

GW COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE
(Per Condition P-7 of the *2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan*)
Meeting Minutes

Meeting #40 (Quarter 3) – Room 360 Duques Hall
Tuesday, September 12, 2017@ 6:30 pm

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; Bridgette Behling, Director, Center for Student Engagement; Renee McPhatter, Assistant Vice President of Government and Community Relations. Also in attendance were: GW students Jacob Smith, Anna Gallicchio, Robert Dickson, Colin O'Brien, and Finley Wetmore. The Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A was represented by Commissioner Eve Zhurbinskiy; the West End Citizens Association (WECA) was represented by Barbara Kahlow and Sara Maddux; and the Foggy Bottom Association (FBA) was represented by Marina Streznewski. St Mary's Episcopal Church members Mercia Arnold, Eugene Aaron, and Windon Ringer were present. Other attendees included as were Susan Armbruster, Adena Kirstein, Peter Chew, Jody Winter, Jake Stroman, and CJ Overly.

2.-Campus Plan and campus development updates

2a.-Other 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan initiatives:

2ai.-Historic Preservation Plan: As previously reported GW has complied with historic preservation requirements as part of the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan (2007 FBCP).

2aii.-Foggy Bottom Campus Streetscape Plan: Streetscape improvements on the west side of 23rd between G and H Streets. This project is currently with the DCRA Permit Office and work will commence as soon as the permit is approved.

2b.-Updates on campus development projects:

2bi.-Site 75A on Square 75 (2112 Penn Ave): This site is a commercial investment property located on Pennsylvania Avenue between 21st and 22nd Streets. 2112 Pennsylvania Avenue is expected to deliver (completed?) in the third quarter of 2018. The precast panel installation along the south elevation is complete and the Pennsylvania Avenue curtainwall is up to the 10th floor. Roofing is also underway so bldg. will be weathertight this fall. The trash chute was installed, the alley will remain open and flaggers will be utilized when necessary.

2bii.-Site 75B on Square 75 (2100 Penn Ave): Since signing the Development Agreement in December 2016, Boston Properties has been actively engaged in designing the new building and coordinating with GW to engage city agencies and community groups. Representatives from the development team have attended meetings with the ANC2A, FBA, and WECA as well as GW's FRIENDS neighborhood group and this committee. Boston Properties representation Jake Stroman provided an update on the project:

- The project in planning is for a 400,000 SF building with the goal of LEED Gold under version 4, and estimated building delivery is in 2022.
- Building form is envisioned as curtain wall of terracotta and glass reflecting the idea of waves in a flag.
- Three story main lobby on Pennsylvania Avenue with 30,00 SF of retail and a parking garage for approximately 334 cars. Streetscape is planned to make a level and pedestrian friendly area.
- Proposed Benefits & Amenities Package:

- Parks -- 4 projects
 - 26th street by K and I, new crosswalks, sidewalk extension, landscaping, water fountain -- \$150,000
 - Reservation 28 - general beautification - \$150,000 or more committed by BP
 - M St. Park bound by 2st and NH Ave -- include artwork within the park (\$30,000 funded by BP)
 - Francis Stevens School on M St. -- \$20,000 urban farm
- Foggy Bottom Metro Station Improvement
 - WMATA undergoing a feasibility analysis to find out how to increase capacity and functionality to identify potential improvements projects. BP will provide \$350,000 for WMATA identified improvements
 - BP responded no to the question if funding would provide a second metro entry for the Foggy Bottom station noting that its cost will be in tens of millions that far exceeds this amenity package.

Next Steps: The development team will present to the ANC on the 19th, file the pre-hearing statement on the 21st with a Zoning hearing on Oct.12.

