

St. Elizabeths Water Tower

Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting #2, September 14, 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. Primary APE should include both campuses (the entire historic resource). *The Primary APE boundary standard is consistent with what was used in the West Campus study. The original decision was made based on the significance of Martin Luther King Jr. as a major boundary separating the two campuses. The balloon studies and APE analysis for the East Campus include comprehensive locations throughout the West Campus. However, to respond to the concern raised, the Primary APE boundary will be changed to include the entire St. Elizabeths Campus. Because the evaluation criteria and ratings are same for both sides of the Historic Campus, the change in Primary APE boundary do not change the conclusions of the study.*
2. Please indicate the future DHS development in all the mapping / diagramming. In particular, proposed site D seems to infringe on the proposed parking structure for DHS. *The sites indicated, including site D, are general locations within the campus. Once a site is selected, additional study and detailed coordination with the various stakeholders will be undertaken to insure resolution of any conflicts with the development plans. Furthermore, the proposed development plans for the sites and adjacency to the proposed water tower was a criteria in the rating of the four sites. The planned DHS development close proximity to the proposed site D was one reason that it was concluded to be a less desirable location to site B.*
3. October 5, 2009 does not work for DCPL and HPO due to previous commitments. *The previously scheduled Consulting Party Meeting #3 will be held on October 5, 2009, at the St. Elizabeths East Campus Chapel (sign-in at 6:30 PM). However, a supplemental Meeting #3 will be held on October 8, 2009, at the **National Building Museum (401 F Street, NW)**, to accommodate those parties that are unable to attend the other meeting.*
4. What is the anticipated footprint of the tower structure? *The fixed elements are 50'-60' at the shaft below with a 90'-100' diameter reservoir above. However, the actual final design of the water tower will determine the final size of the structure.*

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Comments (cont).

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5. After our additional meetings, conceptual development, and submission of the water tower concepts to HPRB, what will be the on-going, iterative coordination with the parties working on St. Elizabeths Hospital and the future development of the framework plan.
6. Can the design team discuss the proposed tower designs and locations within the campus with the DCOP, Deputy Mayor's Office for Planning & Economic Development, and St. Elizabeths (Dept. of Mental Health) prior to the submission to HPRB? *Yes, the design team will coordinate proposed site locations and tower designs with these consulting parties to identify and address potential conflicts with anticipated development.*
7. Please coordinate outreach to encourage participation by the community members and other consulting parties. *DCWASA and the design team remain committed to achieving maximum outreach and consulting party participation. This effort includes regular postings of the water tower design process, consulting party meeting schedule, presentations, and consulting party input. In addition, Consulting Parties are contacted via email, post, and/or by phone in advance of approaching meetings as a courtesy reminder.*
8. Please review the views and study areas from the National Mall and monumental core. *The entire study including all the monumental core and National Mall and the sites on the west side of the Potomac are listed in the full site report, which will be posted on the project website.*
9. Will shadow studies be performed as part of the concept development of the tower? *Yes.*
10. "From my own assessment and observations, site B has the least impact to the West Campus." (GSA/DHS rep)
11. Please take a look for potential conflicts between the proposed site B and the proposed National Mental Health Memorial. *Tim Dennee (HPO) indicated that the last proposal presented for the memorial is in the cemetery. It is conceived as a water/landscape feature that might integrate with the existing hardscape and natural features of the cemetery.*

