

Report from the Front: The FCCA's efforts before the Zoning Commission to oppose GU's Campus Plan and "Loop Road" along the rim of Glover Archbold Park

THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

The entire process—from the submittal of GU's 10-Year Campus Plan in the last days of 2010 to the many recent Zoning Commission hearings—has been a complex one, and it's not over yet. The last scheduled hearing will be just days before our June 22 meeting, and the Commission may not release its decision until fall. The hearings are not legal proceedings, but it would be easy to mistake them for such. I cannot emphasize enough the huge number of hours that a handful of FCCA volunteers—primarily our FCCA President **Bob Avery**, our ANC representative **Ann Haas**, and our 44th Street neighbors attorney **Conrad DeWitte** and **John Bray**—have expended on behalf of FCCA members. These four have spent literally hundreds of hours talking to GU officials, studying GU's plans, meeting with neighboring community groups, researching the facts on key issues, consulting on best strategies, conceiving and preparing arguments and testimony, and finally being present in all senses for seven sessions of hearings, each of which began at 6:30 and seldom wrapped up before 11 p.m. Lest you think they don't have day jobs or family commitments, I assure you that they do. So regardless of the outcome, we owe these four community-minded unpaid volunteers a huge thanks for their untiring efforts. Thanks too to the community members who helped with sign distribution or wrote letters in support of our position; this has been a team effort.

As to the outcome: We don't know yet. It is clear that the Zoning Commission agrees that neighborhoods east and north of the campus need relief from the objectionable conditions created by the ever-growing University, primarily in terms of the affects that student lifestyles have

on their non-student neighbors and property values. As has been fairly widely reported, the Commission seems to be on course to set firm new requirements for GU to house all of its undergraduates on-campus, or face reductions in the numbers of students it will be permitted to enroll. Surrounding neighborhoods are sleeping more easily on that score; our residents also had concerns over more homes becoming de facto rooming houses. GU is not happy.

Some issues of concern to FCCA members seem to have been resolved: the "smoke stack"

disappeared from the final proposed plan, and GU concessions limiting use of Kehoe Field were included.

Although we shared many concerns with other citizen groups, our overwhelming issue remains their proposed "loop road", which will degrade both the park and the quality of life in eastern parts of Foxhall Village. This is especially true if the road ends up being the primary entrance for both the campus and GU hospital, including construction and ambulance traffic, which seems very likely. Although no party except GU seemed to be in favor of the edge-of-park option for the road *per se*, it remains to be seen whether the Commission endorses an edge-of-park road plan, despite the FCCA's arguments that it will have huge, negative impacts on our area and on parklands. Our City Council Member Mary Cheh testified before the Commission against the loop road, pointing out the absurdity of GU's contention that the only way to enable its GUTS commuter buses to turn around on the campus is to build a road along the scenic easement. Cheh's testimony was excellent. The FCCA's testimony and exhibits can in part be downloaded from our website at www.foxhall.org. *Continued on Page 4*

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CALENDAR

**FCCA General Meeting
Wednesday, June 22
at 7 PM**

Hardy Rec Center

This will be a Post-Zoning
Commission Hearings
Update on GU's Campus
Plan and our
No-Loop Road Campaign
Also: Green Alley Update
and a
List Serv for the FCCA!

This is the last FCCA
meeting until September.



Call Bob Avery to arrange
a ride, if needed.

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Scheduled BZA Meetings

Share comments and concerns so they can be aired at the Board of Zoning meetings—public meetings that institutions are required to schedule with local communities according to their agreements with the BZA. Email or call Ann Haas.

Georgetown Day: 6:30 p.m. on Tues. September 13, and December 13, 2011 and March 13, and May 8, 2012. All meetings at Q and MacArthur.

Lab School: 6 p.m. on Tuesdays: Sept. 20, 2011 and Jan. 10, Feb. 28 and May 15, 2012 at Foxhall & Q.

ANC3D: Advisory Neighborhood Commission 3D meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. at Sibley Hospital. 2011 meetings are scheduled for July 6, September 7, October 5, November 2, and December 7.

FCCA Newsletter Submissions

Send items for the next newsletter, which is now planned for September, to the editor at tlam.foster@gmail.com by August 31. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

New Fees for Trash Supercans

The Department of Public Works is now charging \$62.50 to replace Supercans, the 32-gallon trash containers used in once-a-week collection neighborhoods. Due to D.C. Budget constraints, the DPW is unable to continue providing a free Supercan to new homeowners and Seniors will also be required to pay the full amount for a Supercan (\$62.50).

