

Progress Report on Condition P-10 (Implementation of Streetscape Plan)

Condition:

Upon the effective date of this Order and the expiration of any appeal period, the University shall proceed within sixty (60) days to initiate the process to obtain necessary approvals of the proposed Streetscape Plan from DDOT. The costs and resources associated with the implementation of building identifiers (e.g., flags, awnings, and placards), street furniture (e.g., benches, trash receptacles, bike racks, and emergency call stations), way-finding elements (e.g., campus maps, directional signage, and location symbols), street banners (e.g., pedestrian, vehicular, and thematic banners often mounted on street light posts), and distinctive design elements (e.g., public art, plaques, busts, clocks, paving medallions, and mid-block crossing treatments) as set forth in the proposed Streetscape Plan will be the responsibility of the University. The costs and resources associated with the implementation of other streetscape elements – including sidewalk paving materials, street lighting fixtures, and certain plantings (particularly street trees) – may be allocated among the University, DDOT, and, as appropriate and available, other outside sources (including organizations or foundations such as Casey Trees for campus street trees). The University shall work with DDOT with respect to planning for future District streetscape improvement projects that impact the Foggy Bottom campus, and the specific allocation and contribution of costs associated with such improvement projects will be made on a project-by-project basis. Streetscape improvements associated with development projects identified in the Campus Plan and first-stage PUD shall be funded by the University and shall be specifically addressed as part of the second-stage PUD application for each project.

GW Response:

Starting in March 2009, the University re-engaged EE&K Architects (the planners who prepared the Campus Plan PUD) to redevelop proposals for a master plan to implement the streetscape components of the Campus Plan PUD. The University met with representatives of the community as well as DDOT, OP, and other District agencies to solicit feedback on the plan, including two community meetings in May and June 2009. Following a Preliminary Design Review Meeting with representatives of multiple District agencies and disciplines in September 2007 and again in December 2009, the University incorporated DDOT and neighborhood comments into a revised Streetscape Plan that was resubmitted to DDOT in August 2010. In November 2010, the University developed and submitted a permitting and maintenance agreement for incorporating and maintaining components in public space. GW and DDOT continue to evaluate the Streetscape Plan in order to develop a final permitting and maintenance agreement that guides future work.

To date, the University has completed streetscape improvements throughout Square 80, Square 54, and the Charles E. Smith Center on Square 57. Various streetscape improvements will be included in the pending redevelopment of sites on Squares 103, 55, 39, and 102. Finally, the University is currently in the process of designing streetscape improvements on the west side of 23rd Street between Eye and Washington Circle and the east side of 22nd Street between Eye and Pennsylvania Avenue.