Community Conversations

About Montgomery College’s Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Meeting #1
March 21, 2017
Welcome

Kate Stewart,
Mayor, City of Takoma Park

Dr. DeRionne Pollard,
President, Montgomery College
Working Together

John Antonishak
Facilitator
Community Conversation Objectives:

- to renew relations with the college and community;
- to ensure all voices/stakeholders are heard;
- to provide a full sharing of information;
- to offer a forum to inform and facilitate future college planning;
- to help inform and provide a foundation for the building design plan process; and
- to balance the needs of the community, neighbors, students, and fiscal prudence.
Agenda

- Welcome and Community Conversations Purpose
  - Kate Stewart, Mayor, City of Takoma Park
  - Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, Montgomery College

- Working Together
- Setting the Context
  - Casey Anderson, Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board
  - Dr. DeRionne Pollard, President, Montgomery College
  - Kate Stewart, Mayor, City of Takoma Park
  - Peter Kovar, Councilmember, Ward 1, City of Takoma Park

- Community Conversation: Menu of Topics
- Next Steps for Moving Forward
- Closing Remarks
Facilitator’s Role

- Neutral facilitator.
- Interest is process and achieving the desired results.
- No vested interest in the recommendations that may result from the community conversations.
- Make sure everyone has an opportunity to be heard and has an equal voice.
Working Agreements: Ground Rules

- Listen with an open mind.
- Be respectful of other points of view.
- Be positive and courteous.
- Be brief and meaningful when voicing your opinion.
- Seek common interests, rather than digging in on positions.
- Honor time limits and commitments.
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Montgomery County Planning Board

Casey Anderson

Chair, Montgomery County Planning Board
Perspective

Casey Anderson, Chair
Montgomery County Planning Board

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Walter Reed Redevelopment

Downtown Silver Spring

Purple Line

Street Car Line

Montgomery College

City of Takoma Park

5 minute walking radius
10 minute walking radius
Scale Approximate; based on analysis from Walter Reed website
Proposed work: South Silver Spring Plan

Objectives:

- Expand on resources that College offers
- Expand opportunities for green space
- Encourage new economic activity
Colleges Can Create Great Synergy with their Urban Settings
Granby Street

College’s Buildings

Precedent: Tidewater Community College
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Precedent: Ryerson University
The Future of Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Dr. DeRionne P. Pollard, president
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MC and the Future of Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

Empowering our students to change their lives for 70 years
Takoma Park: Birthplace of Access and Opportunity

1950
Takoma Park/Silver Spring

2016
Three Campuses

100%

54%
Rockville

24%
Takoma Park/Silver Spring

22%
Germantown
Now MC Key to Kindergarten to Jobs Ecosystem
50% of MCPS Grads Who Stay in State Begin at MC
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus: Key to Ladder of Opportunity

48% Black
23% Latino
17% White
9% Asian
2% Multi-race

53%
MC students who receive financial aid

41%
MC students who receive federal Pell Grant (financial aid for neediest students)

$27,000
Average household income for federal Pell Grant recipients

TOP FEEDER HIGH SCHOOLS:
Blake
Einstein
Montgomery Blair
Northwood
Paint Branch
Springbrook
Wheaton
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus: High Skill Jobs and Opportunity

– General Education/Transfer programs

– Signature Programs:
  Health Sciences
  Nursing
  Visual and Performing Arts

– Job training

– Holy Cross Health Center

– Refugee Center
Framework for the Future:
Defining the Need

“We’re talking about using 21st century teaching methods in a space that’s designed for the needs of another century.”

—Milton Nash, professor of mathematics
Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus
Framework for the Future: Defining the Need

Address aging facilities

Science South (1960): 56 years old
Science North (1978): 38 years old
Framework for the Future: Defining the Need

Montgomery Blair High School modern science laboratory
Framework for the Future: Building Blocks to Student Success

- Student Success
- Construction
- Design
- Capital Budget
- Facilities Master Plan
- Academic Master Plan
- Mission, Vision, Values
- Community Input: Residents, Decision Makers, Students, Employers, Regulators, Trustees
Framework for the Future: Planning for Student Success