Once the container is delivered, residents should put their address on the side and top and record the container's serial number to help deter theft and assist in identifying the container if it does go missing.

Requests for the containers may be made by calling 311 or placed through the DPW Web site – www.dpw.dc.gov.

Palisades Library Association Accepting Used Books

Donations at the Library are different from “Donation Boxes” and proceeds remain in the neighborhood. Used books are being accepted at the Library for use by the Friends of the Palisades Library organization. The Library, at MacArthur Blvd. and V Street, serves our community and donated books are resold by the Friends group to supplement library programs and supplies.

Donations can be made during regular Palisades Library hours (Mon., Wed., Fri., or Sat. 9:30 am to 5:30 pm, and Tues. or Thurs. from 1 to 9 pm.)

Books can be left in the hallway adjacent to the rear door parking lot entrance; donation receipts from the Friends of Palisades Library (a 501(c)(3) organization) are available at the reference desk on the main floor.

Due to the difficulty in repurposing them, the organization cannot accept computer books, magazines, vinyl LPs and textbooks.

FCCA Spring Yard Sale a Great Success thanks to the Organizational Efforts of Volunteers! And to the Lab School too.

Thanks to event organizers Jeannette Rivera, Lisa Maco, and Jan Smart, and to the Lab School for allowing us the use of their front yard for our yard sale. It was a glorious day for a yard sale! On Saturday, May 21 the sun was shining and, until noon or so, the temperature was quite agreeable. Nineteen families set up tables, two of which were completely manned by children! There was a great variety of items for sale from framed prints and photographs to tools and kitchen appliances. The turnout was great and most sellers managed to clear a lot of their “unwants”.

Update on German Embassy Renovations

KAREN VOLKER

ARC Construction Services, Inc. is in charge of phase one of the renovation works (asbestos removal and demolition) which will start this month and last about one year. Scaffolding of the buildings will start after June 14. Phase 1, demolition, is to run until December 2011.

Conditions of the contract for Construction include the following:

- ARC will observe noise protection requirements of the different neighborhoods around the Embassy grounds.
- Access to the site is gained only via the main entrance of the Embassy at 4645 Reservoir Road.
- ARC has to assure handling of jobsite traffic within the working hours, 7 am through 5 pm Monday through Friday only. The neighbors' interests shall be considered. Traffic jams, especially during the heavy-traffic morning and evening hours shall be restricted by the assignment of time slots for material deliveries. Jobsite vehicles in the waiting line

outside the construction site shall be turned off—no idling. Loud radio music at open windows is not permitted. Local parking restrictions must be observed. Construction workers will be taken to the site by shuttle buses.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the construction project, please email Karen Volker at karenvolker55@gmail.com and she will raise it with Embassy officials. Please put 'German Embassy' in the subject line.

The May 21 Spring Yard Sale at the corner of Q and Foxhall on the Lab School lawn attracted good numbers of shoppers and sellers — and fantastic weather!



Who You Gonna Call?

City-Wide Call Center

To request free bulk trash pickups, report dumping in alleys, rat problems, and a host of other issues, call 311.

DC Animal Shelter 576-6664

Police and Fire Departments

Emergencies and Police Matters 911

PEPCO

Power Outages 877-737-2662

Street Lights Out 269-0855.

Washington Gas 624-6049

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Illegally Parked Cars

Report cars obstructing sidewalks or displaying suspicious guest parking permits by calling 311.

Note: D.C. law requires people who live in the city for more than 30 days to register their cars with the D.C. Department of Motor Vehicles or face a \$100 ticket every day. This applies to cars parked on private property as well as on streets.

Questionable Construction Projects

To report construction proceeding without required permits or that appears to violate code, call DCRA at 202-442-4400 and they will send an inspector very quickly. For work that appears to be contrary to the guidelines in the Historic District call Anne Brockett, 202-442-8842 or anne.brockett@dc.gov.

Georgetown 24/7 Community Hotline

Report student activities that negatively impact our community at 687-4813. Or call Linda Greenan and discuss the issue at 687-5677 during office hours. Please also send an email regarding the issue to the FCCA.

Recap on GU's Plan Battle, Cont.

The final scheduled Zoning Commission hearing on June 20 will focus on the Department of Transportation's findings. Afterwards, we hope to have a better sense of the Zoning Commission's leanings on the Loop Road. The June 22 FCCA General Meeting will report on where we are at and potential next steps.

