

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
 - Stormwater management
 - Noise mitigation
 - 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:
 - outdoor track/field and soccer field lighting
 - perimeter nature walking trail and safety considerations
 - space for electric scooter and/or bike parking
 - Natural wildlife preserve strategy adjacent to Hand Chapel
 - 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:
 - Stormwater management
 - Noise mitigation
 - 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.