

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 21st, 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	Not Present
Sherri Morgan	Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Community Member	Present
Jeff Steen	Brookland Neighborhood Civic Association	Community Member	Present
Kelly Cislo	Councilmember McDuffie's Office	Councilmember McDuffie's Chief of Staff	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

Jamie Keene	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services
Jeff Plotz	Chiaramonte Construction Co.
Hakeem Rogers	Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services
Lionell Gaines	Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services
Jackie Stanley	Department of General Services

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Follow Ups from Previous Meetings
3. Project Design
4. Project Timeline & Construction Discussion
5. Summary/Next Steps

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome and Introductions

Co-Chair Greenwalt led welcome and introductions. She shared that the objectives of the meeting are to receive Advisory Team feedback on the construction management guidelines which will guide the construction activity of DGS on the site, and to prepare for an immediate neighbors meeting on Monday, September 25th.

2. Follow Ups from Previous Meetings

DGS staff reviewed the outcomes of the community voting on the exterior design. Additional comments that individuals wrote on their comments ballots will attempt to be responded to. Community members voted to select maroon for the building's exterior color, and chose flowering hedges and perennial and ornamental plantings for landscaping features. Community members also selected brick piers for the site's fencing.

DGS also shared outcomes from Mayor Bowser's recent Ward 5 Community Walk, and shared recent actions that have been taken by District agencies to respond to community concerns identified during the walk. Additional infrastructure improvements in Ward 5 are scheduled for fiscal year 2018. In addition, the Woodridge Library has been selected for extended hours during 8 federal holidays. From the Mayor's walk, 71 additional actions have been identified for the Brookland community. A community group will be meeting once

every month to discuss community pedestrian safety concerns. Additional technical supports for businesses along 12th Street, NE. These items on the Mayor's community walk list will take priority and escalated for the community. These details are posted to the MOCRS website.

3. Project Design

DGS shared an update on the status of the design process. The current design development phase is 45 percent complete. Construction documents will be completed in the beginning of December.

4. Project Timeline & Construction Discussion

DGS shared that the construction timeline moving forward is on schedule and unrevised. Demolition is scheduled to begin the week September 25th, 2017.

DGS staff led a review of draft Construction Management Guidelines, a document that lays out the standards around DGS's onsite construction activities. DGS reviewed with the Advisory Team a site logistics plan map, which shows where specific construction activities will occur on site. DGS shared that a safety fence will be installed around the perimeter of the site, but this will not interrupt the sidewalks or bus stops around the site. Lighting on the site will be used as needed; construction will not typically occur after 3:30pm in the afternoon. The contractor will take steps to provide on site security, which may include security cameras or an in-person security guard at the contractor's discretion.

Site and erosion control will be needed on site, including pier work to stabilize the ground. DOEE will also be conducting a site visit. Sediment control will be in place across the site, eliminating wash off from the project site. DGS also shared the flow of traffic on site – trucks traffic will be concentrated to 17th street to minimize neighborhood disruption. There may also be some occasional truck traffic in the neighborhood. When large trucks will be present on the site and may block traffic, notification can be made to community members 48 hours in advance.

DGS will be taking dust prevention measures on the site, and will be spraying down the site during demolition to keep dust to a minimum. Project signage and screen material will be put in place on Rhode Island Avenue so that the site is less visible from the thoroughfare.

Limited on site parking will be available for contractors, and subcontractors will be required to carpool to the site to minimize parking impacts in the neighborhood. If parking becomes

an issue, DPW and DDOT can be engaged to increase enforcement of parking infractions in the neighborhood.

DGS shared that photographic surveys will be completed of immediate neighbor's properties so that DGS can closely monitor any impacts to their property from construction. DGS will share copies of the photographs with residents for their records, and will make it clear that this is not a home inspection. The Office of Risk Management will handle any resident claims that their properties have been impacted by construction.

Question: Is there any ability to reserve certain spots for community members?

Answer: MOCRS will follow up with DDOT about this possibility.

Question: Does construction occur on the weekend?

Answer: No, construction will occur Monday – Friday from 7am to 3:30pm. If weather delays cause the project to be behind schedule, DGS may petition for weekend hours to stay on schedule so that construction concludes in a timely manner.

Question: How loud will construction be?

Answer: Generally, the loudest noises will be when workers are elevated in the building above the tree line. Noises may come from drills and metalwork. Stabilizing the soil with piers will require a hydraulic machine which will cause loud noises. DGS can attempt to provide advance notice to immediate neighbors for periods of construction that may be especially noisy so that neighbors have advance notice.

Question: Will the sidewalk be covered during construction?

Answer: The sidewalk will be impacted only for parts of the construction, not the entire construction. The sidewalk will not be covered, and will be temporarily closed. The contractor will work to minimize these closures.

Question: Will the trees on site be impacted?

Answer: Two trees on sites have been identified on site for historic preservation. An arborist will come on site and will trim up the tree limbs to protect it during construction. DGS has designed their crane location on site to protect the trees. The trees will also have root protection. DGS will not stage any heavy objects within 30 feet of the roots.

Question: Who will the contact be during construction for resident concerns?

Answer: The contact during the construction process will be Jackie Stanley at DGS. Questions asked to people on site will be directed to her.

Question: Will construction impact utilities for nearby residents?

Answer: When the new building is hooked up with utilities, there may be a short water disruption that lasts 4 hours. Residents will receive 24 hours of notice from DC Water before this occurs.

Garage Demolition

The week of September 25th, the contractor will mobilize on site, and will begin preparing the site with fencing, and beginning abatement on the site. The State Historic Preservation Office has approved selective demolitions of the existing carriage house and the removal of interior walls.

Immediate Neighbors Meeting

DGS will be hosting an immediate neighbors meeting on Monday, September 25th. DGS staff shared fliers with members of the Advisory Team for them to share with immediate neighbors.

5. Summary/Next Steps

DGS will share a monthly construction update with the Advisory Team and with neighbors. The update will share updates about progress made on site, and what they will see in the coming month. This will be shared via email with ANC Commissioners, Advisory Teams, and individuals who have attended previous community meetings.