

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



**Ward 3 Advisory Team Meeting**

September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
7:00pm – 9:00pm  
2D Police Station

**Ward 3 Advisory Team Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Inviting Organization</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Nancy MacWood	ANC 3C	SMD 3C07 Commissioner	Present
Margaret Siegel	ANC 3C	ANC 3C Treasurer, SMD 3C05 Commissioner	Present
Angela Bradbery	ANC 3C	Community Representative	Present
Melody Molinoff	ANC 3C	John Eaton Elementary, LSAT Chair	Present
Ann Scoffier	ANC 3C	Community Representative	Present
Ruth Caplan	Cleveland Park Citizens Association	Cleveland Park Citizens Association, President; Community Representative	Present
Pamela Korbel	Cleveland Park Citizens Association	Cleveland Park Citizens Association; Community Representative	Present
Ann Hamilton	Cleveland Park Citizens Association	Cleveland Park Citizens Association; Community Representative	Present
Anthony Castillo (for Mary Cheh)	Councilmember Cheh's Office	Deputy Director of Constituent Services, Councilmember Cheh's Office	Present
Jeffrey Davis	Councilmember Cheh's Office	Community Representative	Present
Deborah Linde	Department of Human Services (DHS)	Community Representative; 30-year resident of McLean Gardens	Present
Rabbi Aaron Alexander	Department of Human Services (DHS)	Community Representative; Rabbi of Adas Israel Congregation	Not Present
Kelly McShane	Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)	Ward 3 Resident; President and CEO, Community of Hope	Not Present
Maureen Boucher	ANC 3C	SMD 3C07 Commissioner-Elect	Present
Melvin Gresham	Metropolitan Police Department (MPD)	Commander, 2nd District MPD	Not Present
Larry Handerhan (for Laura Zeilinger)	Department of Human Services (DHS)	DHS Director; Advisory Team Co-Chair; Ward 3 Resident	Present
Agyei Hargrove	Department of General Services (DGS)	DGS Project Manager	Present

### **Additional Individuals Present**

Greer Gillis	Director, Department of General Services (DGS)
JocCole Burton	Chief Project Delivery Officer, Department of General Services (DGS)
Stephen Campbell	Senior Planner, Department of General Services (DGS)
Jackie Stanley	Department of General Services (DGS)
Wanda Sherrod	Department of General Services (DGS)
Phil Thomas	Ward 3 Community Liaison, Mayor's Office of Community Relations
Jamie Keene	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS)
Abbie Cronin	Smoot Construction
Nicole White	Symmetra Design
Kelvin Robinson	Symmetra Design
DeAngelo Baynes	Department of Transportation
Evian Patterson	Department of Transportation
Andrew Lindberg	Ayers Saint Gross
Maureen Spagnolo	President, Newark Street Community Garden

### **AGENDA**

1. Introductions
2. Temporary Parking Plan follow up
3. Project Design Update
4. Next Steps

### **MEETING MINUTES**

#### **1. Welcome**

Director Gillis called the meeting to order and led introductions. Director Gillis shared that the purpose of the meeting is to present an update on changes to the temporary parking plan that have been made to reflect community feedback, and to present an update on the project design for the parking garage that will be constructed on site. Director Gillis shared that DGS staff has been working throughout the past month to prepare these updates for the Advisory Team to ensure that this presentation reflects design updates that are as close to final as possible.

Director Gillis reemphasized that the Advisory Team has the full support of District government, and that representatives from DGS, DHS, DDOT, MPD, the Mayor's Office, and design and construction contractors are on hand to answer any questions.

## 2. Temporary Parking Plan Follow Up

DGS staff led a presentation of recent updates to the temporary parking plan. DGS shared that they have coordinated closely with DDOT, DPW, and MPD to finalize details of the parking plan to focus on enforcement procedures as community members have said that enforcement is a priority. DGS shared that many aspects of community feedback have been incorporated into the temporary parking plan. This includes:

- Elimination of metered parking: the current plan will not use any metered parking
- Use of Macomb Street: the new plan focuses parking west of 39<sup>th</sup> Street
- Maintained use of only unrestricted spaces: only unrestricted spaces will be used that are not dedicated to residential and retail purposes
- Enforcement procedures: DGS has worked closely with DPW, MPD, and DDOT on enforcement procedures

DGS shared a temporary parking plan overview, and shared the sequence of temporary parking restrictions coming online. DGS shared a timetable for where specific parking restrictions will be temporarily put in place. DGS shared that additional spaces have been added west of 39<sup>th</sup> street on both sides of the street, and have eliminated the parking spaces on 39<sup>th</sup> street north of Macomb Street.

DGS staff presented parking plan maps to the Advisory Team. DGS staff also presented an overview of MPD parking spaces by time of day. The number of spaces that are reserved during the weekend will be lower than during the week.

DGS also shared examples of the signage that will be posted during the temporary parking restrictions. These signs will clearly explain to neighbors where they can park and when.

The temporary parking plan will be in place in November when construction on the parking garage begins. DGS shared an image of the parking placards that MPD officers will receive so that they can park in reserved spaces. These placards will allow DPW to undertake enforcement measures if individuals park in spaces they are not permitted to be in. If officers park outside their designated zones they can be ticketed. DGS will continue meeting with DPW and MPD on the implementation of the plan to ensure proper enforcement.

DGS shared that when large trucks visit the construction site, they may need to reserve additional parking spaces to accommodate the truck's large turning radius. In these cases, 8 spaces on 39<sup>th</sup> Street North of Macomb on the West side will be used. Traditional emergency parking signs will be used during these periods.

