Facilities & Transportation Working Group Meeting

2021 Mount Vernon Campus Planning Community Engagement

DATE: April 14, 2021

GW Participants:

- Brian Snyder, Director of Facilities Resources and Planning (Co-Chair)
- Andrew Lundt, Assistant Athletics Director
- Destiny Jackson, Director of Transportation Logistics
- David Dent, AVP for Facilities Planning, Construction and Management
- Kevin Days, Director of Community Relations

Community Participants:

- Stephen Gardner (Co-Chair)
- Virginia Gorsevski
- Pierre Oury

Key Discussion Points:

- Welcome and introductions
- Recap of process and expectations for Working Group
- Review of Overview of next steps in preparation for April 8, 2021 Working Group meeting
- Open discussion on SCFMP ideas and other community ideas
  - Options to maintain tennis courts for community use
  - Lighting concerns and impacts to W Street/community
    - New technology for directional lighting
    - Soccer field/lacrosse field lighting
  - Track and field surface options
  - Nature walking path around perimeter of campus
    - Safety and security issues and options
    - Lighting bollards options
  - Berkeley Terrace and W Street buffer zone protections as part of current Campus Plan
  - Option for small market on campus to compensate for the closure of Safeway for students and community
  - Space for electric bikes and scooters on campus to avoid parking on public streets
  - Off campus parking concerns along W Street
    - Options for reduced parking rates to entice parking in garage in lieu of streets
  - Creation of win-win for community to utilize facilities
  - NW area at Hand Chapel – option for wildlife preserve strategy to promote wildlife diversity | leave as-is to minimize disturbance of area
  - Status of Hand Chapel – same programming intended
  - Landscaping improvements to integrate into the existing Campus Plan commitments to include bio-diverse stormwater management opportunities
- Update on current issues and concerns raised at 2/25/21 quarterly meeting
  - Hand Chapel mechanical equipment noise
Landscape buffer along W Street and Berkeley Terrace
• Fence/gate downstream from Hand Chapel
• Noise from Athletics’ events
• Update from previous meeting Action Items
• Review of online resources and contact information
• Three (3) major issues
  o Stormwater management
  o Noise mitigation
  o Lighting
• Update on GW Working Group Co-Chair transition to Brian Snyder
• Stephen Gardner will represent community as Co-Chair of Working Group

Action Points:

• Evaluation of options for the following discussion points:
  o outdoor track/field and soccer field lighting
  o perimeter nature walking trail and safety considerations
  o space for electric scooter and/or bike parking
  o Natural wildlife preserve strategy adjacent to Hand Chapel
  o Integration/maintenance of buffer zone along Berkeley Terrace and W Street
• Confirm Hand Chapel programming plans
• Further development of three (3) major issues in Campus Plan strategy:
  o Stormwater management
  o Noise mitigation
  o Lighting

Summary:

The Facilities and Transportation Planning Working opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions. The meeting included a review of the current Strategic Campus and Facilities Master Plan ideas for Mount Vernon following by a dialog of questions and idea sharing between the committee. As the Working Group continues working towards a consensus-based Campus Plan approach, three major themes evolved that will be integral to a new Campus Plan; (1) stormwater management, (2) noise mitigation, and (3) outdoor lighting.