



**Meeting Minutes for Mount Vernon Campus Plan Working Group
GW Facilities Planning & Transportation and Parking**

Wednesday May, 12th 4:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Attendees:

Brian Snyder, GW, Facilities Planning, Construction and Management
Kevin Days, GW, Community Relations
Christian Calleri, Perkins Eastman
Andrew Lundt, GW Athletics
Destiny Jackson, GW, Transportation & Logistics
Natalie Addison, GW, Facilities Planning, Construction and Management
Maxine Weinstein, community member Berkeley Terrace
Pierre Oury, community member, Berkeley Terrace

AGENDA

- Welcome & Introduction
- Process Overview Review
- SCFMP – MVC Design Manuals
- Open Discussion and Thoughts
- Current Issues/Concerns Update
- Important Online Resources
- GW Community Engagement Contact Information
- Next Working Group Meeting Date (June 9, 2021)

MEETING ITEMS:

Welcome and Introduction

- Participant introductions

SCFMP -MVC Design Manuals

- Brian Snyder reviewed MVC Design Manuals – Architecture, Landscape and Streetscape

Open Discussion and Thoughts

- Maxine Weinstein asked about the plans for Hand Chapel, an award-winning building
 - Brian responded that GW will preserve and maintain it; there no plans to change the building

- Maxine asked for a review of the extent of the west perimeter nature walks
 - Brian reviewed the walks from west of West Hall to Hand Chapel to W Street and to Hillside Halls and clarified that there will not be nature walks west of the perimeter service road
- Pierre asked about plans for the rectangular strip of landscape adjacent to Berkeley Terrace
 - Brian responded that the master plan has not looked closely at that land and there is no future development planned there at this time
- Pierre asked if there are plans to have solar energy on campus
 - Brian responded that there will be further investigation into possibilities as the plan progresses; the numerous slate roofs on campus may be an issue

Review of Development Sites

- Brian reviewed the building development sites compared to the 2010 Master Plan
 - Only site S1 will be developed (wellness hub site, pool enclosure)
 - Cole Hall will remain as is with programming originally intended for that site to be located in the Academic Building which will be renovated

Current Issues/Concerns Update

Action Items from 2/25/21 Quarterly Community Meetings

- Brian stated that large trees will be purchased to address the need for a landscape buffer along W street
- Maxine pointed out that the fence and gate downstream from Hand Chapel still need work to repair damage and clean out debris and should be put on a regular maintenance schedule to keep them clear
 - Brian to ensure GW Facilities puts this work on their schedule
- Noise from the athletic field adjacent to West Hall is an issue
 - Andrew Lundt and Greg Rheault tested sound levels last Tuesday
 - Maxine raised the concern that people on the athletic field are not conforming to agreed upon terms and that better supervision of field staff is needed
 - Kevin said that there is a short term process vs. long term process being worked on and that there is an established operation procedure that is followed at every game; there should not be an issue moving forward and
 - Andrew to provide Brian with summary document on the agreement
 - Andrew stated that there will not be any organized events until the fall

Follow-Up Action Items from Working Group Meetings

- Presentation materials and Working Group contact list is posted
- Destiny Jackson will update the working group when there is news to report on Vern operations status
- Steve Gardner has agreed to serve as a Working Group co-chair to represent the community
- Pierre Oury clarified that the invasive vegetation adjacent to Berkeley Terrace is bamboo and he offered GW Grounds access to his backyard to see the bamboo from another perspective
 - Brian will coordinate the visit with GW Grounds

Working Group Schedule

- Brian highlighted upcoming meetings:
 - 5/26 Safety & Community Life Working Group
 - 6/9 Facilities & Transportation Planning Working Group

Community Engagement Contact Information

- Kevin reviewed ways for community members to contact GW to report issues, concerns, complaints through the Community Concerns Hotline on the web - <https://neighborhood.gwu.edu/contact-us>