

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

**Ward 3 Advisory Team Meeting**

May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Update on the Plan to Close DC General
3. Construction Update
4. Temporary Parking Plan update
5. Good Neighbor Agreement workshop
6. Future Meetings

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome**

Director Zeilinger shared that the purpose of today's meeting is to share a progress update on the planned closure of DC General, to receive an update on construction progress, and to talk through feedback received on the Good Neighbor Agreement at a recent community town hall.

**2. Update on the Plan to Close DC General**

Director Zeilinger shared that the District is on track to meet its goal to be out of DC General Family Shelter by 2018. Today, the District released its Point in Time Count, which showed a 40 percent decrease in family homelessness over the past two years, demonstrating that our strategies to end homelessness are working. There are 35 percent fewer families in shelters since this time last year. This decrease allows the District to move forward with the closure of DC General on target. This fall, Wards 4, 7, and 8 will come online to begin better serving families experiencing homelessness.

**3. Construction Progress Update**

DGS shared an update on progress on the site. Currently, pre-cast installation is occurring on site, and will be ongoing until late May. Mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems will be

installed soon. The parking structure will be completed in June, 2018 and will begin serving MPD officers. The green screen on the exterior of the building will be put in place in July once the parking structure is open.

DGS also shared follow ups from past community questions. The agency shared that preconstruction surveys have been completed, and additional surveys were completed along Idaho Avenue and Macomb Street, and will be made available to residents. Preemptive rodent abatement is ongoing on site. DGS also updated the Advisory Team that no additional reports of building vibrations have been received, and the monitoring systems installed around the construction site have confirmed that no structural damage has occurred.

Question: Have the plants for the green screen been chosen?

Answer: DGS will present the plant selections at the next Advisory Team meeting.

Question: Can trees be planted along Newark Street to block the visual of the parking garage?

Answer: DGS will investigate if this is possible, and will report back to the Advisory Team.

Question: Is DGS responsible for the renovations in the community room in the 2D police station.

Answer: Yes, DGS is managing this project, but it is a separate team. DGS will follow up with more information about this project.

#### **4. Temporary Parking Plan update**

DGS shared an update on the Temporary Parking Plan. 63 parking spaces have been released back to the community, and several additional

Question: There is concern that the contractor may not be following the Construction Management Guidelines, and that police parking in the neighborhood is still an issue. Is there a way to ensure that there is recourse when the contractor does not follow these guidelines?

Answer: DGS has been out on the site at 5:30am for the past two weeks to monitor parking conditions in the area and ensure enforcement. DGS will check with their general counsel about whether the contract includes a clause for recourse if the guidelines are not followed.

**5. Good Neighbor Agreement workshop**

DHS presented a summary document with feedback from community members. The purpose of this conversation is to sift through this feedback and to begin to move closer towards a revised document. Director Zeilinger reminded the team that this document will be enforced through the contract for the provider at the site.

The Advisory Team worked through the document and provided comments on how to move forward with the proposed language. It was also decided that Commissioner Angela Bradbery and Deborah Linde would take the lead on continuing to refine the document with the Department of Human Services.

**6. Future Meetings**

The Advisory Team will meet again in August for a quarterly meeting, and will continue to evaluate whether additional meetings are required before this time.