

EFTF Notes:

10/16/2025

Panelist Attendees: Kat S., Dan B.,

Amy Parker

Dan Broder

1. For some reason, both Dan and I were logged in as Pam, but Amy Parker's link seems ok and she is showing up correctly. Also, another Kat S. is logged in for some reason? Dan's name was changed on zoom somehow (by admin?)
2. Mr. Matlock is not here yet as of about 7:15. Also, no additional attendees...all on panelists it appears.

Participants (9)		
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Find a participant		
PB	Pamela Boozer-Strother (Me)	
	City of Hyattsville - Committees (Host)	
	Jamie McGonnigal	
KS	Kat Schooley	
AP	Amy Parker	
CH	Colin Hendy	
D	Dan Broder	
KS	Kat Schooley	
NM	Nicholas Misukanis	

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4. Second Kat's login was Mr. Matlock.

5. The EFTF approved the agenda, and approved the minutes from last meeting.

6. Jamie talking about swing space:

- a. Parents have not had access to the school as much.
- b. PTA denied some events, by administration, unfortunately,
- c. Swing space going 'reasonably' ok, minus a few transportation issues (bussing, still presenting challenges for timing, etc.) Giving it a C or a D.
- d. Logistics of the space, by admin, not a lot of room.
- e. Mr. Pavon, was sad to leave.
- f. Noted that St. Marks has an unreasonable amount of access to the building after hours (erasing chalkboards, upset teachers, moving furniture – debating security for questions)
- g. Logistical issue – no on-premises after care (YMCA not allowed), this has been a challenge.

7. Amy also noted the same issues as Jamie noted. Second the concerns.

8. Dan asked if Parents can be more involved to Jamie

- a. Parent advisor put together by the 'district'?
- b. District also putting together a 'restorative approached' with Dr. Mckee to verify and discuss challenges with administration.
- c. Jamie working on swing space waiver for after care (2 vendors ready to go, including YMCA, and potentially Joe's.
- d. Jamie speaking with MSDE for waiver, hopes to hear back early next week.

Joanne, and Laura P. jumped on around 7:20

9. Mr. Matlock – Director of the office of infrastructure and ___ development.

- a. Construction update of HES
- b. Demo in process, Permit for fine grading work has been completed, once demo is complete, we'll start fine grading work, to get ready for the underground piping, etc. 'controls' in (SEC likely he means), engaged in abatement, and pest control (trying to prevent pests from leaving the site), having regular meetings with the city for updates, permits are being approved in a timely manner.
- c. Jamie asked to see if additional pest control is possible, as there are still a lot of rat's in the neighborhood nearby.
- d. Joanne W. asked where the murals were being stored, and Shawn Matlock noted that they are being stored, but does not know exactly where they are being stored. They were removed by a professional team, and will be restored when construction is completed.

- e. Joanne noted that some neighbors are storing the little free library, and the bird as well.
- f. Joanne asked about the complaints from the Renaissance Apartments, with the construction team? Any updates? They also noted issues due to the Canvas apartments as well.
 - i. Shawn noted he was unaware of any issues with them, but would look into it.
 - ii. Joanne noted that she was getting messages asking why they are starting so early in the day?
 - iii. Joanne also was wondering how close the school is to the apartment building? Shawn noted that there is a double drive lane for starts separating the renaissance apartments and the school, plus more for likely landscaping, and would be 'significant' distance. But still noted it an urban school. It will not be any closer than it currently is.
 - iv. Joanne noted another question from a resident at the bottom of the hill, and that a lane would be taken, but wondering when/if they will be taking the lane or not?
 - 1. Shawn noted he was not exactly sure. He noted there was a routing plan (TCP likely), and that the construction traffic should come in from the top, and said they might not be taking the lane, but not 100% sure.
 - v. Joanne had some questions, if some residents are potentially having 'more allergies' due to the demolition, due to the trees that are blooming...asked to describe what the teams are doing to keep down the dust, etc.
 - 1. Shawn noted they are following all state required abatement procedures, that would not allow any hazardous materials to escape the site. There will be some dust. He noted that the water truck should also be used, to keep the dust down while demo is occurring.
 - 2. Joanne, noted that maybe they were coughing from the dust, and not contaminants.
 - 3. Joanne asked to verify the start and end times and asked to see if everything is running on time.
 - a. Matlock noted that MCN were given some grace to start a little earlier, but currently on schedule overall. No delays that he is aware of.

4. Joanne asked about HES, and the files that were found, and the unsecured files? Any movement, on an audit or investigation as to what happened.
 - a. Shawn noted they were shrink wrapped, and when they did the walk, there were no more records
5. Pam noted that the office/committee auditing (I missed the exact term, “Office of Internal Audit”?), has whistle blower protection, and she did not know any status, until a report is issued...but Pam did not know if anyone has filled out any forms.
 - a. There was some dialogue back and forth about how we could use this issue that came up, as a lessons learned to not happen on future school project renovations.
 - b. Jamie asked Shawn, ‘when specifically’ the group went into the building to verify that no documents were removed? Jamie noted the doors were wide open on some days, and were not shrink wrapped, and there were open books, like they had been looked through...on ‘that Wednesday’?
 - c. Jamie wanted to really point out that we should really vet this issue, and not let it fade away, to provide closure, etc.
 - d. Shawn then noted that the head of records, Dr. McKee, and the PM, met at the building on a day (not sure exactly which day), and they searched for additional records, and then was either not there, or was removed at that time. Shawn didn’t know any additional details unfortunately.
 - e. Jamie asked if all of the ‘dates’ that these items occurred, could be included in the reports, that would be very helpful (some of the team, who were on the call, when the Post article came out, it felt a little like gaslighting...)
 - f. Shawn noted that likely Pam would make sure these specifics happen in the report.
 - g. Dan noted that he did not appear that hoses were being used, but hasn’t noticed either any major dust clouds, etc. It smells like a construction site, but not horribly