2c.-General GW updates

2ci.-GW Hillel –Hillel Director Adena Kirstein and her project consultant Pete Chew provided an update to the project. Kirstein iterated her goals of providing a student-centered space for students and Chew provided the following project updates:

- The Hillel Board of Directors authorized a new design team to look at the program and how to translate that to a building that meets the program needs, reducing the need for variance reliefs.
- They are proposing a building 48 ft high structure with a penthouse (previous building was 56ft) to comply with the rear yard and lot occupancy.
- Building will utilize existing footprint to minimize foundation work impacts to adjoining structures.
- A rear yard between Hillel and St. Mary’s property was proposed to create a 16’ buffer with an outdoor space.
- Upper floors -- looking at bays that are less extensive than the ones previously proposed.
- Four floors with a penthouse of approximately 1543 sf and an outdoor space on the 23rd St side of the building.
- Entrance on H Street
- GW Hillel would occupy all of the building with the exception of the 3rd and 4th floors that GW would occupy.

Barbara Kahlow asked what variances are still being sought and the response was for the parking and roof setback variances. Eve Zurbinskiy asked if the plan would proceed regardless of how the court decision comes out and the response was court has approved the modification for GW’s use of the space and changes are comprised of re-shaping the building and reducing some of the requested variances. Representatives from St. Mary’s Church requested that Hillel’s decision makers present at future Hillel/St Mary’s meetings. They also asked about where the 16’ space was measured from and the team responded that it was 16’ from the property line.

3-Campus Plan and campus development updates

3a.-Other campus updates:

- Fulbright construction delays necessitated that residents be temporarily housed at One Washington Circle Hotel as well as the Renaissance Hotel. All students are now moved into Fulbright.
- Neighborhood Walks were continued through the summer and have begun again for the fall.
- Door hangers placed on doors to remind off campus focus re: noise and trash guidelines.
- Social Media and a newsletter sent over Labor Day weekend included information on behavioral guidelines for trash and noise issues.
- Greek house managers were trained in noise and trash guidelines

3b.-Important dates: Fall Break – Oct 9-10; Thanksgiving break – Nov. 22-25; Last day of classes, Dec. 11; Reading Day, Dec. 12, and; Final exams – Dec. 13-21.

4-Public Comments

- Eve Zhurbinskiy commented on “Do not travel alone”.
- Sarah Maddux reiterated her annual ask that students not play ball in F Street. She also commented that pedestrians and bicyclists are not paying attention and are not following traffic rules.
- Marina Streznewski said bicycle and pedestrian errors were not limited to students but also non-students in the community. A comment was also made regarding the potential to partner with the Student Association to on a Stop Look and Listen campaign
- Mercia Arnold commented on the difficulty of seeing the traffic light at 23rd and G Streets and asked if an auditory signal could be added. Marina said this was an issue for DC Govt.
- St. Mary’s representatives commented on their 150th year anniversary and commended GW for its support and also bringing GW President and other faculty members to the celebration.
- Barbara Kahlow asked if GW was going to let the community know what was going to happen to the Hatchet since it had sold its previous home in the 2100 block of F Street. Alicia Knight responded that she had previously advised that these questions needed to be directed to the Hatchet.
- Maddux commented that there were several demonstrations planned for the coming weekend.
- Zhurbinskiy said in the introduction to public transportation section in the Campus Plan that GW is required in the campus plan to put out transportation information to incoming students but she had not seen this in her four years at GW. Alicia Knight responded that these requirements were met and that this year there were changes to how Colonial Inauguration was implemented and that a lot of our content was put into an online module.
- Zhurbinskiy commented on a title 9 investigation into a possible GW violation.
- Jacob Smith — vice president/VP of community affairs for Student Association introduced himself and communicated he will be working with community related issues and had already met with met with Streznewski and Renee McPhatter.
- Zhurbinskiy announced that GW students can obtain DC library cards.

5.-Selection of date for meeting #41 of this group in 4th quarter (Oct-Dec) of 2017

The date selection was deferred until details about Thomas LeBlanc’s inauguration were announced but was tentatively suggested for the standard meeting time of a Monday before the monthly ANC 2A meeting, in this case Monday November 13 assuming this does not conflict with inaugural activities.