

# Student Life & Safety Working Group Meeting

2021 Mount Vernon Campus Planning Community Engagement

DATE: March 18, 2021

## GW Participants:

- Greg Rheault, Assistant Dean of Students, MVC
- Lt. Jonathan Phalen, GWPD
- Christy Anthony, Director of Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Gabrielle Sosa, Assistant Director of Government Relations

## Community Participants:

- Suzanne Morrell

## Key Discussion Points:

- Welcome & Introductions
- Process Overview
- Working Group Timeline
- Current Issues, Focus Areas, Concerns
- Next Working Group Dates
- Action Items Review
- Important Online Resources
- GW Community Engagement Contact Information

## Action Points:

- Review existing 2010 campus plan, for discussion around existing conditions and status at April meeting.
- Review the Strategic Campus & Facilities Master Plan in relation to campus life, student activities, and safety considerations that we would like to review for inclusion in the campus plan. To be reviewed and discussed at April meeting.
- Identify a working group co-lead from the community to represent neighbor and community members.
- Survey working group members to confirm proposed dates/times for meetings align with availability to maximize participation.

## Summary:

The Student Life & Safety working group convened their initial meeting with introductions, context for working group members' connections to campus, and what each individual hope to get out of this community engagement process and ultimately be reflected in the 2021 Mount Vernon Campus Plan

- It would be great to bring more of the community to be a part of campus life and have more students out in the neighborhood making connections
- Creating an integrated community (instead of neighbors and students)
- Ensure the safety of the students, staff, faculty, community members, and visitors who visit the campus
- Strengthen awareness and shared safety/security objectives on campus and in the surrounding neighborhoods.
- Enhance student & campus activities with greater involvement and inclusion of community members in campus programs and initiatives while adding value to the experiences of neighbors and families who partake in activities (mutual benefit)

A discussion followed that identified preliminary areas of interest, priorities, and considerations to frame the review of the current plan alongside proposed enhancements to the campus in the years ahead. Highlights and areas that emerged from the discussion included:

- Campus accessibility and safety
- Lighting (pathways & building)
- Campus entry points (Whitehaven & W Street) - ensuring the security measures minimize security vulnerabilities both to campus and the adjoining neighborhoods while affording convenient access for neighbors.
- Awareness & information on who to contact when neighbors observe something that raises safety or security questions.
- Programs & Initiatives that enable neighbors to support learning and development of students while providing students a sense of being part of a great community.
- Community events that connect students to neighbors
- Relationships with neighborhood schools and the mutual benefit for GW and their students through the programs, resources, and facilities at MVC

The meeting concluded with a review of resources, documents to review for the April meeting, and action items to begin identifying key safety and student life elements that

the community and GW members want to consider as we collaboratively work towards the development of the 2021 Mount Vernon Campus Plan.