

MEETING NOTES for the GW/COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(As called for in the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan, Condition P-7)
Meeting #37/Quarter 4/November 14, 2016 – 6:30 pm in Monroe Hall (2115 G Street) Room 350

1)=Welcome & Introductions

The meeting opened at 6:30 p.m. with introductions of individuals supporting GW for the Advisory Committee, including: Susi Cora, GW Director of Campus Planning; Alicia Knight, Senior Associate Vice President for Operations; Thomas Germaine, GW Center for Student Engagement; GW staff member John Ralls. Following this, attendees introduced themselves, including: Foggy Bottom Association President Marina Streznewski; Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners (ANC) Dietrich Campbell, Patrick Kennedy, Will Smith 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 is being finalized with DCRA permitting.

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 with: below grade work ongoing and the demolition of the Eye Street Townhomes later this fall; the tower crane was delivered and is operational; the approved truck route is in operating for concrete and delivery vehicles, and; renovation of three F Street townhouses for affordable housing (an amenity linked to the development of Site 75A) is currently being marketed by Nest DC, a certified broker in accordance with DHCD requirements and the units are listed on DHCD's Housing Locator website.

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: HOVA was sold by GW in August of 2016 and will not be reported on in future meetings. Kahlow said West End Citizens Association is having the new owners of this site speak at their meeting on Nov. 15, 2015.

2ciii) District House venues include Peet's Coffee, Wiseguy NY Pizza, Beef 'n' Bread, Chick-fil-A, GRK Fresh Greek and Sol Mexican Grill. The venues are anticipated to open in time for the spring semester and District House will be open to the public until 10:00 p.m.

3)=Other campus updates/Recent/upcoming major campus activities.

Germaine gave updates regarding Off Campus Student Affairs. He said that the "Be A Good Neighbor Training" has been kept open for students throughout the year and that the Quiet Zone Campaign has been launched to remind students of noise regulations and appropriate behavior in the neighborhoods; GW's fall break was a resounding success, with many students using this new fall semester break to leave campus. Upcoming important dates/deadlines for student calendar, include that the last day of classes for the fall semester is 12/12 and exams are 12/14- 12/22. Also, there will be an "Off Campus Housing Fair" on 02/07/2017 including "Tips and Tricks for renting an apartment."

4)=Public Comments

Kahlow asked about the recent conversion of the food outlet on the lower level of Foggy Bottom Grocery from sandwiches to sushi and Asian noodles. Knight confirmed that GW's lease is still with the original owners and GW's interpretation was that grab-n-go sandwiches is consistent with other groceries in the area and thus acceptable and that the university has not been informed of any plans for the establishment.

Zhurbinskiy raised concerns as to recent fire alarm evacuations and Knight confirmed that due to the configuration of the affinity units, DC Government required that any fire alarms going off in an affinity unit trigger an evacuation of the entire building. She said that GW has worked with DC officials to relocate to the extent possible these items and this has alleviated the problem. Knight confirmed that two of the vendors on the lower level of District House are close to opening and the other vendors are actively in construction. Zhurbinskiy shared concerns with noise associated with recent construction activities in the future Peet's coffee shop and Knight agreed to confirm the construction teams are not beginning noisy work before 9am and to see if they might be able to start later.

Zhurbinskiy asked as to the status of finding new tenants for some of the vacant spaces in 2000 Penn. Knight said the large size of the former Kinkead's Restaurant (10,000 sf) and the placement/arrangement of the 2nd floor have both been challenging with regard to backfilling this space and, with respect to Johnny Rockets space, the university is in active talks with a prospective tenant.

Campbell asked which residence halls would be renovated during summer 2017 and Knight said the list has not been finalized and we are still in the process of creating the capital budget but should know by early 2017 as to which residence halls will be included in this summer's renovation.

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 reiterated her concern that GW Alerts are not being administered effectively as they could and this is of even greater importance given the recent reports of increased hate crimes/speech/actions toward various groups and Knight agreed to share this with appropriate university officials.

Maddux asked about the status of Corcoran Hall renovation and Knight confirmed that it is a full interior renovation/reconfiguration as part of the backfill from the Science and Engineering Hall project. Maddux shared her concern about the sidewalk closure in front of the project site and it was confirmed that this closure is only during times when construction is actively underway.

Kennedy raised his concern about legislation before the DC Council which would repeal the current ban on new helipads at hospitals. Knight said she has not been a part of this conversation since the hospital is a separate entity. Kennedy asked if the university, in addition to the hospital, has had any role in lobbying for this legislation and it was subsequently confirmed this is an initiative being pursued by the hospital but not the university. Maddux shared that when the current GW hospital was under construction there was much discussion as to neighborhood opposition to any helipad at that time or in the future. Streznewski shared an email she had received from GW Hospital Director Kim Russo that while the hospital has been desirous for years to have a helipad they would not proceed forward without consulting with the community.

5)=Selection of date for meeting #38 of this group in 1st quarter (Jan-March) of 2017

It was agreed the tentative date of the next meeting would be February 13, 2017 in advance of ANC 2A's monthly meeting later that month.