

**Meeting Minutes for meeting #48 (Quarter 3) of the
Campus Plan Advisory Committee/CPAC
Room 208 Fungler Hall on Monday, Sep 16, 2019 @ 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, Director of Campus Planning; Kevin Days, Director of Community Relations; Alicia Knight, Senior Associate Vice President for Operations, and; Director of Campus Living and Residential Engagement Greg Rheault. GW staff attendees were Maralee Csellar of Media Relations, John Ralls of Division of Operations, and Gabrielle Sosa of Community Relations; Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A was represented by ANC2A08 Commissioner James Harnett; The West End Citizens Association (WECA) was represented by President Sara Maddux and Chris Brick; Foggy Bottom Association President was represented by Marina Streznewski.

2=Campus Plan and campus development updates

2a. Other 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan Initiatives: Historic Preservation Plan: As previously reported GW has complied with historic preservation requirements as part of the 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan (2007 FBCP). **Foggy Bottom Campus Streetscape Plan:** No updates and the university continues to be in compliance.

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

3i) Overview of GW's planning for renovations of Thurston Hall, including plans to accommodate students during the construction period: Knight began with a brief review of the 9-11-21 community meeting hosted by ANC 2A and shared the questions she received as to the extent of work that would occur at Aston Hall and One Washington Circle. She said work in both buildings is anticipated to be minor (moving furnishings, general touchup) and likely to occur in summer 2020. Knight then reviewed the three areas of zoning relief the university is requesting, including temporarily housing students at One Washington Circle (up to 220) and Aston Hall (up to 330) as well as allowing for a 2-year period (only during Thurston Hall renovation) to increase the number of sophomores living at 1959 E Street. Maddux expressed concern that West End Citizens Association was not included by ANC2A in its discussion with the university and asked for the university to support WECA request to be included. Days and Knight said they would convey this info to ANC 2A chair.

3ii) Filing of Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) materials: Cora reviewed the university's submission to HPRB, including the notch on the south side of building to allow for ventilation within and access to the courtyard, modifications to penthouse design (page 5), atrium conversion to a student space (page 17), new dining and seating area with food preparation areas (page 20), expanded entrance lobby with view of atrium (page 21), upper floor layouts with several student gathering space areas (page 22). She said that exterior views continue to remain unchanged and noted new outdoor seating areas near main F Street entrance as well as new egress access (both page 41). Cora said the submission was filed today and anticipated for review at HPRB's next meeting. In response to a question from Maddux, it was confirmed that loading will still occur in back alley via back in and will not require any structural changes.

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. Maddux expressed appreciation for the terrific plantings around campus this spring.

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.

4=Additional campus updates

4i. Update on GW's ABRA application for Charles E. Smith Center: Regarding the liquor license the university has historically had at Marvin Center, Days 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 Charles E. 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. Days said there is a settlement agreement with the ANC and it is anticipated this will be approved at the 09-18-19 ANC meeting.

4ii) GW spirit signs and identifiers for Charles E. Smith Center: GW has filed an application with Public Space Commission in DCRA (and also Commission on Fine Arts since the location on F Street falls within boundaries for CFA review) to install a sign at the G & 22nd Streets entrance featuring the GW athletics logo and additional identifiers to improve wayfinding. Harnett said the ANC had not received notice yet so will be reviewed at October meeting.

4iii) Lerner Health and Wellness Center (LHWC) modification before the DC Zoning Commission on Sep. 23, 2019: Days said GW is seeking a one-year extension of the zoning order that allowed for temporary users of LHWC. Given conditional approval in 2014, this zoning order allows for up to 150 community members living in either zip code 20006 or 20037, athletic competitors in non-spectator events and a limited number of users. Since the Zoning Commission's order of approval expired Sep. 3, 2019, GW is asking the ZC for a one-year extension until Sep 3, 2020 so as to allow for time to do a complete study of this program and assess all community groups. Days said that since 2014 GW has received no complaints so he hoped ANC 2A will vote to support this

Maddux asked an additional question re parking the university provides at its Science and Engineering Hall parking garage for special events at St. Mary's Court. Days said he would work with Cora to review this issue and follow-up.

4iv) GW Hillel building construction – Cora began by noting that GW Hillel and not the university is responsible for the design and construction of its new building but included this item on meeting agenda given its impact on both the community and GW. She said that the building is razed to ground level waiting on sheeting & shoring permit with activities ongoing at existing foundation wall level. She said there would also soon be installed a mid-block crosswalk in the middle of the 2300 block of H Street so as to better facilitate pedestrian access, including residents of Potomac Hall.

4v) Rice Hall and 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue raze activities – As background, the university reached an agreement with developer Boston Properties in 2016 to redevelop 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue and Rice Hall (2121 Eye Street) into a new investment property featuring trophy commercial office and retail space. Under the agreement, the buildings will be redeveloped by Boston Properties under a long-term ground lease with the university. The current demolition work at the former Rice Hall and 2100 Pennsylvania Avenue as well as the upcoming construction of the new building is being conducted by Boston Properties who, as with other similar recent projects (The Avenue/2200 Pennsylvania Avenue and 2112 Pennsylvania Avenue) consults with GW officials to coordinate activities and mitigate impacts. Knight said that Boston Properties will commence demo of Rice Hall beginning as early as Sep. 23 and as a courtesy to this group the following info was shared:

- Hours: 7 AM – 7 PM (normal construction hours)
- Noise: the level of noise will be similar to but likely higher than the work that is has been taking place over the last 6 weeks at 2100 Penn (working on the façade)
- Work will be starting in the north side of Rice Hall and working its way towards the south/I Street.
- Note: there is no implosion or blasting – this is a controlled demolition of the building.
- Duration: 6-8 weeks

Harnett shared that he has heard concerns as to early morning work and asked if the university would ask if BP would be willing to – Alicia said that while BP was willing to accommodate hours during specific days/times such as final exams, they would be working within the legally permitted hours of 7am-7pm, Monday through Saturday. Harnett also asked about installation of the 22nd and Eye to change the signal so as to better accommodate pedestrian access.

5=Public Comments/Selection of upcoming meeting dates

With no additional comments it was confirmed that meeting #49 of this group in 4th quarter (Oct-Dec) of 2019 will be on Monday Nov. 18. Additionally, tentative dates were selected for the 1st quarter (Jan-March) 2020 meeting #50 on February 18, 2020 and 2nd quarter 2020 (April-June) on June 15, 2020.