



Meeting Notes

Powell SIT Meeting

4/21/2016

9AM

Powell ES, 1350 Upshur St NW, Washington, DC

Facilitator: Toussaint Webster

Overview:

Objectives:

To update the SIT on progress including the front ramp/stair design, back temporary ramp, and back stairs demolition; To communicate updated timeline

Attendance:

1	Tessy Pineda	15	Erika Landberg
2	Desyi Vasquez	16	Ken Forsberg
3	Andreina Laffargue	17	Christine Miller
4	Kira Moore	18	Sanam Toossi
5	Lisa Strzepek	19	Lauren Manning
6	Theodore Hinton	20	Greg Huebner
7	Deepa Shukla	21	Hiroko Akaike
8	Regina Meyers	22	Jonathan Clay
9	Carla Ferris	23	Christine Stoessel
10	Bryce Carpenter	24	Claudia Silva
11	Eric Vance	25	Natalia Fuller-Walker
12	Cassandra Davenport	26	Reeve Johnson
13	Toussaint Webster	27	Novella Brady
14	Rick Schneider	28	Sean Garganio

Notes:

Issue	Comments
Building D Layout Recap + Landscape Plan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rick Schneider presented both floors of the Building D plan <p>Questions/Comments from SIT - Answers from DCPS/DGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ With the glass door, what will security be? We have had theft from the back in the past? We will have locks on the doors and cameras pointing at them. ▪ Will there be a key to come in and out of the door? No, there will be a key fob for Powell staff. ▪ Existing Cafeteria/Auditorium/Gym: Are you removing equipment? Yes, the plan is to remove all kitchen equipment from the current cafeteria. There will also be new table and chair storage in the back. ▪ Is there any plan for auditorium sound? Yes, speakers and plug-ins. We are still working on the details/specifications. ▪ Will there be custodial space? There will be a first floor loading dock and custodial storage, plus basement custodial storage. We are still working with the school to identify other spaces. ▪ Does the elevator go all the way down to the basement? No, there will only be stairs. ▪ DGS has a big plan for solar, is Powell one of the schools? We have not discussed it as a strategy. Some of the schools that are undergoing modernization are being primed for solar infrastructure. So far, there are no plans to do so for Powell. Instead of solar roofs, we will have installed green roofs. ▪ Are you working to receive the ECE accreditation requirements through National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAYCE)? Yes, we are working with the school. ▪ Do you have information on boiler room flood repairs? We are still working on it. There is no update from last time other than that we know there is need for storage. There is a water issue. We need to get to the source and figure out how to pay for it. The roofing contractor has conducted some initial examinations. Will there be information about it at the May meeting? We will work to provide answers or at least progress. ▪ Will building D have a mop closet to get water and fill up the bucket? We will look at plans and let you know.

<p>Front Entrance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ ADA ramp and renovated stairs is projected to be complete in Summer 2016 ▪ ADA ramp will be located on west side of front entrance ▪ Built into the hill ▪ Plans for bike racks are included <p>Questions/Comments from SIT - Answers from DCPS/DGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ In front, once the ramp is finished, will there be changes to the grassy bank/hill? Yes, the ramp will be built into the hill/bank.
<p>Building D Stair Tower</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Rick Schneider presented drawings of the Building D Stair Tower <p>Questions/Comments from SIT - Answers from DCPS/DGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Is the stair conditioned space? No, it is not conditioned space.
<p>Schedule and Upcoming Activities</p>	<p>Construction Start Dates: Fechas De Principio de Construcción:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction of Temporary Ramp at Existing Parking Lot (Auditorium Entrance) - Completed <i>Construcción de Rampa Temporal en el Parqueadero Existente (Entrada al Auditorio) - Completado</i> ▪ Demolition of basement stairs – Completed <i>Demolición de las escaleras del sótano – Completado</i> ▪ Excavation for basement and footings – In Progress <i>Excavación del sótano y del zapatas – En Progreso</i> ▪ 2 Weeks following basement stair demolition - Installation of Foundation Piers <i>Dos semanas después de la demolición de las escaleras del sótano - Instalación de pilares de fundación.</i> ▪ Progress photos were shown in the presentation
<p>Schedule and Upcoming School Construction Activities <i>Lista y Próximas Actividades de Construcción Escolar</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Construction Start Date: Week of April 4, 2016 <i>Fechas De Principio de Construcción: 04 de Abril, 2016</i> ▪ Projected Construction Completion Date: February 2017 <i>Fecha prevista de finalización de la construcción : February 2017</i> ▪ Priority Areas: Front entrance – Summer 2016 <i>Entrada frontal Parking Estacionamiento Playground Patio de recreo</i> <p>Questions/Comments from SIT - Answers from DCPS/DGS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the playground/parking lot timeline? We are still developing the details for the playground. There is no full-fledged plan beyond the fact that there will be two separate playgrounds--one for Early Childhood Education (ECE), and one for Elementary Education students. Parking will be 46 + 10 spaces in two locations. We will show the design in next month’s meeting.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ If the project will be done in February 2017, will we not move in until next year? DCPS’s goal is to move in as quickly as possible. Before everyone moves in, furniture and equipment must be 100% functional, everything must be tested, and the Department of Health must sign off. ▪ Does the February date include furniture and equipment? Yes ▪ Will the auditorium be touched before summer ‘17? Building D is the focus. It would be difficult to take it out of commission during the school year, so we will have to plan with Powell leadership to prioritize the time for that portion of the project. ▪ With prioritizing parking and the playground, will these be ready by fall 2016? We know that playground equipment has long lead time. Order dates are important, so it is not likely. The goal is to get a detailed design within the next 2 months. ▪ Will construction staging space impede parking and playground? In an idea world, it would not impede the playground, but both are likely. We will know for sure when designs are finalized. A major concern is ensuring that such spaces are safe for students. ▪ The ANC has very strong feelings about the parking lot. We are worried that a petition could delay the project to 2018. There is an ANC meeting in May. We will provide an update and continue to work with them.
Closing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Contact, with questions and concerns: toussaint.webster@dc.gov and www.engagedcps.org ▪ Next meeting: May 19, 2016, 9AM