

**Meeting Minutes for meeting #50 (Quarter 1) of the  
Campus Plan Advisory Committee/CPAC  
Room 207 Funger Hall on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 @ 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: Christine Anthony, Director of GW's Office of Student Rights & Responsibilities; Kevin Days, Director of Community Relations; David Dent, Associate Vice President for Facilities Planning, Construction, and Management (FPCM). GW staff attendees were Adam Aaronson, FPCM Executive Director, Campus Development; Maralee Csellar of Media Relations, Charles Drummer of OSRR; John Ralls, FPCM, and Tanya Vogel, GW Athletics Director; Representing the Charles E Smith Center expansion project were Cal Bowie, Principal of Bowie | Gridley architects and Norman Friedman, Principal Senior Architect of Populous; Foggy Bottom Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A was represented by ANC2A07 Commissioner Detrick Campbell and ANC2A08 Commissioner James Harnett; The West End Citizens Association (WECA) was represented by President Sara Maddux, Vice President Barbara Kahlow and board member Chris Brick.

**2=Campus Plan and Campus Development Updates**

**2a. Other 2007 Foggy Bottom Campus Plan Initiatives: Historic Preservation Plan:** Dent shared that 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:** Dent said there were no updates and the university continues to be in compliance.

**3=Additional Campus Updates**

**3a. Overview of GW's proposed renovations to the Charles E. Smith Center:** Aaronson began the presentation with a brief summary that the current pool will be filled in to create a new basketball training court and the existing north façade will be relocated further north to the property line to allow for creation of a practice court. The Notice of Intent was filed with the DC Zoning Commission on December 17, 2019 and a filing is anticipated in early February 2020 with the Zoning Commission. The zoning process will take much of 2020, with permitting/construction in 2021. Construction is preliminarily expected to take 8 months.

GW Athletics Director Vogel said that given men's basketball is the most prominent of GW's 27 sports programs, it is ideal to elevate its priority on campus with creation of a practice court. She added that practice currently occurs in the main gym along with women's and volleyball this prohibits use of court for other athletic events. Vogel added that GW Athletics is working with the aquatic teams to coordinate relocation efforts for training and competition space.

Norman Friedman, Principal Senior Architect of Populous, presented a slide show with project highlights (see attached) that included:

- Will not impact existing competitive courts, entrances, bicycle racks, tree boxes; there will be landscaping between new wall and sidewalk
- ADA ramp to event level will be relocated to be closer to sidewalk
- Often, additions to older building will try to make a statement and have a distinct look to distinguish between the new addition and existing structure but, in this case, it is a better aesthetic gesture to use the same "vocabulary" (metal pattern, stone glazing, etc) so as to closely match existing design
- Interior programming ongoing, but will likely include cardio/weight training area and administrative space.

Following the presentation, there were a number of questions from community members, including:

- In regard to a question about replacing the pool once it is covered, Vogel shared that the existing pool has many challenges that require some practices occur at the St. James aquatic facility in Springfield, VA. Vogel said this aligns with many of the other GW sports programs that train off-campus including baseball, golf and gymnastics.
- Vogel said that there is a potential that the Mount Vernon Campus aquatic facility could be renovated to meet needs and this would be ideal but there are many variables impacting this so it is not likely to

occur within near future so the team will hopefully be able to continue use at either St. James facility or another area facility/facilities.

- In regard to a question from Commissioner Campbell as to how to facilitate better access for fans wanting to attend off-site athletic events and Vogel said they are currently and will continue working on innovative solutions, including using shuttles to take fans to off-campus locations .
- Vogel said the current off-site locations offer state-of-the facilities that allow for multiple teams to practice at the same time. She added that the pool at Lerner Health and Wellness is able to be used for a small number of swimmers who have a conflict with existing schedules but difficult for team sports such as water polo.
- Maddux asked if the existing bricks could be replaced with concrete given her long-standing concerns with the difficulty maintaining brick sidewalks.
- Harnett asked if a plan for aquatic team relocations could be completed in advance of the zoning filing. Days said the university will strive to provide as much information as possible.
- Brick asked if there have been any discussions with Foxhall neighbors and others in the vicinity of the Mount Vernon Campus as to their views on renovating the existing aquatic facilities and Vogel said it is too early but she assumes they will be part of future discussions with the community. Days added that the university is in the planning process for the next Mount Vernon Campus Plan.

**3b. Update on GW's ABRA application for Charles E. Smith Center:** Days said the renewal of recently approved transfer will be considered at the January 15, 2020 ANC 2A meeting. Kahlow said it was her impression the current agreement was going well and there were no issues with continuing the agreement.

**3c. Update on GW's planning for renovations of Thurston Hall:** Aaronson said design is moving along and initial permit received for Mitchell HVAC work. Other permit filings forthcoming in the next few months. Clark Construction is still on track to be on-site in early June.

**3d. Update on 2100 Penn raze activities:** Aaronson said demolition continues for another approximate 6-8 weeks to be followed by excavation. Commissioner Harnett said he had been notified that there had been a request to DC Government for increased mitigation of construction dust and ask that this be shared with Boston Properties and agreed to forward an email regarding this impact.

**3e. Update regarding GW's spring activities + other Important dates/upcoming campus:** Anthony said students returned for classes beginning January 6 with most returning the weekend before the first day of classes for spring semester on January 13. She said it has been relatively quiet in recent months but they would continue to monitor student activity including before/after March 13-20 GW spring break.

#### **4=Public Comments/Selection of Upcoming Meeting Dates**

Kahlow said Friday was the deadline for comments to the proposed revision of DC Comprehensive Plan and asked Days to confirm if GW is willing to withdraw comments submitted two years ago. Days promised to send Kahlow an update. Harnett said that the resolution for long-term planning of H Street that was scheduled for consideration at the January ANC 2A meeting will be moved to February so as to allow more time for consultation with the university. Kahlow asked Days if there were any updates to comments made by GW EVP CFO Mark Diaz that the existing Foggy Bottom Grocery would be converted to residential use. Days promised to send an update to Kahlow.

With no additional comments it was confirmed that meeting #51 of this group for the 2nd quarter (April-June) 2020 meeting will be held June 15, 2020 as discussed in recent meetings and the tentative date for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (July-Sep) 2020 meeting a tentatively will be held Monday Sept. 16 in advance of the Wednesday Sept. 18 ANC 2A meeting.