

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**

July 10<sup>th</sup> 2018  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Construction progress updates
3. CFA update
4. Good Neighbor Agreement
5. Summary and next steps

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome**

Jenna Cevasco from the Department of Human Services opened the meeting on behalf of Co-Chair Kristy Greenwalt. Jenna shared that the purpose of the meeting is to review progress on the Good Neighbor Agreement and to discuss updates on the construction process.

**2. Construction Progress Update**

Jeff Licklider, DGS Project Manager, began the meeting with an update on construction progress. Jeff shared that rough excavation of dirt began in May, when an oil tank was discovered on site. Contaminated soils were removed in accordance with EPA guidelines. The installation of piers began in late June and are now complete. Construction on grade beams will begin and be ongoing for the next two weeks, at which point construction of reinforced slab will commence. The full building permit is anticipated by the end of the month, at which point second floor framing will begin. DGS staff shared images of construction progress on site that showed completed grade beams in place. The substantial completion of the building is set for May 2019, to begin serving families in summer 2019.

Surveys of adjacent buildings were completed prior to construction beginning and seismic monitors have been installed around the construction site to monitor any impacts as an additional precautionary measure.

*Question:* What was the tank on site from?

*Answer:* We are not sure, but believe it may have been a storage tank. Finding this type of tank is very common near old structures.

### **3. CFA Update**

DGS shared an update on the design of the building. The community voted several months ago to select landscaping and color options for the exterior of the building. As with every Short-term Family Housing project, the final design for the building is subject to approval from the Commission of Fine Arts (CFA). CFA recently reviewed this design proposal and was highly supportive of the community's design selections for the exterior color and landscaping. CFA recommended that a secondary color on the building be made modestly darker in order to better aesthetically match the color choices made by the community. The Advisory Team reviewed these recommendations and agreed that the modifications were an enhancement to the design of the building. CFA has approved all other design aspects of the building, and final CFA approval is expected in the course of the next several weeks. The building permit will be issued after CFA approval is granted.

*Feedback:* The graphic rendering of the building makes it look as if the color of the building is browner than the maroon color that the community voted on. DGS will look into improving the rendering and ensuring too that the fencing and landscaping reflected in the graphic rendering match the choices that community members voted on.

### **4. Good Neighbor Agreement**

DHS staff walked through the working draft of the Good Neighbor Agreement, and shared answers to the questions that Advisory Team members had posed at the last quarterly meeting when the agreement was workshopped. The Advisory Team reviewed copies of a draft Good Neighbor Agreement to be shared with neighbors over the course of the summer to collect feedback. The Advisory Team agreed to lead a process of shopping the draft around with community members and neighbors, and sharing preliminary feedback with DHS at the October 2<sup>nd</sup> quarterly team meeting.

*Question:* Can a trashcan be placed on the property near the entrance?

*Answer:* DGS will look into the feasibility of doing this.

### **5. Summary and next steps**

The Advisory Team will spend July-September collecting feedback from neighbors on the draft of the Good Neighbor Agreement. At the October 2<sup>nd</sup> Advisory Team meeting, the team will share preliminary feedback on the GNA and the Advisory Team will decide at that point what additional community engagement may be needed.