

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

**Ward 4 Advisory Team Meeting**

February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Ward 4 Advisory Team Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Inviting Organization</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Lisa Colbert	ANC 4D	Chairperson ANC 4D, SMD 4D03 Commissioner; Team Co-Chair	Present
Renée L. Bowser	ANC 4D	Commissioner, 4D02	Present
Maryann Stinson	ANC 4D	Principal, Truesdell Education Campus (PS-8)	Not present
Ronald Austin	ANC 4D	Community Member	Not present
David Dzidzienyo	ANC 4D	Community Member	Not present
Natalee Snider	ANC 4B	ANC 4B06 Commissioner	Not present
Kate Judson	Community	Community Member	Present
Danielle Parsons Smith	Brightwood Park Citizens Association	Brightwood Park/Kennedy Street communities	Not present
Lois Cooper	Brightwood Park Citizens Association	Brightwood Park/Kennedy Street communities	Present
Tiffani Nichole Johnson	Brightwood Park Citizens Association	Brightwood Park/Kennedy Street communities	Not present
Temi Bennett	Councilmember's Staff	DC Council	Not present
Brandon Todd	Councilmember	DC Council	Not present

Phillip McAuley	Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services	Ward 4 Outreach & Services Specialist (Ward 4 MOCR)	Present
Jasmin Benab	Mayor's Office of Community Relations & Services	Ward 4 Outreach & Services Specialist (Ward 4 MOCR)	Present
Dr. Bill Hasson	Councilmember's Invite	Community Member	Present
Schroeder Stribling	Interagency Council on Homelessness (ICH)	N Street Village, Executive Director	Not present
Brenda Donald	Administration	Director, Child and Family Services Agency; Team Co-Chair	Present

<b>Additional Support Staff Present</b>			
Jackie Stanley	Department of General Services (DGS)	Community Outreach Coordinator	Present
Jenna Cevasco	Department of Human Services (DHS)	Legislative Specialist	Present
Jamie Keene	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services (DMHHS)	Policy Analyst	Present
Agyei Hargrove	Department of General Services (DGS)	Project Manager	Present
Clifton Longobardi	Longobardi Associates	Project Manager	Present

## **AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Update on the Plan to Close DC General
3. Construction Progress Update
4. Building Name Process
5. Good Neighbor Agreement
6. School Planning
7. Summary and next steps

## MINUTES

### 1. Welcome

Director Brenda Donald led introductions and shared that the purpose of the meeting is to share an update on construction, discuss the Good Neighbor Agreement, and discuss the process for determining the building's name.

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

DHS shared that the Mayor has released her plan to close DC General Family Shelter, and shared a timeline of the District's plan to scale down use of the shelter as Short-term Family Housing comes online. The plan calls for the District to close the shelter in the fall and deconstruct the building once families are no longer served there.

*Question:* How many people currently reside at DC General?

*Answer:* Approximately 250 families reside at DC General, totaling about 1,000 individuals.

*Question:* Where will families go when DC General closes?

*Answer:* The main focus is on helping families transition into permanent housing over the next few months. For families who have not transitioned into permanent housing, 130 units of Short-term Family Housing will come online for families, as well as additional units at 4300 12<sup>th</sup> St SE.

### 3. Construction progress updates

The Advisory Team shared that they are grateful for the monthly construction updates shared by DGS about the project. The Advisory Team agreed to share contact information with DGS for additional neighbors who will want to receive the monthly updates.

DGS staff shared an update on the project. The building's addition has been completed on the back side of the building. DGS is currently working on the interior of the building, and interior framing has been complete. Dry wall installation is in progress. There will not be any additional large deliveries to the site. Crane work will occur in March to install rooftop units, and notification will be provided prior to this work beginning.

DGS staff shared that the STEM Youth program has visited the site three times to tour the progress on the site, including last week to show students involved in the program the interior of the building. The students will be returning again in March to visit the project.

DGS also shared that in response to community concerns about early morning construction noises, DGS has deployed a superintendent to the site each morning to closely monitor noise levels and to ensure that construction does not begin before hours. The Advisory Team shared that construction noise has improved.

DGS shared photographs of progress on the site, which show the new additions to the building, changes to the roofing on the site, fit outs to the interior of the building and interior framing, and bathroom facilities.

DGS also shared that the project is on track to be certified as LEED Gold, meaning that the design and products used are environmentally friendly, and high-energy appliances have been selected.

*Question:* There is some graffiti on site. When will it be removed?

*Answer:* DGS has decided that leaving it in place for now deters the space from being tagged again. The graffiti will be removed prior to completion of the project.

*Question:* Have there been any accidents on site?

*Answer:* No, to date the construction site has been accident free, and DGS is coordinating with OSHA to monitor site safety.

*Question:* How many stories is this structure? Does it have an elevator?

*Answer:* The building is six stories, including a basement. The building will include an elevator.

#### **4. Building Name Process**

At the last Advisory Team meeting, DHS shared a short list of names that the agency has approved out of the longer list of names submitted by community members. DHS shared the criteria that were used to narrow down building names to a short list. The Advisory Team voted and selected the name “The Kennedy” for the building.

#### **5. Good Neighbor Agreement**

As promised at the last Advisory Team meeting, DHS took a draft of the Good Neighbor Agreement which included feedback from the Advisory Team to the provider community for feedback on the feasibility of the document. DHS staff shared a version of the Good Neighbor Agreement that includes modest feedback and edits from the provider community. DHS and Advisory Team members agreed that Advisory Team members will share any last pieces of feedback on the Agreement via email by mid-March. When the provider comes on board this summer, the Good Neighbor Agreement will be reviewed again with the provider, and then will sign the document with the Advisory Team.

#### **6. School planning**

The Advisory Team would like to receive additional updates on the planning for schools. DHS and the Advisory Team agreed that a conference call or webinar will be hosted to discuss this process. The call or webinar was subsequently scheduled for Tuesday, March 20 from 12:30-1:30pm.