



## Meeting Notes

Powell SIT Meeting

5/19/2016

9AM

Powell ES, 1350 Upshur St NW, Washington, DC

Facilitator: Toussaint Webster

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### Overview:

Objectives:

To give the SIT a review of the Building D, an overview of the sitework, and an update on progress against the schedule.

### Attendance:

1	Maria Lopez	14	Ari Appel
2	Sandra Cizos	15	Sara Schoen
3	Argelia Ramos	16	Ms. Lyons-Lucas
4	Lisa Strzepek	17	Novella Brady
5	Carla Ferris	18	Toussaint Webster
6	Elisa Waske	19	Natalia Fuller-Walker
7	Andreina Laffargue	20	Lauren Manning
8	Ken Forsberg	21	Sanam Toossi
9	Reeve Johnson	22	Bryce Carpenter
10	Loza	23	Diedre Gibson
11	Akaike	24	Teresa Rivas
12	Stoessel	25	Deysi Vasquez
13	Kent	26	Burr Hannon

### Notes:

Issue	Comments
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<p>Building D Floor Plan Recap</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Novella Brady presented both floors of the Building D plan</li> </ul> <p>The Following Questions were asked and comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>What is the square room to the left of the library?</b> It's the librarian's office, but that could change. There's not enough ECE floor sitting space in the library, so we are trying to reduce the amount of office space.</li> <li>▪ <b>Music is on the bottom right. What's on top?</b> Music storage. <b>What's above that?</b> Office spaces and the music lab.</li> <li>▪ <b>Has the library FF&amp;E been finalized?</b> We met with with the school leadership team about this. We will present those choices to the school library team in a follow-up meeting.</li> <li>▪ <b>Will there be a green roof?</b> Yes, Building D's roof will have planters.</li> <li>▪ <b>DOH needs to inspect the kitchen. Does that push the February completion back?</b> We can use other areas of the building, but we would only have to wait on the kitchen for approval.</li> <li>▪ <b>What is the worst case scenario for a DOH kitchen approval?</b> 2.5 months is the worst we have seen.</li> <li>▪ <b>How do you physically attach two building without major disruption?</b> We will present what kind of barriers we use to attach buildings.</li> </ul>
<p>The outdoor site</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Novella Brady presented the site spaces</li> </ul> <p>The Following Questions were asked and comments were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Will the playfield be grass or turf? We are concerned about the rubber bits.</b> In the meeting, Toussaint mistakenly said that the field was made of artificial turf, but is planned to be made of real grass sod.</li> <li>▪ <b>Is there a fence between the parking lot and the playground?</b> Yes, a fence between both the ECE playground and smaller parking lot; and a fence between the 1st-5th grade playground.</li> <li>▪ <b>Stormwater runoff is a big deal for us. We don't want to have what happened at Bloomingdale happen here. It is a real concern.</b> There are systems in place that show underground elements--drains, cisterns, pipes, and filtration systems.</li> <li>▪ <b>A number of things are not set in stone yet. Is there a timeline for finalizing site work?</b> Playground is the biggest factor. We are getting information from the school/community right now. Once that is done, we will release an RFP, vet three vendors, and choose one. Once that vendor is hired, they can better tell us what the lead time is for the equipment chosen. The goal is to get vendors on early this summer.</li> <li>▪ <b>When is a good time to weigh in/advocate?</b> This is a good time.</li> <li>▪ <b>What is the open white space next to the green space?</b> It's a concrete plaza/walking space.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>How do we advocate against artificial turf/rubber dirt?</b> In the meeting, Toussaint mistakenly said that the field was made of artificial turf, but is planned to be made of real grass sod.</li> <li>▪ <b>In the 5-12 playground, could we move the green space flush against 14th street to keep from breaking the play equipment area into two?</b> That’s an interesting suggestion that we will take into account. We made need to shift a few more elements around in the site before it’s all said and done.</li> <li>▪ <b>At the next SIT meeting could you present on the alternative to permeable pavers for stormwater management?</b> Yes we will.</li> <li>▪ <b>What do the circles on the site plan represent?</b> The larger ones are trees and the smaller ones are shrubs/bushes.</li> <li>▪ <b>Are all existing trees represented on the drawing?</b> Yes We need to physically walk in the alley to see.</li> <li>▪ <b>Will we lose any existing trees?</b> There is a dying tree back there. We need DDOT Urban Forestry to weigh in. It will probably be cut down.</li> <li>▪ <b>We would love it if all trees could stay.</b> We also made contact with Casey trees for free ones. They will come out to the site to consult. There is an application that must be submitted, then volunteers will plant them. Dying trees will be removed.</li> <li>▪ <b>Is the parking lot/playspace going to be done by February 2017?</b> That is the goal, but we will keep you posted once we get the playground vendor hired.</li> </ul>
ANC’s Questions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Will parking lot/alley sightlines change?</b> There are no changes to the drawings, but we have other ways to compensate.</li> <li>▪ <b>Will mirrors be added to the parking lot?</b> A circular convex mirror will be added to blind spots on Powell’s property.</li> <li>▪ <b>Are current design elements for safety of cars, kids, bicyclists, etc. interacting in the back/alley/parking lot?</b> Fencing will extend along the perimeter of the parking lot, as well as a gate at the lot entrance, and the aforementioned mirror(s).</li> <li>▪ <b>Will there be permeable pavers in parking lot?</b> No, the estimated cost of pavers is in excess of the current budget.</li> <li>▪ <b>Will trees used to combat the heat island effect?</b> There will be trees and other plant throughout the parking lot and surrounding areas.</li> <li>▪ <b>Will there be attractive fencing, bushes, trees, and flowers on the site’s periphery?</b> Yes, fencing, trees and plant throughout the parking lot and surrounding areas will enhance the site’s aesthetics.</li> <li>▪ <b>Does the site plan include trees in the parking lot?</b> Yes.</li> </ul>

<p>Upcoming School Construction Activities: May/June 2016</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Excavation for basement and footings – <i>In Progress</i></li> <li>▪ Installation of Foundation Piers – <i>In Progress</i></li> </ul> <p>Foundation Activities to Follow:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Foundation Piers Completion</li> <li>▪ Concrete</li> <li>▪ Waterproofing of Foundation</li> </ul> <p>We wanted to provide an update on the contract status for Building D. The builder's contract was not able to get on the agenda for the last council session, which means it has not received final approval yet. We are hopeful that the contract will make it on the May 31st agenda for council approval. The contractor is currently working with a letter contract and will be continuing work on the project. So we still anticipate a February completion. If we are not able to get on the agenda on the 31st, we will let you know as soon as we hear. That could put it at risk.</p> <p><b>Why wasn't it included on the agenda?</b> It was removed from the agenda because of a procedural error in how it was filed.</p> <p><b>What happens if we do not get on the agenda?</b> DGS will have to evaluate with the builder, but it is likely that we will have to re-evaluate the schedule. Again, we are hopeful that it will make it on the agenda for May 31st. If not, we will be on it for June 7th's meeting</p>
<p>Closing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Contact, with questions and concerns: <a href="mailto:toussaint.webster@dc.gov">toussaint.webster@dc.gov</a> and <a href="http://www.engagedcps.org">www.engagedcps.org</a></li> <li>▪ Next meeting: June 16, 2016, 9AM</li> </ul>