



**Meeting Minutes for Mount Vernon Campus Plan Neighborhood Working Group
Community Engagement**

Thursday, November 4th, 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm

Attendees (Online):

Mark Diaz, GW, Executive Leadership
Brian Snyder, GW, Facilities Planning, Construction and Management
Kevin Days, GW, Community Relations
Gabriela Sosa, GW, Government Relations
Greg Rheault, GW, Student Affairs
Sherry Rutherford, Consultant
Pierre Oury, community member
Maxine Weinstein, community member
Derrick Oracki, community member
Dave Roberts, community member
Paul Bonner, community member

AGENDA

- Introductions
- Remarks by Mark Diaz, Executive Vice President and CFO
- Overview of Updated Exhibits
- Important Online Resources
- GW Community Engagement Contact Information
- Next Steps

MEETING ITEMS:

Welcome and Introduction

- Kevin Days welcomed meeting participants
- Meeting participant introductions
- Kevin reviewed the meeting agenda and introduced GW CFO Mark Diaz

Remarks by Mark Diaz

- **Lights:** After thoughtful & serious discussions w/ neighbors the university has decided to remove the field lights on soccer field
- **Parking:** Changed internal policies that reduce barriers to parking on MVC garage
 - Parking reciprocated for Mt. Vernon/GW Parking
 - New policy first 3 hours complimentary parking / event parking
 - Install cameras at W Street gate & Whitehaven Parkway entrance
- **Amplified Noise/Sound:** committed to adhere to the DC noise regulations; hardwire speakers to ensure that sound is projected into campus
- **Landscaping:** the university is committed to enhancing its landscaping efforts to help relieve noise from campus

To enhance the for multiple reasons

- **Community Access:** Committed to providing community access to university assets, such as track, wellness center, etc.

Overview of Updated Exhibits

- Brian reviewed the updated exhibits including:
- **The 2021 Perimeter Landscape** which shared the university's plans particular focus on the landscaping along W Street and the Berkeley Terrace sides of campus
- **The Proposed Development Sites** which identify 4 development locations: Site 1, a 100-bed residence hall; Site 2 consisting of an open-air loggia that extends from West Hall to the proposed traffic turn-around drop-off circle, and a Wellness Building; and Site 3, consisting of a pool enclosure to allow for year-round use of the pool and support facilities for the pool and proposed track; and Site 3, a new Academic site
- **Athletics and Recreation Facilities** which include soccer/lacrosse field, new track field, softball fields, and new pool enclosure and support facilities, and the new wellness building. The plan includes replacing existing lights at the track field (formerly the tennis courts) and installing new lights at the softball field

Community Questions

- A community member asked how the rules regarding enforced amplified sound/noise will be enforced?
 - GW responded that the noise study demonstrated that the sound from the October 6 game did not exceed DC noise ordinances
- Community members said that the conditions for the October 6 game were not typical since it was a weekday game. Suggested another sound test during a weekend game.
 - GW responded that it would schedule another noise study during a weekend game. This could not be scheduled to the spring 2022 since there were no more games on the schedule
- A community member asked about parking on parking on W Street and suggested that students were parking on the other side Foxhall

- GW replied that students are not allowed to bring cars to the campus. It was most likely that the cars were contractors from another construction project not related to the university

Next Steps

- The University will make a presentation at the Dec 8th ANC3D meeting
- The university will share the completed draft of the Campus Plan with members of the Advisory Working Group on December 13, 2021
- Will formally submit the plan on December 20, 2021