

**Meeting Minutes for meeting #47 (Quarter 2) of
GW Community Advisory Committee (aka Campus Plan Advisory Committee/CPAC)
Room 204 Corcoran Hall on Monday, June 17, 2018 @ 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: Alicia Knight, Senior Associate Vice President for Operations; Associate Dean of Students Colette Coleman; Susi Cora, Director of Campus Planning; Christine Anthony, Director of GW's Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities; Kevin Days, Director of Community Relations. GW staff attendees were Maralee Csellar, and John Ralls; The Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC 2A) was represented by ANC Coordinator Peter Saaco, Commissioner James Harnett and Vice Chair Patrick Kennedy; The West End Citizens Association (WECA) was represented by President Sara Maddux and WECA Secretary/Treasurer Barbara Kahlow; Foggy Bottom Association President Marina Streznewski; Foggy Bottom Neighbors included Susan Armbruster; Zach Schonfeld, GW Hatchet staff writer and Dean Whitelaw, GW Hatchet staff photographer; GW students included Nina Clark, Residence Hall Association President Trinity Diaz, Kendall Kirk, Jessica Layton, Samira Carter, Student Association President SJ Matthews, and Colin Medwick.

2=Overview of GW's planning for renovations of Thurston Hall

Cora began with a general overview of the site/building location as well as stressing all images/renderings being shown were concept/draft and not final. Highlights from her review of current building renderings included:

- A new courtyard opened up by removing sections of several floors on the south side of the Thurston facing the loading dock and side of adjacent building Mitchell Hall (referred to informally during the meeting by attendees as "the notch" and noted in minutes below);
- Streetscape improvements on exterior grounds to enhance connections between students and city;
- An open-air canopy over the courtyard which provides fresh air and allows use of the courtyard for the majority of the year;
- A requested setback for the canopy on the south side of the building adjacent Mitchell and loading area – current drawings are for a special exception which is within height requirements;
- An increase in daylight at the courtyard that enhances visual connectivity of the building;
- An occupiable penthouse positioned toward F Street to be a space for student meetings and study;
- Additional areas for students to be outside the building and sit/study and be more integrated into the surrounding neighborhood and city (Kahlow and Maddux shared concern that there not be any amplified sound emitted from the building into these areas).

The meeting then focused on a series on questions from the attendees including:

- Regarding the decline in total beds in the hall after the renovation, Kennedy asked how many beds were being lost due to the "notch" on the south side to open the courtyard and how many due to other factors. Cora said some would be lost due to the notch/courtyard but also since the renovated building will offer significantly more community space – she said that there is a strong desire from university leadership that every floor is its own "neighborhood" and be connected to other floors/neighborhoods;
- Harnett asked about number of beds/bed configurations in each room after renovation and Coleman said it would likely be singles and doubles;
- In response to a question from Harnett as to locations of kitchens, Coleman said community kitchens will be on each floor;
- Kennedy asked if notch idea had been run by DC's Historic Preservation Office and Cora confirmed it had been discussed with DC HPO and other government agencies during this initial design phase. In response to a related Kennedy question as to if any of the courtyard notch would be visible from the street, Cora said only a small portion would be visible and the architecture would provide a 'visual history' of the previous façade;
- In response to questions related for near-term next steps on the project, Cora said the university continues discussions this summer with various DC and federal agencies including, Historic Preservation Office, DC Department of Transportation, Commission on Fine Arts and Office of Planning. She said the intent is to an application for Further Processing later this summer along with a

modification to 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan and the 1957 E Street PUD this month with an expectation they will be heard together;

