

Community – Campus Task Force Meeting
University of the District of Columbia
Van Ness Campus, Bldg. 44, Rm. A-03
Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

Task Force Members:

Shirley Adelstein, ANC 3F02

David Dickerson, ANC3F

William Latham, UDC, Student Affairs

MaryAnn Miller, Community Resident

Michelle Pourciau, UDC, External Affairs

Welcome and Introductions

The committee members and guests made brief introductions.

Murch Elementary School

A Task Force met to discuss issues concerning Murch athletic needs. Murch's internal improvement team is working with the ANC and UDC. There have been a few hiccups regarding the school opening on time and field scheduling. Weekly group meetings are held focused on facilities, general operations and contractor services. An agreement for use of the field is working and an agreement is being considered for joint use of the gymnasium. Agreement on cleanup and maintenance is pending. The delivery of the Murch schedule of activities to the University is pending. Some activities are being held at Wilson. The pre-school equipment is not available for Murch's use.

Cleveland Park Library

The library will open at the end of the October, and an opening ceremony is being planned to welcome the library to the neighborhood. Student volunteers are needed.

Student Housing

3003 Van Ness

Current units: 26 (22 students, 4 staff)

Number of students: 88

Number of staff: 4

AVA Van Ness

Current units: 11 (9 student, 2 staff)

Number of students: 55

Activities and programs are being developed for the students for the academic year. Eighty percent of the students in Housing are US citizens in and outside of the District, and twenty percent are international.

Task Force Operations

A special meeting was held with Task Force members to review the initiation documentation for the Task Force and to discuss the current and future need. The Task Force desires to continue operations and broaden the discussion items and interest. Forest Hills and the Van Ness Neighborhood Association should appoint new representatives. Van Ness Main Streets was added as a member. Adding a neighborhood business representative was discussed but not confirmed.

A mission statement for the Task Force is needed and is to be developed. Partnering with neighbors and other stakeholders, such as the merchants and student housing should be included as well as other specific things the Task Force would like to achieve. The 2nd Wednesday meeting date will be reassessed as needed. There is also a need for flexibility to deal with issues as they arise. Roundtable discussions were mentioned as an alternate to more meetings. Discussed having the meetings at different locations but decided to keep meetings at UDC.

UDC Events – Activities

Disseminating scheduled University events and activities is a work in progress. The University's website is presently used to convey information. The web calendar lists University activities that are held on and off the campus. Most participants would like to share more University activities in their buildings to promote the University and provide community support. University advertising thru Cleveland Park's listserv was suggested. Disseminating the President Mason's blogs was suggested. Distributing information on additional University activities such as art exhibits, the wellness center and others were discussed.

Other Business

Sidewalk replacement on Van Ness was discussed. An ANC resolution was passed in June 2016 to fix the sidewalks but only the east side has been completed. Follow-up is to occur.

The Coalition for Smarter Growth sponsored tour of the corridor will start at the Student Center at 10:00 a.m. on October 22nd and they would like access to the Student Center. Van Ness Main Streets (VNMS) "Jazz at Van Ness" performance will be held at Soapstone located at 4455 Connecticut Avenue on October 25th and students should be encouraged to attend. Flyers will be distributed. A VNMS fundraiser is planned for November 5. VNMS is working on several items to enhance UDC and the local businesses.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11, 2017.