**Facilities Master Plan:** A framework to address student enrollment and the academic master plan

**Goal/Vision:** Balance the needs of students, community, neighbors, and fiscal prudence

- Advances access, retention, achievement & collaborative learning
- Maximizes existing resources
- Recognizes residential location “in the midst of tree-lined streets and Victorian homes”
Campus Plan 2002 - 2012
Campus Plan 2006 - 2016
Campus Plan 2013 - 2023
Framework for the Future: Enhance Community Engagement

1. Community Conversations

2. Form an advisory committee
   – The City, The College, Neighbors, Community

3. New timeline for deliberations of future Facilities Master Plans
   – Three community meetings
   – Meetings held two months before state’s submission deadline
   – Professional facilitator
Framework for the Future: Community Engagement in Building Design

1. Consult community
   – College runs design charrettes
     • Intensive engagement/problem solving process
     • Led by architects—with experience in residential locations
     • Extensive stakeholders participation
     • Similar to Nunley Student Services Center design process
Framework for the Future:
Community Engagement in Building Design

2. City of Takoma Park
   – Consult Mayor & Council
   – Stormwater/Trees regulations

3. Montgomery County Planning Board
   – Mandatory Referral
     • Public hearing
     • Staff review
     • Commission oversight
Empowering Students to Change Their Lives for 70 Years

Jonell Malone   Angel Ngatchou   Luis Rosales
City of Takoma Park

Kate Stewart
Mayor, City of Takoma Park
CITY AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

Working together to inform the future vision of the campus and the college

Takoma Park Silver Spring Campus
TAKOMA PARK

A community of 2.4 square miles with 17,000 residents, and several large institutions, including Montgomery College, Washington Adventist University, and Washington Adventist Hospital.
Neighbors since 1950, the neighborhood around the Campus has been designated as historic district. The City and its residents are committed to preserving the unique and residential character of the neighborhood.
The City Council and the College Leadership are committed to working in partnership with the community in a transparent manner to facilitate a planning process that addresses the College's educational needs, is respectful of the interest of its neighbors, and is fiscally responsible.

The College is a valued asset and a source of pride in the community, and serves as an important partner as we work together to advance our shared goals to:

- address racial equity
- provide services and opportunities for advancement to our youth
- respond to the needs of our immigrant community
- enhance our quality of life through expanded educational and cultural programming
CITY AND COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE PLANNING PROCESS

- Legal Agreement
- Montgomery College Commitment
- Mandatory Referral
LEGAL AGREEMENT

A four party legal agreement executed in July 2002 by Montgomery College Board of Trustees, City of Takoma Park, Historic Takoma Inc., and Montgomery County Executive.

The Agreement calls for consultation on development of major or substantial changes or alterations to existing buildings including:

- Preservation of historic character of the neighborhood
- Compliance with tree protection & stormwater laws
- Early and transparent involvement of community
Three public meetings, hosted jointly by the City and the College with the potential for additional meetings

Providing regular updates to the City Council and community residents

Conducting a series of community meetings in advance of future Facilities Master Plan submissions

Hosting community design charrette for planned Math and Science Building

Providing support for future “Town and Gown” committee
MANDATORY REFERRAL

A regulatory process proving for review and comment by the Planning Board. This 60 day-process for review of plans impacting specific buildings includes:

- Review of proposed concept plans / final site plans
- Public hearing(s)
- Resolution providing support for approval, approval with conditions or disapproval
NEXT STEPS

• Provide written comments after tonight’s meeting
• Provide feedback and register your concerns at https://seam.ly/f5phDGVI
• Plan to participate in the next discussion on May 9
• Be in touch with City Councilmembers and the Mayor about key issues, including this meeting process
Ward 1
City of Takoma Park

Peter Kovar
Councilmember, Ward 1, City of Takoma Park
Community Conversations: Menu of Topics

Opportunity to share thoughts and comments.

- Limited time for everyone to speak.
- Two minutes to share.
- Solicit variety of topics and stakeholders.
- State your affiliation.
- Not looking for solutions at this time.
- Signal when in agreement with others.
- Written thoughts and comments – ½ blue sheets
Next Steps for Moving Forward

- Compile the topics we heard tonight with the written comment sheets.

- Submit additional comments to the City’s web site before Friday, April 7th
  - https://seam.ly/f5phDGVI

- We will use the collective list to prioritize topics and determine best format for discussion at the next Community Conversation meeting.

- Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9, 2017
Meeting Effectiveness

**Pluses:**
- What worked well tonight?

**Deltas:**
- What would we change or improve?
Closing Remarks

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