- Maddux asked about loading and servicing of the building and if any measures would be taken to mitigate impacts. Cora said it will likely occur as it currently does with a trash compactor servicing Thurston and Mitchell Halls to remain in same area between the two halls. She added that the introduction of dining services in Thurston will mean an anticipated increase in deliveries– with likely two to three larger deliveries weekly for food service and several smaller deliveries during the week. Kennedy noted there used to be a full-service cafeteria in Thurston so food service is consistent. Knight agreed and added the university was working with a traffic consultant as well to determine how to mitigate impacts;
- In response to a question of whether meeting space would be open to general public, Cora said the intention is for these interior spaces to be for students;
- In response to questions as to why the courtyard is being designed for use in three and not four seasons, Cora said current building design best practices now emphasize on “biophilia,” which promotes the benefits of fresh air and daylight. Knight added that all three final architects in the design competition featured enhanced atrium spaces and the university favored the open proposal since the majority of existing open spaces on campus are public and the new courtyard would provide space for student’s exclusive use;
- With regard to the reduction in beds from current 1080 to approximately 825 beds, a chart was shared (see attached fact sheet) detailing how the university would continue to provide beds as required by its 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan. Other discussion points shared by Coleman, Cora, Days and Knight on this issue included:
 - GW has no intention of asking for relief from enrollment cap or any other Campus Plan commitments and the below measures are temporary and not to extend beyond a two-year period;
 - The number of required beds is calculated on the number of full time (FT) undergraduates. The requirement is to house 70% of students up to an enrollment of 5,600 FT undergraduate students and then 1 bed for every additional student over 5,600. This currently yields a blended 74% of FT undergraduates housed. Under the temporary Thurston renovation period this percentage would be approximately 70% of FT undergraduates housed.
 - This project necessitates an interim housing plan that seeks to 1) be the least disruptive and 2) use the most GW-based resources. In order to achieve this goal GW wishes to:
 - Continue to house first and second year students on campus and within campus boundaries;
 - House students using existing capacity. For example, utilizing triple rooms that are currently being used as doubles;
 - Ask for relief from Campus Plan conditions so that 3rd and 4th year undergraduate students could be housed at The Aston (currently graduate housing and converting single rooms to doubles) and utilize One Washington Circle to temporarily accommodate students in a long-term stay type of arrangement;
 - Include 2nd year students at 1959 E Street which currently is limited to 3rd and 4th year students;
 - Increasing number of students in study abroad program in the fall;
 - Other measures such as relocating certain on-campus staff residents are also being considered.
 - The university recently announced a new goal of reducing undergraduate student enrollment.
 - GW is not proposing any long-term campus relief associated with Thurston Hall and is only proposing a maximum of 2 years of relief.
- Streznewski asked if and how the Mount Vernon Campus figure into the proposed housing plan. Knight responded that last fall MVC was nearly full optimized and anticipates that to continue. Streznewski thanked GW for providing detailed numbers on the proposed housing plan.
- Kahlow asked how many second-year students would be housed in 1959. Knight responded that GW would provide the number of beds available in 1959 E Street.
- Harnett commented that Fulbright had been converted from triples to quads and requested details on the locations of the halls where these students would be housed.

- Armbruster asked if GW was considering relocating any students to its VSTC campus and Knight said no for several reasons, including that VSTC is a research and administrative campus with no on-campus housing and the lengthy commute time prohibits it from being useful;
- Knight said GW intends to start construction in summer 2020 and reoccupy not later than fall 2022 and potentially as early as fall 2021. Kahlow asked about the use of One Washington Circle Hotel (1WC) after this time and Knight said GW is not proposing to change it to an operating asset.
- Coleman spoke regarding student life considerations at Aston Hall and 1WC, including:
 - Expectations of students at 1WC and Aston will be same as on campus;
 - Both buildings will have student Resident Advisors (5 in each building) + professional staff coordinators and faculty in residence (similar to staffing levels in on-campus buildings);
 - Neither the swimming pool nor balconies at 1WC will be available to students;
 - The restaurant at 1WC will remain open and accept GWorld;
 - 1WC front desk operations will maintain its staffing including hotel concierge and, the Aston will have a mix of GWPD, student security assistants and community officers (similar to on-campus residence halls) who will work in coordination with DC MPD;
 - Students will have to complete GW's required online "How To Be A Good Neighbor" course or have a hold will be placed on their student account.
 - New programming changes this fall for student residence hall staff will focus on increased floor rounds to ensure student behavior is not in conflict with the sense of community;
 - 1WC access to residential rooms will be via hotel front desk during operating hours and tap access after-hours using a hotel issued key and not GWorld.
 - After-hours noise at 1WC and Aston will be monitored and acted upon in the same manner as on-campus halls.
 - Streznewski said she is concerned about how recent revisions to GW's student code of conduct may have weakened this policy and Coleman said the change was made to provide flexibility needed to hold students more accountable.
 - Maddux asked for scooter and bike safety be included in GW's good neighbor training.

The presentation concluded with discussion of several items associated with the project, including:

- In response to a question from Kennedy as to if the stop for the touring bus would be relocated during this time, Knight said she had no objections to the ANC making this recommendation.
- GW noted that the housing of second-year students at 1959 E St would be temporary, not permanent as originally proposed.

3=Campus Plan and campus development updates

3a. Other 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan Initiatives

3ai.-Historic Preservation Plan: As previously reported GW has complied with historic preservation requirements as part of the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan (2007 FBCP).

