

Community Leadership Group Bi-Monthly Status Report



April 5, 2010

This is the first in an installment of bi-weekly reports to the Community Integrated Master Plan (CIMP) Community Leadership Group (CLG) to keep you informed of recent events and items of interest. If you have a request for future topics, please notify Matt Schwartz, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, at matt.schwartz1@navy.mil or 202-685-3277.

Recent Stakeholder Meetings

DC Housing Authority (DCHA) - March 5th

Adrienne Todman (Executive Director), Karen Moone (Deputy Executive Director of Operations), Laurie Putscher (Office of Operations Support), and Asmara Habte (Square 882 project manager)

Provided basic CIMP information brief and discussed status of DCHA plans for Square 882 and potential as Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) site. DCHA noted that final financing for infrastructure improvements to support the Square 882 development was expected soon with construction scheduled to begin in Fall 2010. DCHA requested that Potomac Gardens no longer be considered as a potential site for the BEQ due to potential impacts to 320 residents, DCHA planned renovations to the area, and CIMP timeline.

DC Office of Planning and Historic Preservation Office – March 11th

Jennifer Steingasser (Associate Director), Melissa Bird (Neighborhood Planning Coordinator for Ward 6), and Andrew Lewis (Senior Historic Preservation Specialist)

Provided basic CIMP information brief and discussed consideration of Office of Planning efforts in CIMP study area.

DC Public Schools – March 16th

Anthony DeGuzman (Mayors Office of Transformation) and David Anderson (Facilities)

Provided basic CIMP information brief and discussed future plans for schools in the CIMP study Area.. The DCPS representatives stated that there may be some reuse potential at Van Ness. The area will need a middle school in the next few years, there may be potential opportunities with charter schools, and there may be some interest in Building 20 for schools.

Office of Legislative Affairs – March 22nd

Lieutenant Colonel David Greenlee for Senate and Armed Service Committee member Lucian Niemeyer

Provided basic CIMP information brief and provided tour of Building 20.

Telesis Corporation– March 29th

Marilyn Melkonian (President) and John Viglianti (Finisterre Design and Development Corp.)

Provided basic CIMP information brief and discussed Telesis involvement in neighborhood projects in the CIMP study area, including future planned development of Randall School site. Telesis expressed interest in Marine Corps family housing plans and committed to providing assistance in exploring opportunities with Forest City Washington.

Sealander Brokerage Ltd. – April 2nd

Winfield Sealander (Sealander Brokerage Ltd.), Michael Jones, and Gregory Powe (Powe Jones Architects)

At request of the brokerage firm, reviewed potential conceptual layout plan for BEQ and support uses for Squares 929, 930, and adjacent area. Conceptual drawings for this plan will be presented at the next CLG meeting.

Planned Meetings

- CLG Monthly Meeting
April 14th at 8:30 -10:30AM
with tour of Annex to
follow 11:00-11:40 AM
- General Services
Administration
April 14th
- Architect of the Capitol
April 20th
- DC Office of Planning
May 3rd
- Forest City Washington
to be determined
- DCHA
to be determined

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Building 20 Facts

- Construction Date: 1975
- Height: 70 ft (5 stories)
- Square Footage: 222,597
- Acres: 1.56
- 9th St. Easement: closing
as an SE Freeway off-ramp
as part of the 11th Street
Bridge Project
- The easement area is
~0.1 acre, the area to the
east of the easement is
~0.8 acre, the area to the
west of the easement is
~ 0.6 acre
- Below-grade Parking:
approximately 300 spaces
(some spaces currently
being used for other
purposes)



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More About Criteria for Initial Identification of Potential Development Sites

Criteria and weighting of criteria was a technique used to initially filter and identify potential development sites for the BEQ as well as other potential CIMP projects. This exercise provided a foundation or starting point to launch the follow-on efforts to obtain and incorporate CLG and other stakeholder input on the sites through the ongoing interactions with the CLG, land owners, developers, workshop participants, neighbors, and others who participate in the process. An informational paper on the siting criteria is being prepared and will be posted on the project website, www.sedistrictcimp.com.

Item of Interest – Marine Corps Uses of the Annex Field

- **Unit level physical training.** Marines are mandated to partake in Physical Training (PT) 5 days a week. Every day as early as 6:00 AM and throughout the day there are several sessions for Squad- (approximately 12-14 Marines) to Company- (approximately 100-200 Marines) sized units.
- **Physical Fitness Test preparation and testing.** Every Marine must be physically fit, regardless of age, grade, or duty assignment. Marines are required to pass the Physical Fitness Test semi-annually. The test includes a 3-mile run, fixed arm hang (females)/ pull ups (males), and sit-ups.
- **Combat Fitness Test preparation and testing.** Annually, all Marines complete the combat fit test, which is a test intended to keep Marines ready for the physical rigors of contemporary combat operations. This is one of the most common uses of the field as training and execution must happen on a large field. It takes several days to run everyone in a Company through this test. Total testing time per Marine is approximately 10 minutes.
- **DRILL!** The Annex Field supplements drilling conducted at the Main Post (8th & I) parade deck. Unlike the parade deck, the Annex field is an all weather field and can be used for drills on rainy days or days just after rain (when the parade deck is off limits). This field is particularly important for the Battle Colors Detachment. This combination of Color Guard, Silent Drill Platoon and Drum and Bugle Corps performs together all over the world in a variety of conditions and locations. Many of their performances are on football fields and the parade deck is not large enough for them to choreograph and practice their performance for each of these different locations.
- **Intramural athletics.** As every military installation and college campus has an intramural program, so does Marine Barracks Washington. A significant part of the Marine ethos is being physically fit, competitive, and athletic. It is hugely important to have this program as it promotes camaraderie, competitive spirit, and fitness. Athletics also provide further opportunities for leadership and growth. Intramural sports played on the Annex field throughout the year include football and softball, and are played in the lunch hour and afternoon.
- **Barracks-wide events.** Just as any organization has family days or holiday celebrations for their employees, Marine Barracks Washington hosts a few events each year on the Annex field that includes live music, food, light sports, etc. These events are often family events.

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Antiterrorism and Force Protection Information

- Experts will be present at the April 14th CLG meeting to further discuss requirements, creative solutions, and your concerns

Workshop 2 Recap

- 26 participants attended the March 23rd evening session
- 22 participants attended the March 24th morning session
- There were productive discussions at both sessions on the pros and cons of potential BEQ sites and related issues
- Meeting materials have been posted on the project website

Workshop 3 CIMP Alternatives

Wednesday, April 21st
6:00-8:00 PM
Van Ness Elementary
School Auditorium

Thursday, April 22nd
8:30-10:30 AM
Eastern Market –
North Hall