

## **MEETING NOTES for the GW COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

(As called for in the *2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan*, Condition P-7)

Meeting #31 (Quarter 2) – Room 553 Duques Hall Monday, May 18, 2015 @ 6:30 pm

### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

Britany Waddell of The George Washington University opened the meeting at 6:30 p.m. with introductions of individuals appointed by GW as members of this Advisory Committee, including herself and: Susi Cora, GW Director of Campus Planning; Alicia Knight, Senior Associate Vice President for Operations; Peter Konwerski, GW Vice Provost and Dean of Student Affairs. Following this, attendees introduced themselves, including: Patrick Kennedy of Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 2A; West End Citizen Association members Barbara Kahlow and Sara Maddux; Foggy Bottom Association President Marina Streznewski;; GW staff members, Richard Livingstone, Stephanie Sarvana, and Eric Selbst.

### **2. CAMPUS PLAN AND CAMPUS DEVELOPMENT UPDATES**

#### **2a)=Other 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan initiatives:**

***Historic Preservation Plan:*** Cora said that the university has complied with historic preservation requirements as part of the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan (2007 FBCP). Kahlow requested the latest version of GW's compliance report and Livingstone agreed to have it delivered.

***Foggy Bottom Campus Streetscape Plan:*** Cora said GW has completed the streetscape project on the east side of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street between I St and Pennsylvania Ave and on the west side of 23<sup>rd</sup> Street between I St and Washington Circle. Maddux asked if the Ross Hall project was complete and whether the university intended to repair 24<sup>th</sup> street. Cora said the university would look into her concern but believed we have repaired anything we may have damaged and other complaints regarding potholes should be referred to the District's 311 system.

#### **2b)=Updates on campus development projects**

***2bi)=Site 75A on Square 75 (Completion TBD per developer):*** Cora reiterated that this site is a commercial investment property located on Pennsylvania Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets. The site was approved in the 2007 FBCP and identified as a site for either a future commercial/investment or academic/administrative/medical use. She noted that pre-construction utility work is being done at this time. Skanska is the developer for this site and is working with GW on finalizing the schedule for demolition and construction. Kennedy requested help with ANC 2A's request to DDoT on the potential to install a pedestrian bump out on the east side of the 22<sup>nd</sup> and I St intersection. Kennedy would like the crosswalk re-installed and asked if we could also contact DDoT on the issue. Cora said she would reiterate GW's desire to have this crosswalk re-installed but stressed this decision is at sole discretion of DDoT and GW has no role/authority in the resolution of this issue.

***2bii)=Site 77A on Square 77 – District House Residence Hall (Completion summer 2016 for Fall move-in):*** Cora said this residence hall, located in the center of campus between H, I, 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> Streets is expected to open for students in fall 2016. Historic facades of West End, Schenley and Crawford Halls on the 2100 block of H and I Streets have been retained while incorporating a new infill structure between the three historic buildings. Construction is well underway and the structure supporting the original facades will be removed in the coming weeks. Utility work is ongoing and will necessitate night work in the street. Kennedy asked when the university intended to present to the ANC on the project's streetscape plan which will be going to the Public Space Committee in the coming month and Cora suggested doing this at the ANC's June meeting. It was also noted that the parking meters surrounding the SEH had yet to be reinstalled. Cora said she would follow-up with DDoT regarding their installation.

## **2c)=General GW updates**

**2ci)=GW Hillel** building including associated zoning and regulatory approvals for GW's proposed long-term tenancy in the proposed redeveloped GW Hillel building; GW Hillel intends to redevelop its property located on 23rd and H Streets to better serve its mission, and GW has agreed to lease space in the new building to support development costs for the project. The university's minor modification to its first stage PUD (part of the 2007 FBCP) to assign a campus life use designation to the Hillel site and the Hillel project is currently scheduled to be discussed by the Zoning Commission on September 21<sup>st</sup>.

**2cii)=Hall on Virginia Avenue rehabilitation plan:** Cora stated that GW intends to rehabilitate the existing Hall on Virginia Avenue (HOVA) residence hall. GW is still in the design process and continues testing and investigatory work to finalize its plans for renovation of the building. GW will follow up with the ANC when this design process has been finalized. Kahlow mentioned that there was a dumpster on Route 66 that may belong to the university in association with the HOVA project and should be removed or relocated. Cora said she would look into the concern but said it was likely related to nearby non-GW work at the Watergate.

**2ciii)=GW Corcoran College of Arts and Design:** Cora noted the interior historic designation was deliberated by Historic Preservation Review Board at its February 26 meeting. GW will undertake phased work to bring the structure to code and modernize HVAC systems while working with the Historic Preservation Office to retain significance of designated historic areas. She reported that on May 4<sup>th</sup> the DC Zoning Commission heard and approved GW's request for a modification to the 2007 FBCP. This request asked the Commission to allow GW to account for Corcoran students who either take classes or live in GW housing on the Foggy Bottom campus. GW's caps on students and faculty staff remain as outlined in the 2007 FBCP.

## **3)=OTHER CAMPUS UPDATES**

Konwerski gave a general overview of end of semester activities including commencement, upcoming freshmen orientation (Colonial Inauguration) in June, and start of fall semester dates.

## **4)=PUBLIC COMMENT/SELECTION OF NEXT MEETING DATE**

Kennedy asked if the Vern Express shuttle stop relocation from H Street (during SEH construction) to G Street was permanent or if we intended to return the stop to its former location. Cora noted the relocation was permanent and moving it back would be difficult as there would be no place for riders to stay inside if it was cold or raining. The university subsequently re-confirmed that this relocation was originally shared and approved as a permanent relocation.

With no additional comments, Waddell asked attendees for potential dates to have the next meeting of this group and it was agreed that the second quarter meeting of this group will be Monday August 31, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. unless it is needed to be held at a different time. With no further comments, the meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.