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Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

**Ward 1 Advisory Team Launch Meeting**

July 24, 2019  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

**Ward 1 Advisory Team Members**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Inviting Organization</b>	<b>Affiliations</b>	<b>Attendance</b>
Jennifer Bristol	ANC 1B	Commissioner, ANC 1B, Team Co-Chair	Present
Joshua Mater	ANC 1B	Commissioner, ANC 1B08	Not present
Erica Wissolik	ANC 1B	Community representative	Present
Yuri Blazar	ANC 1B	Aria Development, community representative	Not present
Jessica Venegas	ANC 1B	Community representative	Not present
John Holmes	ANC 1B	LAYC	Present
Councilmember Brienne Nadeau	Councilmember's office	Ward 1 Councilmember	Not present
Tania Jackson	Councilmember's office	Chief of Staff to Councilmember Nadeau	Present
Nia Cammack	Councilmember's office	Community representative, Marie Reed PTO	Not present
Cammeron Girvin	Councilmember's office	Community representative, 1420 Clifton St.	Not present
Alberto Lucini	Councilmember's office	Community representative, Clifton Condo Association	Not present
Tim Frenz	Interagency Council on Homelessness	N Street Village	Present
Kristy Greenwalt	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Director, Interagency Council on Homelessness, Team Co-Chair	Present

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**Additional Support Staff Present**

Jessica Smith	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health & Human Services	Policy Advisor
Rob Tate	Department of General Services	Project Manager
Dwayne Gentry	Department of Human Services	Project Manager
Rubin Foreman	Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services	Ward 1 Liaison
Nick Kushner	DPR	Community Planner
Dan McCarthy	GCS-SIGAL	Project Manager

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Construction Updates and Questions
3. Good Neighbor Protocol
4. Upcoming Meeting and Events

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## MINUTES

### Introduction

Kristy opened the meeting with introductions and framing regarding the meeting's objectives.

### Construction Updates and Questions

Rob gave an overview of the construction updates. He noted that the groundbreaking event occurred on July 2. Foundation-to-grade construction activities began last week (week of July 15<sup>th</sup>). Nearly all of the protective site and silt fencing has been installed; the rest of the silt fencing will be installed by August 1<sup>st</sup> (prior to piling construction). A protective overhead pedestrian walkway is currently being installed on the sidewalk in front of the site. The light pole in front of site will be removed. This will be replaced with temporary construction site lighting. Excavation of the parking lot area will continue into the next month. The Building Permit is expected for approval next month.

An Advisory Team member raised concerns about the LAYC van being parked in the alley behind Rita Bright. The van's alarm system randomly sounds throughout the night. Dan and Rob shared that they had not been able to secure parking at Sherwin Williams but have been working on a solution. GCS is renting a parking lot from 1417 Belmont St, which recently came under new ownership, for subcontractor and Rita Bright parking. They are in the process of clearing the lot, and anticipate it will be available for parking starting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

The Advisory Team revisited the discussion around courtyard material. There were no representatives from 1420 Clifton St. present, so the team decided that Kristy and Jen would send an email to the Condo Board inviting them to select a color scheme. GCS and CQA will send schemes/samples to 1420 Clifton St. via certified mail so they can review all choices. Should the Condo Board decide they do not want to select a color, the Advisory Team selected Option B as a backup.

Q: The Advisory Team also asked about the air quality study that was conducted on the courtyard. Rob noted that the study showed that the passage will allow outdoor air to continually circulate from the ally into the courtyard and will contribute to air movement within the courtyard and that the air movement from the passageway will assist in minimizing the air stagnation within the courtyard. The results of the air study are currently being finalized and the full study will be sent around shortly.

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### **Update on Rita Bright**

Rita Bright has been communicating with DGS and GCS daily regarding construction activity and any real time changes and will continue to do so in the future. DPR is in process of developing RFP for Rita Bright upgrades. There will be a separate community engagement process once an architect is onboarded. The architect should be onboard by October 2019 and the timeline for community engagement can be discussed at that time.

### **Good Neighbor Protocol**

Kristy reminded the group of the purpose of the Good Neighbor Protocol. This protocol is in place to make sure the District, their Provider, and families who reside in the building are being good neighbors, as are the existing neighbors. This Protocol will be workshopped over the next few months and will be finalized with the Provider when they come on board.

Commissioner Bristol noted that neighborhood conversations recently have revolved around trash, loitering, and ensuring Rita Bright has what they need to be successful. The team talked about how best to incorporate Rita Bright into the Protocol.

Q: Commissioner Bristol asked about the smoking area for the building. Rob and Jessica noted that the building is expected to receive a LEED Gold certification, which means there will be no smoking areas onsite.

The group focused their time on the Safety and Security and Maintenance of Property Sections of the Protocol. Edits will be incorporated and circulated prior to the next AT meeting in October. In October, the AT will also discuss if and how to obtain feedback on the Protocol from the broader ANC1B community.

### **Upcoming Meetings and Events**

Jessica will send around a calendar invite for the next Advisory Team meeting Oct 16. She also invited everyone to the Ward 5 STFH Ribbon cutting on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00am.