

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



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

Ward 1 Advisory Team Meeting

December 5, 2018
7:00pm – 8:00pm

Ward 1 Advisory Team Members

Name	Inviting Organization	Affiliations	Attendance
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	Not Present (represented by Chris Clark)
Yuri Blazar	ANC 1B	Aria Development, community representative	Present
Jessica Venegas	ANC 1B	Community representative	Present
Ivelina Benitez	ANC 1B & Interagency Council on Homelessness	School representative, community representative	Not Present
Councilmember Brianne Nadeau	Councilmember's office	Ward 1 Councilmember	Not Present
Tania Jackson	Councilmember's office	Chief of Staff to Councilmember Nadeau	Not Present
Sara Akbar	Councilmember's office	Community representative, Clifton Condo Association	Not Present
Ethan Ngo	Councilmember's office	Community representative, Clifton Condo Association	Present
Tim Frentz	Interagency Council on Homelessness	N Street Village	Present
Kristy Greenwalt	Interagency Council on Homelessness	Director, Interagency Council on Homelessness, Team Co-Chair	Present

Additional Support Staff Present

Jamie Keene	Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services
Brian Butler	Department of General Services
Reuban Forman	Mayor's Office of Community Relations and Services
Rob Tate	Department of General Services
Heather Rowe	Cunningham Quill Architects

AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Updates on the Short-term Family Housing plan
3. Design update
4. Community engagement
5. Updates on impacts to adjacent building

MEETING MINUTES

1. Welcome

Director Greenwalt opened the meeting and led introductions. She shared that the purpose of the meeting is to share new versions of the building design that reflect the latest feedback from the Advisory Team as well as to provide feedback on the exterior colors for the building.

2. Updates on the Short-term Family Housing plan

Director Greenwalt shared an update on the overall Short-term Family Housing plan. Programs have opened and are serving families in Wards 4, 7, and 8. The DC General Family Shelter was closed once and for all in October. The former hospital building will be torn down by next June. Construction is also under project in Wards 3, 5, and 6.

3. Design update

The DGS team explained that the goal today is to share sample exterior materials and to select color options to advance for the building.

DGS described the ongoing engagement with the Commission on Fine Arts (CFA). The design for the building received concept approval from the CFA earlier this year. CFA had shared similar feedback to that received from Advisory Team members, including to focus more on the top of the building. The CFA also wanted to ensure that the two wings of the building do contain unified aesthetic elements. Moving forward, the color options selected by the Advisory Team will also be presented to the CFA for their approval.

The design team presented the new set of design features that have been added since the last meeting in response to Advisory Team feedback. Overall the design team has worked to create a more residential feeling. The design now includes a cornice line at the top of the building, and this brick detailing improves the way the building meets the sky. The design team looked again at the bottom of the building, which will now be more visually distinct

from the body of the building. Brick will be used as a framework around the window treatment. The design team also shared that one goal is to avoid a design that is crowded with design features. To that end, the design now features more uniform window sizes to create a more unified appearance. The design team is also working with landscape architects to begin creating designs for the plantings around the perimeter of the building.

The design team moved on to show three color schemes, and shared renderings and material samples for each option. The options were:

1. Tan brick and gray accents
2. Brown brick and tan accents
3. Brown brick and gray accents

Advisory Team members shared the following comments on the color options:

- I don't like the light tan color for the bricks, and don't think it will complement the Rita Bright building
- I prefer the options that creates a color palate with more contrast
- I like the option that has warmer color options

The Advisory Team voted by ballot and agreed unanimously that the preferred color option is the dark brown brick color with gray accents. DGS reminded the Advisory Team that the Commission on Fine Arts (CFA) will have to sign off on the selected colors for the building, and their feedback could move the building in a different direction than preferred by the Advisory Team. DGS will keep the Advisory Team apprised of CFA's position.

Question: How much building maintenance will be performed for this site? Could trash accumulate in the flower boxes?

Answer: There will be a maintenance team on site daily. DGS will have a contract for facilities maintenance team at this site, and this can include maintenance of landscaping.

4. Community engagement

Commissioner Bristol shared an update on engaging the community on the design. A community coffee hour is being hosted on December 8th to discuss the building's design and to answer any questions. On December 13th, DGS will be presenting the building design and the colors selected by the Advisory Team to the ANC. Advisory Team members will be attending the ANC meeting to meet community members and answer questions.

5. Future Meetings

The Advisory Team will meet again in mid-January, and DMHHS will send a poll around to set availability for the week of January 7th. Following that meeting, the Advisory Team will likely not need to meet monthly as preparations for construction begin. Before construction begins, Construction Management Guidelines will be developed to lay out the expectations of the community during the construction process.