

Community Leadership Group Bi-Monthly Status Report

May 25, 2010

This is the second in an installment of bi-monthly 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

Forest City Washington – May 6th

(Thomas Henneberry (CEO), Ramsey Meiser (Senior VP of Development), David Smith (Development Manager)

Discussed the CIMP process and progress to date and potential partnerships, particularly with regard to Marine Corps family housing, and community shared facilities (recreation, meeting space).

Congresswoman Norton – May 6th

Congresswoman Norton and Robert White (Legislative Assistant)

Provided the latest information regarding the status of several potential Bachelor Enlisted Quarters (BEQ) sites that she was concerned were inappropriate:

- Potomac Gardens and Tyler School sites have been removed as a potential BEQ site, but remain under consideration for other CIMP projects (e.g. youth mentoring programs)
- Square 882 remains a viable option until DC Housing Authority (DCHA) has funding in place to proceed with current plans (per DCHA Executive Director request)

Congresswoman Norton's staff members were encouraged to attend CLG meetings and remaining workshops to receive most accurate information and the Marine Corps is committed to regular meetings with her office to keep the Congresswoman apprised of the CIMP process.

Architect of the Capitol (AOC) – May 11th

Suzanne Allan (Assistant Director for Planning and Development)

Provided a tour of Building 20; AOC may have an interest in Building 20 reuse options related to storage and shop type area (i.e., public works type functions).

Antiterrorism and Force Protection (AT/FP) Focus Group – May 11th

Sealander, Blue Castle and BID representatives

Discussed AT/FP criteria and addressed two primary concerns:

- Underground parking beneath the BEQ – confirmation that plans should not include this
- Standoff distance for a BEQ – further exploration of flexibility to consider something other than 82-foot standoff needed

The Marine Corps is taking these concerns and proposed ideas for design in an urban environment forward to leadership for further consideration and discussion.

Telisis – May 13th

Mera Rubell (art collector), Marilyn Melkonian (President), John Viglianti (Finisterre Design and Development Corp)

Discussed the CIMP process and progress to date and potential partnerships, particularly with regard to Marine Corps family housing, and community shared facilities (artist facilities, recreation, meeting space, etc.).



Planned Meetings

- CLG Monthly Meeting
Thursday, June 17th
8:30 - 10:30 AM
- DC Office of Planning
to be determined
- National Park Service
to be determined
- Commission of Fine Arts
to be determined
- Marine Corps Family
Housing Representative –
May 26
- Virginia Avenue
Community Garden
Members – May 26

Input on the potential BEQ sites and layout options continues to be posted to the project website, www.sedistrictcimp.com

- The majority of the blog-style comments received to date regard concerns for potential impacts to Virginia Avenue Community Gardens

Potential Reuse Options for Building 20 continued to be explored

- Demolition and new construction may be more economical than renovation of the existing structure

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Workshop 4 Consensus Elements

38 people attended this open house style workshop held on Saturday, May 22nd 10:00AM-2:00 PM at International Graduate University (former Buchanan School)- Auditorium.

Comments continued to be collected via the workshops and the project website.

Workshop 4 materials have been posted to the project website.

What is next?

The CIMP Team will continue to meet with interested parties and work toward consensus.

A Charrette is planned for September 2010.

Recent Stakeholder Meetings (*continued*)

DC Department of Real Estate Services (DRES) – May 17th

Robin Eves-Jasper (Executive Director), Jonathan Kayne (Deputy Director)

Provided background information on the CIMP and discussed future plans for Van Ness site and viability for inclusion in the CIMP as well as the city's real estate process. Need for further coordination with DC Public Schools representatives identified.

Councilmember Tommy Wells – May 20th

Councilmember Wells, Charles, Allen (Chief of Staff), Linda O'Brien (Deputy Chief of Staff),

Provided latest information on the CIMP process. Agreed that the CIMP process needs to reach out to Virginia Ave Community Gardens group to understand their concerns.

Item of Interest – Other Privatized BEQs

Pacific Beacon, San Diego, California

Opened in December 2008, Pacific Beacon is the nation's first large-scale privatized housing community open to any single, unaccompanied, or married service member without dependents assigned to the San Diego metro area. Built under the Military Housing Privatization Initiative, Pacific Beacon is a privately owned and managed, 941-suite luxury high-rise apartment community on Naval Base San Diego. For more information on the first privatized BEQ visit www.pacificbeacon.com.



Homeport at Hampton Roads, Norfolk, Virginia

This project involves the privatization and improvement of seven existing buildings and the construction of approximately 2,400 new bed spaces in the Hampton Roads area. Final phases of the project were recently completed. For more information visit <http://homeporthr.com>

