

Facilities Planning Working Group Meeting

2021 Mount Vernon Campus Planning Community Engagement

DATE: March 10, 2021

GW Participants:

- Brian Snyder, Director of Facilities Resources and Planning
- Andrew Lundt, Assistant Athletics Director
- David Dent, AVP for Facilities Planning, Construction and Management (Co-Chair)

Community Participants:

- Maxine Weinstein
- Virginia Gorsevski
- Pierre Oury

Key Discussion Points:

- Welcome and introductions
- Overview of process and expectations for Working Group
- Overview of next steps in preparation for April 8, 2021 Working Group meeting
- Update on current issues and concerns raised at 2/25/21 quarterly meeting (see Exhibit A)
 - Hand Chapel mechanical equipment noise
 - Landscape buffer along W Street and Berkeley Terrace
 - Fence/gate downstream from Hand Chapel
 - Noise from Athletics' events
- Review of online resources and contact information

Action Points:

- Post presentation materials and Working Group contact list
- Compile past historical campus plan materials for Working Group reference
 - Connect with Greg Rheault
- Include Vern community access in Transportation Working Group discussion
- Identify a Working Group Co-Chair to represent the community at the 4/8/21 meeting
- Identify strategies to address air horns and directional placement of speakers
- Incorporation of large trees (i.e. mature) in lieu of young trees that requires years to develop
- Address evasive and management of landscaping and vegetation adjacent to Berkeley Terrace

Summary:

The Facilities Planning Working Group opened the meeting with a welcome and introductions that generated “HOPE themes” that are desired as part of this effort:

- Create a win-win Campus Plan for both the community and university.
- Work collaboratively with openness and respect for differing views and ideas.
- Identify noise mitigation opportunities for normal operations, athletic events and future construction and renovation projects.
- Identify and/or improve opportunities for community use of university facilities to include discounts on usage fees.
- Create an accessible and welcoming campus experience for both community and GW community members.

The meeting included a discussion around on-going concerns with noise from university events and several ideas on mitigation opportunities. As the Working Group continues working towards a consensus-based Campus Plan approach, the noise and other community concerns will continue to be evaluated and discussed to further minimize neighbor impacts.