

Action Summary:

1. Email comments and questions **by 12/31/15** to Department of General Services at SIT.info@dc.gov.
 2. Email decision makers: kaya.henderson@dc.gov, nathaniel.beers@dc.gov, john.davis@dc.gov, dme@dc.gov
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Lafayette Community Meeting, 12/15/15

Meeting Leader:

Kenneth Diggs, DC Department of General Services (DGS) spokesperson

- Email: Kenneth.Diggs@dc.gov (write two paragraphs or less for quickest response)
- Cell: [202-580-9361](tel:202-580-9361)
- Website: dgs.dc.gov (he will post meeting slides updated with cost of options)

Meeting Attendees:

- DCPS spokesperson Patrick ____ (did not catch surname)
- Ward 4 Councilman Brandon Todd with staff member Michelle Blackwell
- ANC Commissioner Rebecca Maydak
- Lafayette Principal Dr. Carrie Broquard, SIT members, and parent community
- Chevy Chase DC community including Friends of Lafayette Park
- Murch community

Survey Results:

Dr. B: 786 survey responses in 2 days. Strongly oppose: 88.9%. Somewhat oppose: 6.3%. Dr. B has invited authorities and Murch principal/families to see the reality of Lafayette drop-off and pickup. She has given numbers to her counterparts: parking spaces, recess logistics, every kind of data.

DGS: Survey responses raised these types of issues:

- Safety and Security
- Impact on Instruction

- Proximity to Murch
- Impact on Community
- Transportation Logistics
- Parking
- Play Space
- Cost
- Procurement, Permitting, and Construction Duration

Todd: Just became aware of the issue Saturday. "Continue to email the chancellor; continue to email the deputy mayor...This matter has my full attention and that of my staff."

Top Four Options (not in order; average cost \$5m each):

- Onsite at Murch
- Split on-site at Murch and Capital Memorial Church
- UDC soccer field
- Lafayette

Q. Why is Lafayette suddenly on the table?

A. DGS: "DCPS newly asked us to consider it as an option and elicit feedback from community."

Q. What is the Murch opposition to other options in the top four?

A: DGS: "Murch community does not want the tight space and construction noise of trailers." (Room erupted in bitter yet empathetic laughter.)

Q: "Several times you have said that this is not the cheapest option. Why would anybody want to do this if it's not to save a lot of money?"

A. DGS: "The only real benefit is that it's built."

Other options (not as feasible):

- 4001 Brandywine St
- 5252 Wisconsin Ave
- Intelsat: \$12-15m
- Fannie Mae
- AU
- Howard Law
- Fillmore
- Wesley Seminary
- Christ Church
- Jackson School Art Center

Challenges Identified by DGS:

- Community sacrifice extended
- ~1400 students
- Play space:
 - No field for 2+ years
 - No play structure for 5-12 year olds
 - Many kids on DPR equipment
 - Recess logistics
- Emergency evacuation logistics
- Parking/traffic logistics
- Community impact
- Utilities capacity
- Impact on Recreation Center construction

Decision Timeline:

- DGS will post meeting summary on website by 12/18/15
- Community can email comments/questions by 12/31/15 to SIT.info@dc.gov
- DCPS will publish responses summary by 1/6/16
- DCPS will make final decision by 1/12/16

Decision Makers:

- DCPS Chancellor Kaya Henderson, kaya.henderson@dc.gov
- DCPS Director of Operations Dr. Nathaniel Beers, nathaniel.beers@dc.gov
- DC Deputy Mayor of Education Jennie Niles, dme@dc.gov
- John Davis, Chief of Schools, john.davis@dc.gov

DGS Whiteboard During Meeting:

1. Concerns:

- Extending timeline of community sacrifice
- Traffic volume/management
- Timeline of decision vs. traffic study timeline
- Transparency
- Specifics related to decision
- Study evacuation of school & trailers
- Impact on reconstruction of ball field areas and park
- Publication of performance management
- Impact on children's experience in school
- Safety-particularly traffic, emergencies, weather

- Lack of adequate outdoor space
- Evaluation of accurate traffic projections
- Trust/credibility with DGS/DCPS
- Lafayette modernization not finishing in time
- Measurement of safety in decision-making
- Zoning compliance; ADA-compliance of Lafayette playground, park, and trailers
- Outreach to broader community
- Presence of DCPS decision-makers at community meeting before Jan 12 decision
- Murch staffing of volunteer drop-off line
- Street parking
- Trailers could be used even longer than 2 additional years

2. Suggestions:

- Make one-way streets
- Staggered start times
- DGS/DCPS observe traffic on rainy day when everyone drives
- Formal study of impact on aftercare; recess study