



Van Ness ES SIT Meeting Minutes

FINAL March 4, 2015

1) Attendees

- a) DCPS – Patrick Davis, Monica Liang-Aguirre
- b) DGS-DCPEP – Hakim Chambers, Adnan Mamoon, Meagan Miller
- c) Quinn Evans Architects (QEA) – Jeff Luker, Megan Tormey, Jenine Kotob, Sharon Bradley, Bel St. John
- d) DGS Communications Team – none
- e) Parents and community members
 - i) Susan McNeill (parent + community member)
 - ii) Marisa Scalera (parent)
 - iii) Michael Mills (parent + Velocity)
 - iv) Bruce DarConte (NSCP President + Amidon-Bowen ES PTA)
 - v) Nathan Alberg (community member + local architect w/KCCT)
 - vi) Chris French (parent)
 - vii) Kelly Stromer (President, Van Ness ES Parent Group)
 - viii) Michael Skena (parent + community member)
 - ix) Rebecca Sohmer (parent + community member)

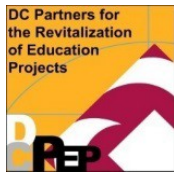
2) D/B proposals

- a) 2/12 D/B proposals made the final round, D/B will be chosen from these two
- b) D/B and Quinn Evans Architects to join forces in mid to late-March

3) QEA concept design presentation with 3D views

- a) SIT concerns
 - i) Noise from construction
 - (1) DCPS/DGS response
 - (a) HAZMAT/interior demolition happens around mid to late-March up to mid-April
 - (b) Noise from construction begins around mid-April
 - (c) OSHA rules apply during construction
 - ii) What time does the Van Ness ES Parent Group have relative to Council approval of Phase 2 funding?
 - (1) DGS response
 - (a) Funding schedule
 - (i) April/May/June funds are approved
 - (ii) October funds are released
 - iii) Coordination for DPR land between DGS, DCPS and DCHA community center project
 - (1) **DGS will send President of Van Ness ES Parent Group contact at DPR**
 - (2) DGS and DPR are meeting often to encourage coordination of DPR land development along with the development of the Van Ness ES site
 - (3) DPR land is also NPS land so there are more restrictions, could have implications for using land for parking, for example a permeable parking service could be required
 - (a) QEA comment: could use parallel parking option during Phase 1
 - iv) Gym/auditorium/cafeteria (GAC) after Phase 1 summer work

Action Items are shown in **RED**



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- (1) DCPS comment: Pre-K 3 and 4 eat "family style" in their classrooms at all DCPS schools currently
 - (a) K students will do the same as the Pre-K 3 and 4 classes Fall 2015 through Spring 2016
 - (2) OEA comment: floor 2 space could be used as a multi-purpose space Fall 2015 through Spring 2016
- b) Site reviews
- i) Outdoors
 - (1) Uses reggio design, an "environment as teacher" design concept
 - (2) Raised traffic calming tables
 - (3) Stroller/bike/scooter storage around planters next to multipurpose wing
 - (a) SIT concerns
 - (i) Does the current design provide enough for all commuters: parents, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders?
 - (4) Storm water management (SWM)
 - (a) Considering the use of cisterns, rain gardens, and a series of other bio retention areas with natural plantings, punctuated with signs to teach students about SWM and the Anacostia watershed
 - (b) Features multiple outdoor gathering spaces (benches, ampitheater, etc.) and teaching areas for writing poetry, reading, smaller groups
 - (5) Gates to provide a barrier around parking area
 - (a) OEA will explore the type of fencing with consideration given to DPR's response
 - (b) Keeps kids safe from running outside the boundary of the school
 - (c) Key fobs considered for access during critical times gates are locked
 - (d) SIT concerns
 - (i) Need signage around parking area so:
 1. People from the neighborhood parking at night don't get locked in overnight
 2. People don't use the parking area as a pass-through
 - a. OEA comment: could use pavers for parking to make the area less attractive as a cut-through
 - (ii) Could use a tow truck contract
 - (iii) Garbage trucks will often come during the heaviest trafficked times so need a dedicated lane for garbage and other service vendors
 1. Does DCPS have a contract for trash removal or do they use city resources? Could trash be dropped off on the M Street side of the building? What could this look like with plans for a trolley and bike lanes on M Street in mind?
 - a. DCPS to provide clarification on contract next SIT meeting March 18th



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- (9) Add alternates
 - (a) Green roof to become 2 classroom spaces
 - (i) Ideas: science lab, language lab, conference rooms
- ii) Indoors
 - (1) GAC
 - (a) Gym component features a ½ basketball court
 - (2) Pre-K 3 and 4 and K floor-to-ceiling glass walls
 - (a) SIT comments: could have frosted glass doubling as a white board on walls that are floor-to-ceiling glass, also mitigates hallway distractions for Pre-K and K students
 - (3) Location of security desk
 - (a) SIT comments: Desk now has two vantage points, one towards the multipurpose wing and the other towards the front lobby, which is an advantage
 - (4) Ceilings in lobby
 - (a) SIT comments: navy blue on ceiling is too dark, looks like the entrance to a movie theater
- 4) Mascot
 - a) SIT to design survey to gather feedback from Van Ness community
 - i) Survey results presented by SIT next SIT meeting March 18th
- 5) Recurring Meetings
 - a) Next meetings
 - i) Community
 - (1) To be determined at March 25th SIT meeting
 - ii) SIT
 - (1) Wednesday, March 18th at Van Ness ES from 6:00pm to 7:00pm