Site work for construction will begin in November. In advance of this, the District will begin community notification about the temporary parking plan. DDOT strives to provide 3 weeks of advance notice, and will be sharing updates through the ANCs and social media, as well as through the Advisory Team. Notification will go out to the community before the temporary parking signs are posted.

DGS will be sharing the timeline for the temporary parking plan with the Advisory Team by October 15<sup>th</sup> so that they can present this information to their ANC meeting. DGS will be sharing the timeline for the phases of the parking plan, as well as the timeline for construction milestones.

Construction on the Short-term Family Housing facility will begin once the parking garage is completed. At that point in time, once the parking garage is constructed, the temporary parking plan will end and the restricted parking zones will be relinquished back to community members.

The Advisory Team shared that these updates to the parking plan, especially the changes on 39<sup>th</sup> Street, will positively impact neighbors. The Advisory Team shared their appreciation for the amount of feedback that was collected and the positive way that the parking plan has developed in response to that feedback.

*Question:* Have you coordinated with Washington Hebrew Congregation?

*Answer:* Yes, the traffic consultant has been coordinating with Washington Hebrew Congregation, and has focused on mitigating impact. The dedicated parking spaces will not impact Washington Hebrew Congregation.

*Question:* What will happen to parking during MPD emergencies that might require additional officers to be at the station?

*Answer:* A number of spaces will still be available on site in case of emergencies. At all times, 159 parking places are reserved, and at certain times that number of reserved spaces will be higher.

*Question:* Why is some parking a 24 hour reserved spot?

*Answer:* Contractors may need to have some reserved 24 hour parking to store tools or equipment.

*Question:* Have you coordinated with retailers in the area around traffic?

*Answer:* DGS has begun this coordination already and will continue coordinating with local retailers.

### **3. Project Design Update**

DGS staff shared an update on the design of the parking garage on site. The parking garage is being constructed to minimize the number of MPD officers who park in the neighborhood by providing them one central location to park. DGS shared design drawings and a site plan for the parking garage. The garage will have 239 spaces, of which 23 will be set aside for the Short-term Family Housing program. Level 1 of the parking garage will be slightly below grade because of the topography of the site. The parking garage will not appear taller than the existing MPD building. DGS designed the garage with the sight lines of neighbors in mind. DGS has kept the parking garage as low profile and low-to-the-ground as possible. The garage will not be taller than the police station, and will not exceed 28 feet above grade (or about 2 stories).

In order to construct this deck, DGS will be following several safety procedures during construction. The construction process will be focused on safety of police officers, pedestrians, as well as the garden community that abuts the parking garage site. OSHA, which monitors safety on construction sites, has mandated by code that 18 feet of safety fencing be erected around the work zone. These 18 feet of fencing will encroach on the Newark Street Community Garden temporarily during construction. This fencing is to ensure the safety of pedestrians.

DGS has a plan in place to support gardeners who have sites adjacent to this retaining wall during construction. DGS has hired a landscape architect to evaluate the garden space, and they have found that 11 garden plots will be impacted by the construction. To ensure that gardeners have access to their plots during construction, those plots will be temporarily relocated throughout the garden. It is DGS's intent to continue working with their landscape architect to work directly with the community garden on where exactly to place the gardens temporarily.

DGS will be paying particular attention to ensuring the structural integrity of the irrigation system. The water pipes in the garden may be temporarily disturbed. If a temporary system is needed, DGS will put it in place. In addition, DGS will be testing the irrigation and water system in the garden after construction is completed to ensure proper functioning.

The President of the garden requested that electrical outlets be installed in the new retaining wall, and DGS staff shared that this will be feasible.

DGS shared that a new green screen will be built on the new retaining wall to create vertical horticulture opportunities. This green screen will become the backdrop of the garden. The green screen is intended to improve the aesthetic quality of the garden. DGS and the landscape architect will be working with the garden community on which plants will be included on the green screen, which could include native plants.

DGS shared that construction on the garage should take 8 months start to finish, and that timeline may be extended if there are unexpected delays with construction due to weather events.

DGS shared that only a portion of the retaining wall will be removed along the length of the new parking garage.

Question: Is there a cover on the garage?

Answer: The garage will have an open-top design; there will not be a cover on the third level.

Question: Can the community receive a rendering for the parking garage?

Answer: Yes, a rendering is being developed but is not yet ready due to the design process. DGS will share a rendering with the community when it is ready.

Question: Where will the construction entrance be?

Answer: It will be off of Idaho Avenue south towards Macomb street. There will only be one entrance during the construction of the garage.

Question: Will there be a crane on site?

Answer: In order to assemble the pre-cast components, a crane is needed on site. Only one crane will be needed. The crane will move to different locations on site as the construction process evolves. The crane will always be within the footprint of where the garage is being built on the MPD side of the wall. It is not a tower crane; it is a truck-mounted crane.

Question: How close to the new wall would the garden plots be?

Answer: DGS will work with the garden community on this question. The garden plots can go back in place almost exactly where they were before.

Question: Will a preconstruction survey of nearby homes be undertaken?

Answer: Yes, DGS will be taking this step before construction.

Question: Will DGS be conducting rodent abatement?

Answer: Yes, DGS takes this step on all of its projects and will be taking rodent abatement steps on site.

#### **4. Next steps**

DGS proposed that DGS attend the next ANC meeting to discuss the garage design. In the meantime, engagement and coordination with the garden president will continue.