3aii.-Foggy Bottom Campus Streetscape Plan: Cora said she did not have an update but noted some striping on the H Street crosswalk was touched up recently.

3b. General GW updates

3bi.-GW On-Campus Summer Project Renovations/Work: Cora said there are currently six buildings included in GW's summer renovation efforts including selected window replacement at Munson and Fulbright Halls, full window replacement at FSK Hall and other buildings getting improvements such as painting, carpet upgrades and blinds replacement as well as other improvements such as HVAC and bathroom improvements.

3bii. GW Hillel building including zoning and regulatory approvals associated with GW's proposed long-term tenancy in proposed developed GW Hillel building: Cora said commencing the start of demolition work the university will, as a courtesy, provide project updates at neighborhood.gwu.edu but stressed that this was not a university managed project.

Harnett asked for status of demolition at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue and Rice Hall and Cora said demolition work would begin this summer at Rice Hall and later in the fall at 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue with anticipated completion of demolition in late 2019. Maddux expressed appreciation for the terrific plantings around campus this spring.

4=Additional campus updates

4a. Update on GW's ABRA application for Charles E. Smith Center: Regarding the liquor license the university has historically had at Marvin Center, Knight said that since the university removed catered food services in 2016, this license has been in safekeeping but now GW is seeking to transfer this license to the Smith Center so there would be potential for concessions at events such as Parents/Alumni Weekend or when major sporting events are held at the Center. She said that the multi-purpose liquor license at Marvin Center also allowed for sales of spirits/liquor but the focus at Smith Center would be beer and wine. She added that this request would be made in coming months, but she wanted to share now with this group. Knight said that as she mentioned at last the CPAC meeting, GW is filing an application to transfer the ABC license from Marvin Center to Smith Center. She said the university is working with ABRA and we expect notification in DC Register and to the ANC will occur in coming weeks.

4b. Update regarding GW's fall move-in and orientation for first-year students: Coleman said the New Student Orientation (formerly Colonial Inauguration) has moved from June to August so the way GW manages move-in has changed – on a typical move in day all students moved in on one day but now it will be divided into three parts which should significantly relieve traffic concerns, including early move in for first year students on August 18 and remaining first year students move in on August 21 and remaining students move in on August 24.

5=Public Comments

Stresnewski asked if there was any new information about GW's potential for finding a new hospital provider and Days said there was not.

Maddux shared several items including: Her concern that DC Government's proposed creation of a dedicated bicycle lane might not leave enough room at 21st and G Streets; a reiteration of previous request for tour groups to be mindful of other pedestrians and leave enough room on the sidewalks; a request for information to be shared regarding street closures related to graduation.

With regards to selection of a date for meeting #48 of this group in 3rd quarter (July-Sept) of 2019, it was decided to continue with the standard meeting time of holding meeting before a monthly ANC 2A meeting, in this case Monday Sep 15, 2019 in advance of the ANC's Sep 17, 2019 meeting. There was also discussion as to anticipated dates for remaining 2019 CPAC meeting #49 and it was agreed to tentatively has this on the Monday before the November ANC meeting.

With no further comments, the meeting was adjourned.

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

AGENDA

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1. Welcome & Introductions

2. Overview of GW's planning for renovations of Thurston Hall

- i. Overview of GW's planning for renovations of Thurston Hall, including plans to accommodate students during the construction period;

3. Campus Plan and campus development updates

- a. Other 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan initiatives
 - i. Preservation Plan
 - ii. Foggy Bottom Campus Streetscape Plan
- b. General GW updates
 - i. GW Summer projects: ongoing work on six buildings will include selected window replacement at Munson and Fulbright with full window replacement at FSK. Other buildings will undergo painting, carpet upgrades and blinds replacement as well as other improvements such as HVAC and bathroom improvements.
 - ii. GW Hillel building including zoning and regulatory approvals associated with GW's proposed long-term tenancy in proposed developed GW Hillel building

4. Additional Campus Updates

- a. Update on GW's ABRA application for Charles E. Smith Center;
- b. Update regarding GW's fall move-in and orientation for first-year students;
- c. Other Important dates/upcoming campus events

5. Public Comments

6. Selection of date for next meeting and tentative dates for the following 3 quarters

- a. **Meeting #48** of this group in 3rd quarter (June-Sep) of 2019 (potentially Monday Sep 16?)
- b. tentative dates for 4th quarter 2019 (Oct-Dec), 1st quarter 2020 (Jan-March) and 2nd quarter 2020 (April-June)