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ST. ELIZABETHS ADVISORY BOARD

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MEETING

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TUESDAY  
MARCH 7, 2017

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The St. Elizabeths Advisory Board met in the R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center, 2730 Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C., at 6:40 p.m., Ed Fisher, Executive Director, presiding.

PRESENT

ED FISHER, Executive Director  
MARY CUTHBERT, Member  
CHRISTOPHER EARLEY, Member  
BARRON HARVEY, Member  
BRENDA JONES, Member

ALSO PRESENT

WILLIAM LEIBNER, Events DC  
JAMES PARKS IV, DC DMPED  
VANASSA SIMMONS, DC DMPED

DARNETTA TYUS, DC DMPED

ROD WILLIAMS, DC DMPED

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1 P-R-O-C-E-E-D-I-N-G-S

2 6:40 p.m.

3 DIRECTOR FISHER: Good evening,  
4 everyone. I'm going to bring this advisory board  
5 meeting to order. It's 6:41 -- 6:40 p.m. on  
6 March the 7th, 2017.

7 Thank you all for being here and  
8 taking your time out of your busy schedules to be  
9 here this evening. We do have a quorum.  
10 Unfortunately, I forgot to bring a copy of the  
11 agenda for everyone, but this is going to be  
12 relatively brief, and we'll give you guys some  
13 project updates and some overviews about what's  
14 going on, on the campus. And then I will open up  
15 the floor for any questions or suggestions,  
16 advice from any board members, anybody that's  
17 here in the audience.

18 Quick update, and you guys have all  
19 heard this before, I think, at the last meeting.  
20 Our infrastructure was just getting started on  
21 the campus. So I believe on September 28th, 2016  
22 is when we actually started doing some digging

1 and some real construction for the infrastructure  
2 here on the campus, and it's scheduled to be  
3 complete in the fall of 2018.

4 You all are very familiar with the  
5 project, so you know that this infrastructure is  
6 going to help support the new residential  
7 housing, the 252 units on the CT campus, the 120  
8 or so residential townhomes on the campus, in  
9 addition to the Entertainment and Sports Arena  
10 and the office building on parcel 17.

11 If you've been back on the actual --  
12 the new hospital side of the campus, you can see  
13 that construction has started for the new water  
14 tower that DC Water is building. That is  
15 scheduled to be completed in late spring, early  
16 summer of 2018, and everybody on this campus and  
17 residents in Congress Heights as a whole will see  
18 some improved water pressure throughout the  
19 community.

20 And a big item that we've talked a lot  
21 about throughout this process is the parking on  
22 the campus. We know that there is a parking

1 squeeze already on the campus, and we know  
2 there'll be a lot more once the ESA comes online  
3 next fall. A parking study has been completed,  
4 and we are tentatively going to hold another  
5 parking meeting for the public on April 1st. It  
6 will be here at the R.I.S.E., but we will confirm  
7 that in the next couple of days. And in that  
8 parking meeting, we're going report out what the  
9 final findings were.

10 Ms. Cuthbert, do you have something?

11 MEMBER CUTHBERT: No. It can wait.

12 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. All right.

13 So you guys can be on the lookout for  
14 that coming up pretty soon. This is the overview  
15 which is also in your packet, and you've seen  
16 this many times before. If anybody has any  
17 questions, I'll be happy to answer. But what I  
18 want to do for a moment because Will has to leave  
19 -- Will is with Events DC -- just give you guys a  
20 very brief update on where we are with the ESA.

21 And before he comes up and gives his  
22 part, I just want to say thank you, Ms. Cuthbert.

1 Ms. Cuthbert attended our Historic Preservation  
2 Review Board hearing on February the 23rd, and  
3 our concept was approved which allows us to move  
4 forward with getting the necessary permits and so  
5 forth to get construction and the foundation  
6 underway for the ESA.

7 The week before that, we also got  
8 conceptual approval from the --

9 MR. LEIBNER: CFA.

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: -- CFA -- thank you  
11 -- on February 16th, I believe it was. So we are  
12 on track. We're moving right along with ESA  
13 construction. And this is the rendering that  
14 you've seen before, but I'll let Will come up and  
15 just give a few quick updates.

16 MR. LEIBNER: Sure. For those that  
17 don't know me, I'm Will Leibner with Events DC.  
18 I work under Greg O'Dell on the day-to-day  
19 development of the project. Ed stole my thunder.  
20 I was going to thank Ms. Cuthbert. That's all I  
21 had to say for helping us out at that HPRB  
22 meeting last -- I guess it was two weeks ago now

1 which was very beneficial. And again, apologies.  
2 I am pulling double duty. We have a couple other  
3 community meetings later on tonight.

