

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

Ward 5 Advisory Team Meeting

Thursday, August 9th, 2017
 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Ward 5 Advisory Team Members

Name	Inviting Organization	Affiliations	Attendance
Henri Makembe	ANC 5B	Chairperson ANC 5B; Commissioner 5B03; Team Co-Chair	Present
Edward Johnson	ANC 5B	President, Edward M. Johnson & Associates, P.C.	Not Present
Kyle Todd	ANC 5B	Rhode Island Ave. Main St., Executive Director	Not Present
Daniel Schramm	Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Acting President, Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Present
Sherri Morgan	Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Community Member	Not Present
Jeff Steen	Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Community Member	Not Present
Ronan Gulstone	Councilmember McDuffie's Office	Councilmember McDuffie's Chief of Staff	Not Present
Amber Harding	Councilmember McDuffie's Office	Community Member, Staff Attorney, Washington Legal Clinic for the Homeless	Present
Jamila Larson	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Executive Director and Co-Founder, Homeless Children's Playtime Project	Not Present
Kristy Greenwalt	Administration	ICH Director to End Homelessness; Advisory Team Co-Chair, Team Co-Chair	Present
Jeff Licklider	Department of General Services (DGS)	Project Manager	Present

Additional Support Staff Present

Wanda Sherrod	Department of General Services (DGS)
Jackie Stanley	Department of General Services (DGS)
Jamie Keene	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services
Jeff Plotz	Chiaramonte Construction Co.
Blane Smith	Chiaramonte Construction Co.
Ronnie McGhee	RMC and Associates
Raqueeb Albaari	RMC and Associates
Hakeem Rogers	Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Project Design
3. Project Timeline & Construction Discussion
4. Planning for Community Meeting
5. Follow Ups from Previous Meetings

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Greenwalt led welcome and introductions. Co-Chair Greenwalt raised that there is a possibility of adding additional members to the Advisory Team. The District has reached out to organizations that the Advisory Team has recommended before for additional Advisory Team representative, and is open to reaching out again for additional members.

Co-Chair Greenwalt shared that the purpose of this meeting is to review the material and color options for the exterior design; plan for the community meeting on August 23rd; and preview the construction management guidelines that will be discussed at the September Advisory Team meeting.

2. Project Design

DGS led a high-level review of the design changes on the exterior of the building. These design changes were made following review by the Commission on Fine Art (CFA) and are intended to improve the aesthetic qualities of the exterior. Using input on the exterior design

from the Advisory Team at the last meeting, DGS has refined the exterior renderings and presented these more precise drawings to the Advisory Team.

Review of exterior color options

DGS reviewed the color options that the community will vote on at the August 23rd community meeting. Based on feedback from the Advisory Team, DGS explored including a blue or green color option for the exterior, but ultimately the aesthetic of this option was not optimal.

DGS reviewed the refined renderings to review the three color options. The three color options are:

- Light grey (with blue undertones, as requested by the Advisory Team)
- Burgundy
- Bronze

Under any color option, the exterior material used would be a tightly corrugated metal. DGS presented paint swatches so that the Advisory Team could review the most accurate representation of the color.

The purpose of sharing these colors with the Advisory Team was to allow them to veto any options. After reviewing the three color options, the Advisory Team decided that all three options should be put up for a community vote, and that none of the options would be vetoed. In addition, a dark gray option presented at the last Advisory Team meeting will be included as a color option for community members to vote on.

Question: Have the colors changed from the last meeting?

Answer: The colors have not changed, the renderings have been updated and made more realistic, which has caused some colors to appear modestly different.

Review of exterior materials

DGS also reviewed the exterior materials. Based on Advisory Team feedback, no wood will be used on the exterior materials.

For floors one and two, DGS will blend three different types of brick to create a new brick color that resembles the color of the existing brick. While the new brick will not be an exact match to the existing brick, it will complement the original brick.

On floors three, four, and five, a cement resin panel will be used. DGS shared samples of the panels that will be used. The color has not been determined yet, but it will be a warm, light brown shade to create a welcoming aesthetic. At the community meeting on August 23rd, the architect will attempt to show the final color for this material.

DGS also presented two color schemes for the pre-cast window sills on the building on the first and second floors. The color for these window sills will be informed by the final choice of corrugated metal that the community votes to ensure that the color compliments the overall building design.

The Advisory Team decided not to veto any material options and to let the community have a vote on all available options. The Advisory Team requested that it be made clear at the community meeting which options can be voted on and which options have been selected by the architect.

DGS reiterated that the materials being used on the exterior are high-quality, with closed fastening systems that will be visually appealing when installed. The choice of materials is based on feedback from the CFA that the materials should differentiate the new building from the existing building.

Question: Will the colors of these materials change based on the color of metal that the community votes on?

Answer: Only the pre-cast window sill colors will change based on the metal choice that the community selects.

3. Project Timeline & Construction Discussion

The Advisory Team reviewed the site logistics plan in preparation for an Advisory Team meeting in September which will be dedicated to building a construction management guidelines document.

Question: When will the environmental impact statement be submitted?

Answer: This has already been submitted. This process will take seven months, and completion will coincide with the final building permit.

Question: Has a traffic study been completed?

Answer: Yes, a traffic study has been completed. The conclusions of the traffic study were included in the BZA.

4. Planning for Community Meeting

The Advisory Team continued to plan for a community meeting on August 23rd when community members will have the chance to vote for the exterior colors of the building.

The Advisory Team recommended that the community meeting begin by explaining the recent design changes, reviewing the material options that the architects have selected, and then voting on the exterior color options. The Advisory Team also suggested that community members have an opportunity for small-group discussions. Community members should be able to vote in

person or online following the meeting. DHS and DGS should also have tables set up to answer any specific questions community members have questions on the programming or construction on the site.

At the community meeting, DGS will present options for the landscaping on the site as well as fencing on the site. DGS will collect feedback on these renderings so that the architects can incorporate community preferences into the design.

The Advisory Team recommended that additional opportunities for engagement around the project be presented at the community meeting, and suggested sharing a timeline for opportunities to engage with the project in the future, and a list of past community meetings that have been held. Community members should also be informed of how to submit feedback about the project, such as contact information for the Advisory Team.

A flier for the community meeting will be shared with the Advisory Team for them to share with community members. In addition, DGS and MOCRS will canvass to share the fliers and will post information about the meeting on social media and on list-serves. The flier will include details on the scope of the meeting, and will inform residents that they will be able to vote online. The link for voting on the exterior design will also be posted on the Homeward DC website.

During the community meeting, DGS will advertise for an immediate neighbors meeting in September when residents who live close to the Short-term Family Housing site can meet with the DGS team to review how the construction will impact the block. DGS will also share a one-pager with community members on what to expect during construction, including answers to frequently asked questions, and ways to find publically available information online.

DGS proposed that an Advisory Team meeting be held during the first week of September to review the construction management guidelines. A doodle poll will be sent around with dates for a September Advisory Team meeting.

5. Follow up from Previous Meetings

The MOCRS reviewed progress to date on the status of community requests. A written status update on the requests from the Ward 5 Community Walk will be presented at the community meeting.