noticeable or out of the ordinary. Are there any dust repressors (might have missed the earlier hose discussion unfortunately, as Matlock already went through that). Shawn then noted that a typically a water truck would be used during the demo. He thought that this measure was the proposed measure if a risk of errant dust would be present, but was also not sure if there are specifics or reasons that might not require it, etc. Shawn noted that they have demoed some other buildings, and also has been good, without issue. Didn't think they would submit a plan and not follow it.

- h. The city administrator did note that they had been by the site and did see them using hoses while onsite. Try to use enough water to keep the dust down, but not too much to create mud, to avoid tracking that into the surrounding neighborhood as well.
- i. Laura Pillsbury noted she was signed up for the P3 updates for HES, and didn't appear to have any communication through that 'official channel'/listserv. She noted the HES update from July to September, didn't really change...and was looking at the timeline to understand when the demo was going to occur. She asked if we can improve that.
 - i. Dan noted that the EFTF should be put out on the list serv, like was done for HMS. Dan assigned this action item to himself to take on better communication process.
 - ii. Shawn also will let Jim Hendrix know that the community was not getting emails, and would also find out what's going on.
 - iii. Pam noted that Dan should not be so hard on himself 😊
 - iv. Pam also noted that they are supposed to be more on top of things.
 - v. Joanne noted that Jam (?) should be communicating as well and would reach out to her as well. Pam added on that Pam would give her (Jam?) 'what was successful on the HMS

project', etc. as best practices for communication.

- vi. Joanne asked if there was any truck traffic complaints to Dan? Neither have heard of any traffic complaints to date! Except one for Kareem Redman, along Adelphi road to the swing space...but not near HES.
- 6. Dan noted that some construction might be happening offsite with a few modular items, but then Shawn noted actually it turns out that they will stick build the project, and ended up not pursuing modular techniques for major structure. But also that MCN was a good team as Ellen O'Choa,
- 7. City administrator noted that the HMS site was much more sitework, and more haul off, etc., but the HES site hopefully will be less due to the smaller site size...
- 8. Pam was logged in, as Kat 😊 also, but was changed during the meeting.
- 9. Laura P noted: "I'll also mention that over the weekend I saw some young adults trying to get into the construction site as the fence near the truck entrance is easy to hop over. I'm sure that will change with time, but it wasn't enough to deter some risk seekers from trying to have some fun without perhaps fully knowing the risks." Dan then asked if there were security cameras set up on the site yet? Shawn noted that typically they do, but not sure what and/or when the measures were being employed?
- 10. City administrator noted that if this is seen in the future, a non-emergency police number could be called to have someone come to the site.
- 11. Jamie was asking if we can keep (and may have asked back in April) between 30-50 bricks, from the old school, for a future PTA fundraiser? Shawn was not sure if this would be possible, but would get back in touch with Dan B. on this question.
 - a. Dan noted that Dan can pick them up if needed, to drop them off at Jamie's house (lol). Or Shawn noted we might be able to coordinate delivery to X location.
- 12. Shawn left right around 8pm.

- a. Noted that not sure why the MCN rep was not on the call tonight for a more formal presentation that was to occur, and will send to Dan if needed for publishing, etc. Shawn noted he would have Jam send over to Dan.

- 13. Colin Hendy was the interviewee noted for the EFTF, and is at UMCP for college, and lives in Hyattsville, went to HES, and Northwestern HS. Wants to continue his community's growth and be part of something (but didn't know that Magruder was changed to Driskell); and Dan gave intro of himself and the goals of the EFTF (advocacy, information updates, keeping others accountable with upcoming school construction). And Amy and Kat were introduced quickly.
- 14. Nicholas (as part of the EAC chair), and roles of the EAC, like handing out scholarships, and the principal's luncheon, is trying to include the EFTF with the EAC, in a more collaborative effort, and invited all to join the EAC meeting at the end of the month.
- 15. Jamie noted that the Zombie run in 2 days! Still need volunteers, such as course marshals.
- 16. Dan noted it's his first year running with the kids 😊
- 17. Jamie said we are already surpassed the donation totals, and 10th year, and should be the biggest amount of runners yet. Encouraged kids to setup individual fundraiser pages.
- 18. Joanne wanted to acknowledge Nicholas and the EAC, and their partnership this past year with the youth advisory council, with principals lunch and for the interaction, etc. Thought the cross pollination of the committees is the best 😊 Ideas of cross promotions, and how to collaborate on 'joint meetings' perhaps in the future.
- 19. Dan thanked everyone for the group tonight and noted motion to adjourn. Was seconded by Amy, and closed for the night.