GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



EXTERNAL MEETING REPORT FORM

Date of Meeting	July 17, 2014
Type of Meeting	Community Meeting or Event
	☐ Advisory Neighborhood Commission Meeting or Event
	☐ Business Community Meeting or Event
Topic	Kalorama Park Drainage, Erosion & Landscaping Improvement Project
Location	Kalorama Park Rec Center, 1875 Columbia Rd NW, Washington, DC 20009
DGS & DPR Attendees By name	Kenny Diggs (Director of Government Affairs & Communications, DGS) Brent Sisco (Community Planner & Landscape Architect, DPR) Shahrokh Ghahramani (Project Manager, DGS)
Notable Attendees e.g. Council staff, businesses, etc.	ANC 1C03 Fund for Kalorama Park
Brief Summary No more than 2 or 3 sentences	Welcome and Introduction The meeting was held so that DGS may update the community on the status of park improvements and receive feedback from the community. DGS's Director of Government Affairs & Communications Division Mr. Kenny Diggs started the meeting by thanking everyone's attendance and introduced DPR, DGS and Design Team. Mr. Diggs served as the presenter. Elements of the proposed site plan were presented by Ken Jones of MHG.
	<u>Design Process</u>
	Following items were discussed:
	Project Timeline
	Topographic survey completed in late June of 2014

- Lightning protection (in progress)
- Vertical mulching (in progress)
- Preliminary Design:
- Drainage Improvements
- Stormwater Management
- Landscaping Improvements
- DGS acknowledged the premavable paving

Community Concerns

The following comments were made by members of the community in attendance:

• Concerns were expressed with proposed porous pavement for the plaza. Grass may grow in between pavers. Routine maintenance of the pavers will include vacuuming.

Permeable Paving

- The redesign of the central plaza was discussed:
 - o Remove willow oak.
 - o Both shade and views are desired at benches
 - o Small games (i.e. hopscotch, 4-square) may be incorporated into the plaza
 - o Existing plaza is too big. Described as a "concrete lagoon"
 - o Existing plaza was described as having a 4-corner formal look.
 - o Being able to see inside of the playground
 - o The plaza is occasionally used for community events such as art tents on Adams Morgan day.