

MEETING NOTES for the GW/COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(As called for in the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan, Condition P-7)
Meeting #36/Quarter 3/September 19, 2016 – 6:30 pm in Duques Hall (2201 G Street) Room 620

1)=Welcome & Introductions

Director of GW's Office of Community Relations Britany Waddell opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with introductions of individuals supporting GW for the Advisory Committee, including: Susi Cora, GW Director of Campus Planning; David Dent, Assistant Vice President for Facilities and Campus Development; from the GW Center for Student Engagement, both Director Bridgette Behling and Assistant Director Thomas Germaine, and; GW staff member John Ralls. Following this, attendees introduced themselves, including: Foggy Bottom Association President Marina Streznewski; Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANC) Patrick Kennedy and Eve Zhurbinskiy; West End Citizen's Association members Barbara Kahlow and Sara Maddux; Foggy Bottom neighbor Susan Armbruster.

2)=Campus Plan and campus development updates

2a) Other 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan initiatives -- 2ai)=Historic Preservation Plan: GW has complied with historic preservation requirements as part of the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan (2007 FBCP). **Foggy Bottom Campus Streetscape Plan:** Streetscape work at District House is complete and sign package will be submitted for permit soon.

2b)=Updates on campus development projects

2bi)=Site 75A on Square 75 (Completion per developer): This site is a commercial investment property located on Pennsylvania Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets. 2112 Penn is expected to deliver in the second quarter of 2018. The project is continuing on schedule. Excavation is nearing completion, with no need for controlled rock blasting -- over the summer, Skanska had been regularly communicating with impacted neighbors that blasting might occur, but last week they informed neighbors that excavation can be completed without any need for blasting. The demolition of the Eye Street Townhomes is not critical path and likely will commence later this fall. The tower crane was delivered and installed the weekend of August 27 and is now operational. Concrete trucks have begun bringing concrete to the site and have been queuing on 22nd Street. Utility (electrical) work in the alley is now expected to commence late 2016/early 2017. As we get closer to the date, and have more clarity from PEPCO, Skanska will communicate this work in more detail to the President condo and other users in the alley. Kahlow shared that West End Citizens Association has met with Skanska and reiterated the desire for retail that would promote night time activities/presence.

The renovation of three F Street townhouses for affordable housing was an amenity linked to the development of Site 75A. Cora said that Nest DC, a certified broker is reviewing marketing plans with Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD). The units will be marketed and leased in accordance with DHCD requirements, and made available through DHCD's Housing Locator website. The renovations were mostly completed in summer 2016 but utility work has extended the delivery of this housing to this fall.

2bii)=Site 77A on Square 77 – District House Residence Hall (Completion summer 2016 for Fall move-in): This residence hall, located in the center of campus between H and I and 20th and 21st streets opened for students this fall. Venues are expected to open in October and will include Peet's Coffee, Wiseguy NY Pizza, Beef 'n' Bread, Chick-fil-A, GRK Fresh Greek and Sol Mexican Grill. Kahlow asked about the hours for District House eateries and Dent confirmed that it would be open to the public until 10:00 p.m.

2c)=General GW updates

2ci)=GW Hillel building including associated zoning and regulatory approvals associated with GW's proposed long-term tenancy in newly proposed developed GW Hillel building: Cora shared that it is GW's understanding that St Mary's Church and WECA appealed the zoning order approving the Hillel building on May 19. Kahlow said WECA had also filed a brief regarding this project.

2cii)=Hall on Virginia Avenue: GW received a number of offers for the sale of the HOVA property and has closed on the sale to Urban Investment Properties. Kahlow shared that WECA and other community leaders had met with UIP regarding their plans for the site and had secured an agreement from UIP to prohibit use of alcohol on the rooftop public areas and zoning. Per Kahlow's request, Cora confirmed that the GW Inn is on the market as well as the "W Street House" next to the Mount Vernon Campus.

3)=Other campus updates/Recent/upcoming major campus activities. Behling gave an update on outreach/monitoring activities by GW's Off Campus Student Affairs (OCSA) office to encourage students being a better neighbor, including: 1) GW's "Be a good neighbor" online required tutorial was posted and two live sessions have been hosted; 2) Neighborhood trash walks have been conducted to assess which properties are in compliance with DC regulations; 3) OCSA newsletters have been sent to off campus students which have details about noise and trash regulations/violations; 4) increased social media outreach; 5) Training with GW student staff as to GW's off-campus good neighbor efforts; 7) Quiet Zone Campaign to remind students of noise regulations; 8) GW's Fall break is October 24, 25 and the fall semester final exam period is Dec 14-22. Streznewski said she appreciates GW's efforts but that several houses have been reported for trash and/or noise violations more than three times and there was a discussion as to GW's other outreach efforts. Kahlow requested Waddell invite to a future meeting the GW staff who work on efforts to prevent underage student drinking.

4)=Public Comments

Zhurbinskiy said asked for an update on a concern she shared at the last quarterly meeting regarding a map published by DC Water that indicated there could "possibly" be several buildings on GW's campus with lead water pipes. It was later shared with Zhurbinskiy that the university has inspected all of its properties and confirmed there are no lead pipes and this information is being provided to DC Water

Kahlow said she had heard there is an interest by GW to remove the student enrollment cap and asked for clarification as to this. Cora and Waddell confirmed that GW has no plans to change its enrollment cap commitments in the 2007 FBCP. Kennedy said in regard to enrollment caps, he recognizes that Knapp and Carbonell were speaking on their own behalf and from an economic impact position but he feels that even these individual comments can cause confusion amongst neighbors as to GW's commitment to the 2007 FBCP.

Armbruster commented on GW's new effort to provide food to students in need and encouraged close monitoring of the food distribution to ensure it is shared with the intended audience.

Zhurbinskiy shared concern GW Alerts are being issued after DC's MPD is already present and Streznewski shared her concern that GW staff working on this issue are not open to changing the current system. Cora and Waddell agreed to arrange for a representative working on this issue to be present at a quarterly meeting in 2017. Maddux asked that GW also share its safety/security efforts related to the January 2017 Presidential Inauguration.

5)=Selection of date for meeting #36 of this group in 4th quarter (Sep-Dec) of 2016

It was agreed the tentative date of the next meeting would be November 14, 2016 in advance of ANC 2A's monthly meeting later that month.