But even that may very well not be the end of this battle. If the Zoning Commission approves the loop road along the Park, despite the objectionable conditions that it would certainly create for Foxhall residents, the FCCA will retrain an attorney and pursue the matter in the courts. That could drag on for *quite* some time, and we will be outgunned. On the other hand, if the Zoning Commission sides with us and does not approve the loop road along the park, Georgetown University may very well turn to the courts for resolution of the issue, and we will then also need to retain an attorney to monitor the case. Perhaps the best outcome would be if the Zoning Commission postpones a decision on the loop road, neither rejecting nor approving it, until the 10-year-plan for the hospital expansion is filed and hearings begin on that issue. [Ug, indeed.]

**Is it too late to help? No!
Please submit written testimony
by writing a letter and sending it
to the Zoning commission
BEFORE the June 20 meeting!**

Explain in your own words and in less than 10 pages how you feel a loop road would negatively impact you, your home, and your community and park.

Sign and Mail to:
DC Zoning Commission
Suite 210, 441 4th St NW
Washington DC 20001
Reference GU Campus Plan,
Case Number 10-32

Or preferably, sign and then
FAX your letter to:
202-727-6072

If you don't mind, copy Bob
Avery with your letter.

Spring Fling

Thanks to all who brought food and good company to share at the FCCA Spring Fling on April 30, 2011. Attendees enjoyed the ever-popular moonbounce, live music by the Palisades Community Band, grilled hotdogs and sand art. Special thanks goes out to Friends of Hardy, the Palisades Community Band, friends and neighbors who helped with set-up and clean-up and our Hardy Recreation staff, Connie and Rodney, for helping make the event such a wonderful success.

And the FCCA and everyone who attended thank Caitlin MacKenzie for all her hard work organizing the event.

Progress on Our Q Street Green Alley Project

At the June 22 FCCA meeting, Mary Rollefson will report on the plans for the green alley between Q Place and Q Street NW, across from the tennis courts. In response to a proposal from the Friends of Hardy, the DC Department of Transportation has awarded a contract to Rhodeside & Harwell Landscape Architects for the design of the alley. The architects presented their concept plan to the immediate neighbors in February for comment and have incorporated suggestions into the next phase of the design. Mary will talk about the rationale for the alley and the major features of the design.



Left: FCCA President Bob Avery and our ANC 3D Commissioner Ann Haas distributing yard signs and buttons opposing the Loop Road at the Spring Fling. They still look energized at this point in the battle! Must have been the cake.

Right: Young Spring Fling crafters.

A List Serve for the FCCA Area

CHARLOTTE DONVITO, JAN SMART,
AND LISA MACO

On Sunday, June, the FCCA Board voted to approve the creation of an FCCA listserv—basically an electronic bulletin board where subscribers can post and receive a wide variety of information. Listserv postings can be anything from advertising an item for sale, soliciting recommendations for services, such as roofers, babysitters, etc., to recommending a good movie, or putting out an alert for a lost pet. Currently there are several informal email groups among neighbors where this type of information is shared; the listserv will give everyone a far wider reach in the community.

The proposal by a group of Foxhall residents was precipitated by the recent rash of crime in our area. We wanted to find a way to disseminate urgent information, such as crime reports, quickly and effectively to as many in the FCCA area as possible. Many DC neighborhoods have established listservs that have become valuable tools for creating more interconnected communities. The Palisades listserv, for example, has more than 1,600 members and posts approximately 100 messages per week.

All posts on the listserv will be subject to moderating, mainly in order to block spam messages and to ensure that all posts are courteous. The three of us are planning to volunteer initially as moderators, although other volunteers are welcome! Over the summer, our goal is to prepare clear guidelines for the moderators, which will be subject to Board approval. These guidelines as well as detailed, step-by-step instructions for joining and using the listserv will be published in the FCCA Newsletter in the Fall.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND ADS FOR SERVICES BY MEMBERS ARE FREE FOR ITEMS OF GENERAL COMMUNITY INTEREST

BABYSITTER AVAILABLE

14-year-old with three years experience. Mature, responsible, and love to be with kids. Have worked with children three years and up and with multiple children. Live in the neighborhood—can walk to your place if needed. References available. Contact: Hannah Gehan, hannah_mcg@comcast.net

Stepped Up Enforcement and Significant Fines Reported for Failures to Get Required Building Permits

We've been hearing of significant fines being imposed lately on people doing construction without building permits when a permit is required. There seems to be stepped up enforcement, so get those permits!

