

PUBLIC WORKSHOP 1 - Table 1

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*Consolidated comments from table base plans and participants' notes.***STRENGTHS / ASSETS**

- Walkability through the neighborhood
- On street parking for residents
- Greenery, park space, open space, trees
- Balance between new and old residents

CONCERNS / THINGS TO AVOID

- No dog parks
- Not enough lighting
- Brookland neighborhood is smaller than displayed (correct neighborhood boundary available at Office of Planning)
- No apartment buildings on site
- Avoid cut-thru onto 17th Street to the south
- Gentrification is forcing people out of the neighborhood
- R1B zoning should limit height of buildings, while RA2 zoning should limit heavy trucks

NEEDS / ENVISIONED

- Small boutique hotel
- Provide a meeting/conference/wedding/reception space
- Link programming to schools in the area
- Maintain safety
- Protect the primary entrance view
- Provide amenities for kids, teens (sports, classes, but not the activity on 18th and Otis)
- Prefer no rental apartments, but student housing is ok
- Keep suburban feel and limit apartments
- Keep quiet and peaceful atmosphere
- Senior housing would be a plus
- Provide adequate parking such as a parking garage or shared neighborhood/church parking; Shared, overflow parking for the church
- Develop programs for youths' mind and intellectual development
- Would like to see more traffic-calming measures
- Provide outdoor gardens and a walking track
- Space for yoga, lectures, community spaces
- Provide sculptures directed by community input
- Trash pickup at site with a plausible HOA organization
- Brick walkway with names of influential neighbors [prominent community members] or donor bricks

PUBLIC WORKSHOP 1 - Table 2

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STRENGTHS / ASSETS

- Main assets of Brookland include the trees and open, green environment
- Site is a tranquil oasis
- Beauty, scenery, views
- Nature, deer, wildlife
- Walkability
- Low density
- Blend of neighborhood and university character; distinct from main campus
- Personal connections; many families with kids
- Schools (K-12) in the neighborhood

CONCERNS / THINGS TO AVOID

- Parking is a constraint
- Loss of institutions
- Commercial would compete with 12th Street
- Truck traffic on Taylor St, South Dakota Ave, and Michigan Ave
- Stormwater flows onto Taylor St
- Avoid liquor stores
- Avoid thru traffic to Randolph St
- Deer [nuisance; eat plants]

NEEDS / ENVISIONED

- Library
- Arts center
- Lap pool
- Graduate housing
- Senior housing; Age-in-place housing with ample parking
- Environmental and educational uses of open space
- Outdoor movies
- Walking routes
- Places to sit
- Reduce traffic and noise in the future

PUBLIC WORKSHOP 1 - Table 3

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STRENGTHS / ASSETS

- Great place to walk
- Sledding in the winter
- Outdoor weddings
- Walking dogs

NEEDS / ENVISIONED

- Would like to get a full tree inventory, not just heritage trees
- Preserve the trees by Randolph Street
- Leave East Campus as it is
- Use students from Howard University School of Architecture and Engineering
- Consider the ULI study and the input from the community already
- Make the statue on Mays Hall the highest point in the neighborhood
- Need a shuttle bus connecting to the Main Campus
- Cultural center
- Would like to see more pedestrian trails
- Improve access to the handball courts
- Look at Chancellors Run, Mount Holyoke, St. Paul's College, St. Josephs Seminary, and Trinity as precedents

CONCERNS / THINGS TO AVOID

- Avoid entrances [connections] to Randolph Street
- No retail on the site
- Sidewalks are often wet on 18th Street
- Avoid new entrances to the site
- Lacking student housing
- Avoid access to Taylor and 14th; safety for Bunker Hill School which is already congested at rush hour/school pickup
- Challenges are traffic, parking, and density
- Biking safely at night is a challenge
- Preserve wildlife

PUBLIC WORKSHOP 1 - Table 4

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- Neighborhood is stable with residents being here 50-60 years
- Generally a walking community
- The natural/ecological assets such as wildlife, birds, foxes, trees, and the other aspects of the visual experience
- Migratory bird route across southern stretch of campus
- Great view from Shepherd Street

