updates - By Adam Aaronson

- General overview/recap of ongoing planning. Nothing new stated
- Starting on Sept. 23. Expected Completion in early November.
 - Will make accommodations to keep the Farmers Market to continue on Wednesdays during construction.
 - Will make accommodations for the Saturday Student Flea Market.
- Noted: not removing any planters. Adjusting them/working on them to add rodent deterrents.

- Showed renderings. Noted during the discussion: We added more seating not shown on the rendering.
 - Question about lighting. GW is responsible for the lights.
- Adam finished & asked for questions
 - Trupti: Will the GWPD blue light be moved to a better location? There is only one and it is near Ross Hall Entrance. Can another one be added near 24th Street?
 - Chat Question: Seniors cannot fit into the tables with the attached chairs. Adam: in addition to the attached seating, added benches. Reason why attached chairs. When not attached they get stolen.
 - Trupti: DC is going to be going through a “Comp” Plan. An idea that ANC 2a has had that we will put in again is to include a second entrance for the Foggy Bottom Metro. Is there anything happening at the I Street Mall that will impact a potential 2nd entrance.
 - Adam said WMATA reviewed the design and did not have any concerns. Last time he saw an update about the 2nd entrance it would be further down near 22nd Street.
 - Will Crane: Is the lighting raised poles or surface lighting?
 - Adam: Adding more light poles that are stationary and between light poles hanging lights.
 - Will Crane: Was GW Hospital involved in the planning and were they given the chance to contribute money to the project? They have a stormwater drain that empties into this area.
 - Adam: Presented again last week to the Hospital board. They liked it. We did not ask them for funding because this is on GW space. Hospital is interested in the rat abatement.
 - Sadie: Follow up on the lighting. Are the lamposts going to have electrical outlets to charge phones?
 - Adam:
 - Barbara: Has DDOT approved and provided written approval?
 - DDOT gave verbal confirmation today and we are waiting for an email to confirm the confirmation. There is no formal approval needed since it is private property.
 - Sarah S: Will lights shine into patient rooms.
 - Adam: No. Same lighting, just more of it.
 - Chat: Dog Waste stations?
 - Adam: No. Please use the Big Belly Trash Cans

3. Construction Management and Campus Planning Updates

- Smith Center Concessions upgrade in progress.

- Gelman Lighting Project Upgrade. Just about finished from the summer.
- Sidewalk repairs this month.

4. Fall Semester Updates

- Kevin provided an update of fall semester dates. No questions from the community.

5. Update on the Implementation of Arming of GWPD

- Quick update about the arming.
- Then, earlier during intros, a community member (Sarah S) started to ask a question about election day preparations. That was a pause at the time. Chief started by asking the member to repeat before starting this update.
 - Chief outlined we are in talks with federal partners and agencies and generally making sure that lines of communication are open.
 - We also will be adjusting our staffing levels for any significant events/dates.
 - Trupti w/Question: I have had conversations with MPD about the arming of GWPD. How do you see the university police becoming part of the fabric of all of the other D.C. and federal agencies in the future?
 - Chief: Let's schedule a time to get together so I can completely understand the scope of your questions. In general, if on our campus, we, GWPD, want to be able to handle if we can ourselves and if needed then call MPD.

6. Community Corner

- **New GW Library and FBA Partnership**
 - Gabrielle updated about a project where GW Library has digitally archived the history of Foggy Bottom through a Project with the Foggy Bottom Historical Association.

7. Student Affairs update

- **Overview of SRR to CESA name change**
 - Outlined conflict education work that will be doing.
 - New website: students.gwu.edu/cesa
 - Core functions have not changed.
- **Student-Run Flea Market**
 - Students are going to host a flea market in the I Street mall as it has gotten bigger and is being moved from Kogan Plaza.

8. Community Forum

- John Seichter asked when the Financial Documents website would be launched.

- Kevin said he did not know and would get back to John.
- Sarah Maddux: Students are walking 3-4 abreast, on scooters, and on bikes on the sidewalks. Not being nice to pedestrians. They are pushing people off the sidewalks. Concentrate on 21st street from E Street up to Pennsylvania Avenue.
 - Kevin: Thank you, Sarah. Sorry to hear this is continuing.
- Barbara Kahlow: Asked again about 2525 I Street, the house owned by a local rabbi.

9. Next meeting

- Suggested for January 13

Meeting Ended: 4:58 pm