DC building permits are required for many common renovation projects. Below is a partial list of exterior work that requires a permit (whether you live in the Foxhall Village Historic District or not, and whether you are renovating the front of your home or the back):

- Additions
- Decks, new or replacement
- Dormers, new or replacement
- Exterior lighting, new
- Fences, new or replacement
- HVAC equipment, new or replacement
- Paving (including steps), new or replacement
- Retaining walls, new or replacement
- Roof, replacement

Additional permits required for the Historic District only:

- Front doors, new or replacement
- Windows, new or replacement
- Window openings, new or expanded (only allowable in the rear of homes in historic district)

For more detailed information please refer to the Foxhall Village Design Guidelines, found on the FCCA website: <http://www.foxhall.org>.

If you have any questions about what requires a permit, contact the DC Historic Preservation Office. Our neighborhood liaison is Anne Brockett, 202-442-8842 or anne.brockett@dc.gov. You can also feel free to contact Paul DonVito, chairman of the Foxhall Village Historic Preservation Committee at 202-625-0239 or pauldonvito@rcn.com.



Thanks to FCCA Members as of May 31!

Patron

DeWitte, Conrad
Georgetown Day School,
Iwanicki, Michael & Germana
Kern, Melissa & Bill Deegan
Lab School of Washington DC,
Ross, Marsha & Pete

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Pastor, Robert & Margaret
Paulson, Sara & Arne
Polk, Scott & Karen
Rankin, Douglas & Mary
Reuter, Andrew
Rippeteau, Darrel & Judith
Scher, Barry & Olga
Schubert, Jane & Robert Woolfolk
Squires, Greg & Margot
Teller, Roger & Susan May
Vardaman, Jack & Marianne
Walker, Audrey & David

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Christie, Jeff & Paula
Conn, Dick & Jackie
Gale, Terumi
Garmong, Sydney & Mark Barry
Kentz, Andrew & Ellen
Latta, Hans & Rachel
Loukas, S. Paul & Linda
Maco, Lisa & Paul
Milam, Sally & Jim
Oblaender, Carsten & Britta
O'Hara, Katie & Jim
Parke, Margaret Rebok
Ross, Malcolm & Daphne R.
Smith, Robert & Joan
Van Allen, Barbara & Peter

Household

Alderete, Albert & Monique
Ambrose, Eddie & Caroline
Andonyadis, Aveyris & Elly
Anninos, Paul & Christine
Anonymous,
Arundel, Tom & Kara

Assuras, Thalia & Mike Johnson
Atkinson, Graham & Jeannette
Rivera
Atwater, Sally
Ayers, Darrell & Mary Jane
Bahor, Raymond
Bailey, Michael & Mari
Barton, Terry & Jay
Bateson, William & Martha
Blakely, Judith
Bond, Garland ("Boo") & Jodi
Bourdaud'hui, Robert & Susan
Boyd, Henry Lee & Joseph
Goodman
Bray, John & Leslie
Brown, Chris & Mary Rollefson
Buck, Molly
Casstevens, Kay
Corkran, Scott & Kelsi
Cornoni, Vanessa & Paul
Cooke, Elliott & Victoria
Crow, John M. & Mary Pat Hayes-
Crow
DeMuth, Tom & Janet Mann
DonVito, Paul & Charlotte
Duenwald, Christoph & Angelique
Deplaa
Elting, Maureen & Jeffrey
Farrell, Janet
Foss, Holly
Foster, Stephen M.
Frederick, Jennifer & Scott
Garcia-Grinan, Ileana
Gaughan, Mary
Gentile, Nancyellen
Gillis, Richard & Carol
Glassman, Jeffrey & Elana
Gore, Jill
Gospodinova, Tanya
Griffin, MaryAnn
Gustafson, Dan & Kitty
Haas, Ann
Hafez, Ziad & Aida
Harbold, Mike & Alexandra
Harburger, Patti
Higgins, Jim & Barbara
Hirshon Family,
Holdren, Henry & Megan
Holliday, Katrina & Khaled
Rabbani
Humphries, Kim & Fred
Hurt, Adrienne
Ives, Donna & Gerry
Jablon, Cara & Robert
Jewett, Richard
Josey, Ron & Marisse
Kaye, Bill & Ann

