

GW Campus Plan Advisory Committee Meeting (CPAC)

CPAC Virtual Meeting | Monday, Jan 13, 2025, | 6:30 pm

Meeting Notes

Meeting Began: 6:33 pm

1. Introductions

GW Participants:

- Kevin Days
 - Christy Anthony
 - Adam Goldstein
 - Adam Aaronson
 - Brian Snyder
 - Seth Weinshel
 - Karen Zinn
 - Maralee Csellar
 - John Ralls
 - Shannon McClendon
- Community Participants
 - Jim Malec, ANC Commissioner
 - Barbara Kahlow, Board and Officer of the West End Citizen Association
 - Franke Leone & Denise Volt, Co-Chairs of Foggy Bottom History Project
 - Sarah Shapiro, a resident of Columbia Plaza
 - John Seichter, West Ends Citizen Association
 - Andrew Gordan, West End Citizens Association member
 - Harold Christy, Community member in the Watergate
 - Eli Russ, resident of The Avenue
 - Sadie Cornelius, FBA board member
 - Trupti Patel, ANC Commissioner and Chairperson
 - Virginia Rogers, resident of Columbia Plaza & GW alumna
 - Ella Mitchell, GW Hatchet reporter

2. Spring Semester Updates

- Overview of Spring Semester Important Dates
- Public Safety Updates
 - Campus Safety Committee met
 - Thanks to the community for the snow removal teamwork
 - Inauguration updates at campus advisories.

- Community Corner
 - Overview of Spring Course Audit Program - applications close Jan. 24 at noon.
- Student Affairs Update
 - During Fall 2024 one incident of off-campus misconduct was reported.

3. Construction Management and Campus Planning Updates

- Lisner and I Street Mall renovations completed.
- 2027 Campus Plan - community engagement to begin mid-2025.
 - Barbara asked what the overall timeline is before submission.
 - Adam - still working on the details and building the schedule, but we expect it to be a two-year process.
 - Barbara - Will you commit to not filing anything until you have talked to us?
 - Adam - Absolutely, we will not file until we engage the community.

Questions:

- **Frank Leone:** Is the fence around the grassy area on the quad permanent?
 - Adam: It is temporary but how long temporary is still TBD.
- **Denise Volt:** The I Street Mall. I get that there was treatment put in place for rat abatement. But it still looks undone and I don't think it is working. What more are you doing? Because there seems to be increased activity.
 - Adam: Our grounds team actively monitors. Where exactly are you seeing it? (Denise, along the hospital near the benches).
- **Frank:** BTW, the Big Belly trash cans across campus look good and seem to be working to minimize rats.

4. Business and Real Estate Updates

Real Estate

- Update that the initial plan to convert the West Tower into student housing has been paused. We will evaluate student housing needs as part of the 2027 Campus Plan.

Questions:

- **Barbara Kahlow:** 2001 Penn PUD. When is the daycare coming?

- **Karen Zinn:** I don't have any updates from Boston Properties as that is their property to manage. I will ask Boston Properties.
- **Barbara:** Are you aware that the new Bodega is a Night Club? And is GW going to provide security?
 - **Karen:** This is new information. That space is part of Boston Properties property. I can't respond to any of their concerns if they have any. I will pass this information on to them.
- **Eli Russ:** I attended the December meeting at the Avenue and it did not go well. Glad to see that student housing is off the table for now but concerned it still may be under consideration. I want more communication or a plan earlier if this is brought up again. Also, the current management company is also a concern. What is GW doing to address where they are falling short?
 - **Karen:** You should have received an invitation if you are a resident of the Avenue to attend a meeting in the building on Thursday. At the meeting, we will discuss the action plan we have asked the management company to follow.
- **Roti** - a food vendor on the first floor of the Residences of the Avenue went bankrupt and left their lease. We are actively seeking a new food vendor and will provide updates.

Business Services:

- We are working through some plans tentatively for Mitchell Hall for interior renovations. Will stay compliant with the 2007 Campus Plan. Not a done deal yet, expecting approval in the next couple of months.
- Panda Express in the Science & Engineering Hall - tentative open in late February or Early March, based on permits.
- Chick-fil-A: still under construction in the old 7-11. Tentative open in late April or Early May. Regardless of what happens with Mitchell renovation, CFA will remain open.
 - **Sarah Shapiro:** What's the problem with Mitchell? It looks like it was last updated in 2019.
 - **Seth Weinstein:** Part of the renovation will make it ADA accessible.

5. Community Forum - Questions from Audience/Community

- **Eli:** I am a frequent visitor to Zingers Cafe in the Hillel building. But since the opening, there has been a loss of the food menu options that are featured and the cost seems to have increased and the hours seem to constantly change.

- **Seth:** Thanks for that comment. I want to connect with you afterward to hear more feedback.

- **Barbara:** The GW Grounds crew cleared the sidewalks and did a good job.

6. Next CPAC Meeting

- Proposed: Next meeting, Monday, March 17.
- Shared links to websites and contact Info.

Meeting Adjourned: 7:15 p.m.