

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

Ward 6 Advisory Team Meeting

April 26, 2018
7:00pm – 8:30pm

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Construction Progress Update
3. Good Neighbor Agreement workshop
4. Next Steps

MINUTES

1. Welcome

Co-Chair Jay Melder opened the meetings and led introductions. He shared an update on the plan to close and replace the DC General Family Shelter, and noted that DC General Family Shelter will close this fall as new short-term family housing programs open in Wards 4, 7, and 8. Co-Chair Melder also shared that ongoing investments in ending family homelessness are paying off as the level of homelessness among families continues to decline in the District.

2. Construction Progress Update

DGS shared an update on site lighting plans. During construction, six (6) clusters of lights with four (4) lights each will be installed around the perimeter of the site. DGS is also working with DDOT on a lighting plan around the site, and DGS plans to share plans with the Advisory Team. Lights will be installed at multiple levels on the streetscape, including bollard lights, to ensure a well-lit area. DGS has used feedback from the Advisory Team about the importance of adequate lighting to develop these plans. Additionally, the architects for the project have brought on board a lighting designer to develop these plans. The architect will present on this plan at the next Advisory Team meeting for feedback, and to ensure the lighting plan is compatible with the Randall School project and adjacent businesses.

DGS shared that abatement has been completed on site, and has tested the site to confirm that it is clear of hazardous materials. The raze permit has been received, and the raze of the existing building will begin next week. As construction begins next week, DGS will begin sending out monthly construction updates for community members that highlight the activities occurring on site, and a look-ahead for what is coming next on the site. DGS flagged that the Advisory Team can help share these materials with community members.

DGS anticipates that demolition activities on the building will last approximately 2 weeks. The demolition process will be a deconstruction process. DGS shared images of the abatement process which has concluded on site.

Question: Can DGS create a time lapse of the demolition of the buildings?

Answer: Yes, DGS's contractor is already preparing to do this, and the photographs can be shared with the Advisory Team.

3. Update on Health Care Services

Co-Chair Melder shared that Unity Health Clinic is operating in temporary swing space at Joy Evans Recreation Center. Unity will occupy this space for 18 months. Co-Chair Melder also shared that the District is actively working to bring a new healthcare provider into the garden level space of the new building, and is working to enhance the RFP for the space to ensure that a qualified operator is in place.

4. Next Steps for Advisory Team

The Advisory Team will meet next in June to discuss the design for the site.