Kenney, Bette G.
Kilby, Gene & Christine
Kim, Hoonae
Klusman, Susan & Larry
Kroon, Barry & Brandie
Kruvant, Ken & Cathy
Lanman, Charlie & Mary
Lawson, London & Christine
Harada
Levison, Carol & Fred
Lion, Andra
Lyle, Edward
Merino, Jose & Julieta Caride
Michaels, Judith
Miliaras, Saskia & Chrysanthos
Miodovnik, Victoria & Menachem
Monahan, Jason & Patricia
Murphy, Vivian
Myers, Steven & Margaret
Nash, Janet
Nichols, Carl & Maria Acebal
Nicholson, John & Marnie
Nielsen, Walter & Nancy McCaleb
Nobbs, Catherine & Nick
O'Connell, Michael & Bob
Mikolitch
Orlove, Deborah & Brett
Overend, Patricia
Packard, Merlin
Peasley, Carol
Philipovich,
Phillips, Laura & Jared Cornfeld
Popkin, Richard & Karol
Ratigan, Elizabeth
Reed, David A & Gary Goodsell
Reznek, Sarah & Babette Pennay
Rovani, Yves & Evelyne
Sakazaki, Melody
Schellinger, Dieter & Jessie Kane
Seltzer, George & Dianne
Shaw, Sarah
Shutzer, Jamie & Jenny Morgan
Silard, Kelly & Debbie
Sloan, David
Smart, Janice
Smith, Dorothy
Stroh, Graham & Eryn
Taylor, Paul & Hulit
Tersooff, Janet & William Poole
Thomas, David & Marjana Martinic
Tlam, Cheryl & Harold Foster
Tobey, Stephen & Julie Haidemenos
Umbdenstock, Rich & Barb
Vicini, Stefano & Mariarita
Watts, Russell & Sunny
Whitman, Cameron
Wood, Lisa
Youtcheff, Jack & Heloise

Senior

Beg, Joan
Bhagat, Ved & Sudesh
Borras, Caridad
Bray, Howard
Chhabra, Harbans & Satpal
Corrado, Barbara & Ernest
de Butts, Polly & John Spaulding
Drake, Colette & Avery
Duignan, Carolyn & Milan Valuch
Dunnells, Dick & Geni
Franklin, Edwin & Elizabeth
Green, Karen & Steve Novosel
Greenwood, Bill & Marsha
Greer, Douglas & Annette
Harris, Cory & Randy
Harvey, Barbara S.
Hass, Patricia
Herman, Patty
Heyert, Gill & Martin
Kerwin, Connie
Klein, Solange
McAvoy, Chisolm
Mendelsohn, Jack & Micaela
Metcalfe, Ruth
Mix, Marilyn B.
Nietfeld, Patricia
Pierre, Andrew & Joan Root
Portenoy, Winifred & Norman
Reese, Anne H.
Schwartz, Jean Pierre & Helga
Seferian, John & Nancy
Sherman, Claire R. & Stanley M.
Snyder, Arlene & Tim
Staroba, Arden & Frank
Szymkowicz, John & Carol
Tamborini, Susan & George
Donovan
van Emmerik, Maureen Carty
Velsey, Victoria & Don
Vitry, Luce de
Wilkinson, Ted & Xenia
Non-Resident
Groat, Donna & Gary
Lucan, Bob & Alice
Heuer, Ann
Donation
Anninos, Paul & Christine
McAvoy, Chisolm
Mendelsohn, Jack & Micaela
O'Connell, Michael & Bob
Mikolitch
Snyder, Arlene & Tim

Membership Form for the 2011 Calendar Year

To vote at meetings, members must reside within FCCA area, be present, and be over 18 years of age. Memberships are for the calendar year. Please make checks out to the Foxhall Community Citizens Association. Send to FCCA/Hulit Taylor at 1713 Surrey Lane NW, Washington, DC 20007 or bring to a meeting!

"Booster" Memberships

- \$250 Patron (up to two votes)
 \$100 Advocate (up to two votes)
 \$50 Sponsor (up to two votes)
 Donation \$

Standard Memberships

- \$25 Household (up to two votes)
 \$15 Senior household (up to two votes)
 \$25 Non-Resident (no votes)

Names (LAST, First, as you wish listing to appear—neatness counts. Example: DOE, Jane & John Smith)

Complete Mailing Address

Home Phone

Email address for FCCA updates—our list is *never* shared.