NEEDS / ENVISIONED

- Preserve the Brookland character
- Maintain view from Shepherd Street
- Entrance along 14th Street should be a community gateway
- Don't create a closed, unwelcoming campus, but provide shared community spaces; Provide access to open space in future design
- Connectivity while keeping character
- Provide jogging paths around and behind Mays Hall
- Desire a nature trail
- Family and dog-walking preferable to the west of Mays Hall
- Don't make retail internal, but share with the community
- Ice cream shops, coffee shops (like in National Cathedral)
- Want to see kids and arts program
- Public gardens
- Focus green space towards kids
- Road diet for Taylor Street

CONCERNS / THINGS TO AVOID

- Not enough trees shown to the north on Taylor Street
- Water is treacherous along the edge of South Dakota Ave
- No new development at all
- Car traffic is a huge issue on Randolph, Taylor, and South Dakota which is also a pedestrian safety concern
- Ambivalence about retail; 1-2 would be successful but more would risk being unsustainable.
- No changes; Howard University can get money elsewhere and manage better
- Michigan Ave is not safe; street is too narrow for the amount of traffic
- Topo[graphy] affects bike routes along 14th Street
- Aggressive traffic for bikes and peds along South Dakota Ave
- Failed retail/strip mall exists to East, along Bunker Hill Road
- Bunker Hill is under used and not trail friendly

PUBLIC WORKSHOP 1 - Table 5

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- Trees
- Open, green space
- Residential-scaled neighborhood
- Parking on street
- Continuous outdoor, play, open space
- Green, quiet, nature and wildlife
- Historic character along 17th Street
- Landscape native, not over sanitized
- Transportation is good (buses, cars, Metro)
- Residents value the "quiet oasis in the city"

CONCERNS / THINGS TO AVOID

- Traffic on residential roads (Taylor and 13th, Taylor and Michigan)
- Density
- Limited open space (public)
- No commercial uses
- Roads can't handle more traffic
- Site is too private and it feels like you are trespassing when on site
- No high-rise or townhouses
- Not Monroe Market
- Not enough bike lanes
- Lack of nearby grocers
- Do not want high density

NEEDS / ENVISIONED

- Keep the flavor of Brookland and residential scale
- Must self contain parking
- Green space recreation; Desire public green space
- Renovation of Mays Hall for community gathering, yoga, and volunteer use
- Accommodate mixed populations
- Need for senior resources (medical supporting)
- Need an environmental analysis and restoration

PUBLIC WORKSHOP 1 - Table 6

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STRENGTHS / ASSETS

- Neighborhood recreational activities
- Trees improve the air quality and encourage wildlife
- Neighborhood is historically Michigan Park according to Citizen Association

CONCERNS / THINGS TO AVOID

- Utilize existing entrances before providing new entrances
- No connections to 17th Street
- Non-residential development should be Institutional use only (no shops)
- Do not sell any of the property, but keep all 23 acres
- Parking concerns within the site area
- No increase in parking
- No high-rise developments
- No dense housing
- No up-zoning
- No housing to West of Mays Hall
- Providence Hospital closing in April

NEEDS / ENVISIONED

- Keep the green areas and trees around the border of the site; Keep the trees plus lots of open space
- New development should be in back of site only (east of Mays Hall)
- Student/faculty housing would be ok, if back near South Dakota Ave
- Provide single-family detached houses and not townhouses
- Affordable and senior housing; Include moderate/affordable housing, senior housing, townhouses, single family, duplexes, but keep houses hidden behind trees
- Intergenerational housing with recreational activities; Senior condo with amenities
- Training for vocational uses (culinary, tech, etc skills) and space for incubator programs
- Increase the institutional use
- Restore and renovate the farmhouse into a historical society, arts building, interfaith center
- Welcome walking trails, bike trails, and other open spaces which can be programmed by the community
- Possible Black History Trail
- Integrate trees, culture, art
- Entrances on South Dakota Avenue only
- Needs a full traffic study