

St. Elizabeths Water Tower

Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting #1, July 21, 2009

The following are comments made by Consulting Party Meeting Attendees during the comment period of the meeting. Where appropriate, a response by a core team member follows in italics. The Consulting Party Meeting Sign-in list is attached.

Consulting Party Comments:

1. St. Elizabeths community members asked to identify themselves. 3 members identified.

What about Congress Heights? St. Elizabeths is in Anacostia, but Congress Heights needs pressure too. Congress Heights must not be marginalized!

St. Elizabeths Hospital, East and West Campuses, are located in their own neighborhood adjacent to the Congress Heights, Douglass, Hillsdale, and Barry Farm neighborhoods. See map below.



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2. Congress Heights is the area and it should be the focus of the pressure needs.

3. Who is here from the Office of Planning?

Tim Denne'e, Architectural Historian with the DC Office of Planning/Historic Preservation Office.

4. How will a new tower affect the potential development and new housing on the east campus?

The new water tower is part of the necessary improvements to provide increased water pressure in the water supply system serving Ward 8, as well as the new development planned on both the east and west St. Elizabeths campuses.

5. Genevieve Hanson (DMPED) indicated that the alternative tower locations on the St. Elizabeths campus will be critical and be critically evaluated as part of the ongoing redevelopment plan and the design process of the tower itself.

6. How can we get the right parties here? Must reach out to the community. Seek assistance from the ANC's and other community groups.

7. What are the "contour" lines radiating from the tower in the APE diagram?

The dashed circles indicate points of equal distance from the tower. The first ring indicates points that are ½ mi., the 2nd ring indicates 1 mi., etc. These are shown simply to better be able to estimate the distance from the test balloon at the tower site from the various vantage points that photos were taken.

8. Where are the other water towers located?

Ft. Reno in upper NW, 25th and Wagner, SE, and on Alabama Avenue in SE.

9. Is the schedule a problem? We should not be meeting in August. Most folks are on vacation then. It's a waste of energy. Maybe we could schedule 2 meetings in September.

10. There are 5 ANCs in this ward, so those all need to be reached out to and participating in the meetings.

11. You need enough representation so that we can give input and move on.

12. The new redevelopment is a terrific opportunity for all of Wards 7 and 8.

13. Are the other water tower locations *being* re-evaluated or studied?

No this study is focused on the proposed water tower on the St. Elizabeths east campus.

14. Why are we doing the tower?

The proposed water tower is necessary to provide increased water pressure to the residents and community in Ward 8.

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15. I am concerned how a water tower will affect the significant architecture on the St. Elizabeths campus. Where are the other towers?

Other water towers are located at Ft. Reno in upper NW, 25th and Wagner, SE, as well as at Alabama Ave, SE. These are both large towers. The proposed 5M Gallon Reservoir and 2M gal tower in northwest DC is just in the siting study phase – the study is underway. It will replace the Ft. Reno tower.

16. Are the two other existing towers as large as this proposed tower?

Ft. Reno is currently a .16M gal tower, but will be replaced with a 2M gal tower. 25th and Wagner, SE is a .5M gal tower.

Alabama Ave, SE is a 2M gal tower.

17. I don't care about the buildings on St. Elizabeths! I want the water pressure so I can wash my clothes and take a bath at the same time!

18. Will the proposed tower be new from the ground up?

Yes.

19. Where is the existing service coming from?

Ft. Stanton Reservoir, but it is not located at a high enough elevation to provide adequate pressure to all the service area in Ward 8.

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ELEVATED WATER STORAGE TOWER PROJECT FOR THE PROPOSED ANACOSTIA SECOND HIGH PRESSURE ZONE

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