



Van Ness ES SIT Meeting Minutes

FINAL February 4, 2015

1) Attendees

- a) DCPS – Patrick Davis, Andrew Katz-Moses
- b) DGS-DCPEP – Hakim Chambers, Adnan Mamoon, Meagan Miller
- c) Quinn Evans Architects (QEA) – Jeff Luker, Tracy Hucul, Megan Tormey
- d) DGS Communications Team – none
- e) Parents and community members
 - i) Meredith Fascett (parent + ANC commissioner)
 - ii) Susan McNeill (parent + community member)
 - iii) Marisa Scalera (parent)
 - iv) Michael Mills (parent)
 - v) Bruce Darconte (NSCP President + Amidon-Bowen ES PTA)
 - vi) Nathan Alberg (community member + local architect w/KCCT)
 - vii) Chris French (parent)

2) QEA concept design presentation with 3D views

- a) DCPS administrative staff will be moved out by mid to late March 2015
- b) Parking
 - i) 26 spaces (20 spaces + 6 parallel parking spaces)
 - ii) DCPS comment: there is precedent for DCPS staff to cooperate and “work it [parking] out”
- c) Phasing
 - i) Will be worked out when builder is onboarded
- d) Concerns from SIT
 - i) SIT wants to help facilitate agreement (MOU) with DPR regarding DPR land
 - ii) Do we have a contingency plan if the Van Ness ES school does not open on time?
 - (1) DGS response: given that we have extra time and there is no precedent for late-openings, this is a non-issue
 - iii) The green roof on the M Street addition
 - (1) Appears blocked from the sun in the 3D model
 - (2) Will the green roof be accessible to the Van Ness ES community?
 - iv) Large trees on property
 - (1) Desire to keep these trees on the property
 - v) Copper roof
 - (1) Concerned about the cost of copper
 - vi) Building requires a lot of repointing
 - vii) Signage
 - (1) Perhaps a digital sign moved to the 5th Street side or L Street side
 - viii) What will be done with the smoke stack?
 - ix) What considerations were made regarding the SE/SW transportation plan for the P6 bus line to become a trolley?
 - x) Should we add a full-length canopy against the playground walkway on the 1st floor?
 - xi) Should we add swales as an architectural feature (see use of swales on K Street) to catch storm water, perhaps to

Action Items are shown in **RED**



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install on the 5th and M Street corner to discourage congregating/"hanging out" outside of the school?

- xii) How do we improve the exterior service area's accessibility with its proximity to the phased construction of the playground area?
- xiii) What types of dumpsters does DCPS use and how will it be fences/hidden with curb-appeal in mind?
- xiv) How will construction impact the use of Van Ness ES as a voting location?
- xv) Entrance
 - (1) Walker-Jones ES at 1125 New Jersey Ave, NW is an example of a dysfunctional entryway
 - (2) Could push Van Ness ES doors to align closer to the playground/outdoor space's exit/entry for visual appeal
 - (a) Next SIT meeting QEA to bring "zoomed-in" 3D images of entrance and adjoining administrative spaces to explore a better flow from entrance to playground and outdoor space
- xvi) Elevator installation
 - (1) For ADA compliance and for use primarily for those in wheelchairs and not for common use
- xvii) Kitchen
 - (1) Any grease requirements or grease traps?
 - (2) Will the kitchen be a servery/warming kitchen or a cooking kitchen?
 - (3) Food service director meeting to gather information on the kitchen February 10th at 1:30PM

3) Recurring Meetings

- a) Next meetings
 - i) Community
 - (1) To be determined at February 18th SIT meeting
 - ii) SIT
 - (1) Wednesday, February 18th at Van Ness ES from 6:00pm to 7:30pm