

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6B
HILL EAST TASK FORCE
St. Coletta of Greater Washington
1901 Independence Ave SE
November 19, 2018

A meeting of the Hill East Task Force of ANC 6B was held at St. Coletta of Greater Washington at 7 P.M. on November 19, 2018. Commissioners Krepp, Ridge, Jayaraman, and Sroufe were present. Commissioner Krepp chaired the meeting.

Amanda Stout attended the meeting for DDOT. Jeff Licklider attended the meeting for DGS. Richard Jackson attended the meeting for DOEE. Lieutenant Ron Wilkins and Officer Lee Nobriga attended the meeting for MPD. Michelle Garcia attended the meeting for the Office of Victims Services and Justice Grants. Chris Donatelli and Scottie Irving attending the meeting for Donatelli and BlueSkye Development. DMPED refused to attend the meeting.

Prior to the meeting, Commissioner Krepp sent a list of questions to DDOT, DGS, DMPED, DOEE, OVSJG, and Donatelli/Blue Skye. Agency representatives provided answers during the meeting.

DC General

What is the status of the facility? Are people still living in it? If so, for how long? When will it be closed?

On October 30th, Mayor Bowser permanently closed the DC General Family Shelter. No families currently reside there. In the months leading up to the closure, the Department of Human Services and The Community Partnership worked with every family to identify a path to stable housing. For most families, this meant moving to their own apartment through the Family Re-Housing and Stabilization Program (FRSP – also known as Rapid Rehousing).

91 former DC General families are being assisted by WC Smith's Building Bridges program: The program appears to have a viable network of partners - job training, health services and family services manager. Is Building Bridges a recipient of a DC funded grant to support these 91 families? If yes, how are we overseeing that grant to ensure the ultimate metrics - a path to economic security and breaking the cycle of homelessness?

Many landlord partners have stepped up to provide safe and stable housing for families exiting homelessness. W.C. Smith was one of those partners. In addition to the FRSP supports provided to those families (which include rental assistance and intensive case management), W.C. Smith is partnering with the THEARC (BBAR) to provide household items such as kitchen supplies as well as supplemental connections to education, health, and employment services. This program is funded by W.C. Smith and compliments existing services.

Whether city funded or not, will these 91 families still be serviced by DC social services/case workers or has this work been transferred to the non-profit?

Every family in the Building Bridges program is receiving rental assistance and case management from DHS. Most households also receive public benefits such as SNAP and TANF and many also engage with other core service agencies.

How long will the families be part of this program and reiterating question 1 how do we ensure a smooth transition to independence? Short-term programming can produce short-term outcomes without solving the underlying problem - sufficient income to support housing requirements AND access to affordable housing stock.

In line with our housing first approach and a progressive engagement strategy, FRSP is designed to help families exit a temporary shelter setting and access services tailored to their unique needs. At or directly following lease up, families are assigned a case manager who is responsible for assessing the family and working on a long-term stability plan. This includes developing strategies to meet educational and employment goals. The support generally lasts for one year: while all families benefit from a subsidy, the majority of families accessing homeless services do not require deep, permanent supportive services. Families with the highest levels of need will qualify for more intensive and long-term interventions such as Permanent Supportive Housing and Targeted Affordable Housing.

F-1 and G-1 parcels

What is the status of construction?

Excavation is done. Concrete will be poured for the next 6 months. First building will be complete in 18 months resulting in 262 apartments and 13000 square feet of retail and underground parking.

Over the past several weeks, neighbors have repeatedly express concern about the trucks entering and leaving Reservation 13. These trucks are involved in the construction of the F-1 and G-1, and they are not abiding by the transportation plan. Residents have resorted to calling MPD for assistance. There is a crime spike on Capitol Hill and MPD officers should be solving crimes instead of acting as traffic officers. What is the city's plan to correct this problem?

MPD traffic enforcement officials have conducted 137 inspections in the area resulting in 44 tickets totaling \$6,000 in fines. Donatelli/Blue Skye promised to add flaggers in the area to slow down speeding cars.

How many DC residents are employed as part of the construction process? Per the meeting in August, several DC residents applied to work on the construction site and they have not yet received a response.

Donatelli/Blue Skye were unable to provide information.

19th Street

What is the status of construction on 19th Street? When will it be completed and what is the city's plan to address the motorists who are using back alleys and other streets to avoid 19th?

The construction on 19th Street will be complete in 2019.

#ObviouslyDC bid

What is the status of DC's Amazon bid? When is Amazon going to make its selection and what is the city's plan for the property if Amazon does not select Reservation 13?

DMPED refused to attend the meeting and none of the DC agency representatives who attended the meeting were able to answer the question.

DC Jail

Per press reports, the city is soliciting bids for neighborhood engagement regarding the DC jail (<https://dc.curbed.com/2018/10/29/18039134/dc-jail-redevelopment-community-engagement-criminal-justice>). Please provide an update.

OVSGJ will be awarding a contract in December for neighborhood engagement regarding the future of the DC jail. The engagement will begin in January 2019 and the contract awardee will brief the Hilleast Taskforce at that time.

Next Meeting

DC agency representatives agreed to provide updates to the Hilleast Taskforce in December 2018