4 So I think most of you have probably  
5 seen this rendering before. This is the  
6 Entertainment and Sports building design. As it  
7 sits now, this view is actually coming Oak  
8 Street. To the left would be the CT campus with  
9 the affordable housing development underway, and  
10 this is just kind of one of the better views that  
11 we have of what our design looks like now.

12 From a high level, the facility is  
13 actually composed of two different uses. On the  
14 left will be a new training facility for the  
15 Washington Wizards and Mystics that will be to  
16 the exclusive use of Monumental Sports who owns  
17 both of those teams. But that's where the  
18 Wizards will train every single day during the  
19 season and even the off season as well as the  
20 Washington Mystics. And then on the right side,  
21 you'll see the arena component. It's a 4,200-  
22 seat arena. We'll --

1                   MEMBER JONES: I'm sorry. How many  
2 seats are there?

3                   MR. LEIBNER: Sorry, 4,200 seats.

4                   MEMBER JONES: 4,200?

5                   MR. LEIBNER: Mm-hmm. We'll house  
6 Washington Mystics' home games as well as  
7 potential future NBA Developmental League, D-  
8 League teams' home games. And Events DC, we're  
9 going to end up being the -- we're serving as the  
10 vertical developer and we will be the future  
11 operator of this facility. And we're excited  
12 about also programming the arena with other  
13 things like concerts, boxing, community events,  
14 amateur basketball, anything we can do really,  
15 and we're excited about a lot of opportunities  
16 there.

17                   DIRECTOR FISHER: And Will, so putting  
18 in perspective about the size of the arena.  
19 While we don't a casino here, but if you look at  
20 the MGM, their arena, there's only 3,000 seats.  
21 So we're going to be in competition, and we have  
22 more seats to offer than they do at these --



1                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: That's what I  
2 wanted.

3                   MR. LEIBNER: Correct. We actually  
4 think --

5                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: I want them to come  
6 over here and see my area.

7                   MR. LEIBNER: Exactly. We think it  
8 fits a great niche actually. There's not very  
9 many facilities of this size, the Verizon Center,  
10 which is 20,000 seats, and then there is some of  
11 the smaller facilities like MGM at 3,000 seats  
12 and even some of the smaller concert venues in  
13 the city. But this is going to be a great, kind  
14 of in between chance to really attract people and  
15 attract events over here to Congress Heights.  
16 And Ed, you can probably speak to this more  
17 intelligently than me since this is your baby,  
18 but --

19                   DIRECTOR FISHER: This is Vanassa's.  
20 (Laughter.)

21                   DIRECTOR FISHER: This is our  
22 photographer right here. Vanassa took these

1 photos, but you can just see the excavation is  
2 underway at the ESA site. They are digging.  
3 Every day, they're out there getting the site  
4 ready for the ESA. And that is what will  
5 eventually be 13th Street, and that's the ravine  
6 down just to the -- on the top part there.

7 So work is underway. I mean, you guys  
8 can see most of the campus is kind of closed off  
9 for vehicular access and so forth. And we'll  
10 have some updates about street closings and so  
11 forth later.

12 But does anybody have any questions  
13 that are ESA related while Will is still here?

14 MEMBER JONES: As far as the  
15 development or just the ESA part?

16 DIRECTOR FISHER: Just ESA part right  
17 now while he's still here.

18 MEMBER JONES: Well, I don't know if  
19 this is going to be relevant to what you -- and  
20 if you can answer it but jobs. I work in this  
21 community and currently right now I'm working at  
22 Wheeler Terrace. And of course, we still have

1 very high unemployment.

2 MR. LEIBNER: Right.

3 MEMBER JONES: Is there -- what would  
4 be a contact or who would be a contact person --

5 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Gilbane.

6 MEMBER JONES: -- for people hiring  
7 people and whether it's for the construction part  
8 --

9 MR. LEIBNER: Right.

10 MEMBER JONES: -- any of it.

11 MR. LEIBNER: So our general  
12 contractors is a joint venture of Smoot-Gilbane,  
13 Smoot Construction and Gilbane Construction.  
14 Gilbane is actually already on site working on --

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: Infrastructure.

16 MR. LEIBNER: -- the infrastructure,  
17 and they will be leading a lot of the workforce  
18 and job opportunity outreach meetings. Most of  
19 them are going to be happening in this building  
20 actually. The first one -- or the next one --  
21 there was one initial kickoff around the  
22 holidays, but the next big one is on March 21st.

1 And we'll be happy to get, obviously, Ed and all  
2 you guys as much information about that as  
3 possible so that that can be socialized out to  
4 the community.

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: James, do you have  
6 that -- what time it is on the calendar? Do you  
7 recall?

8 MR. LEIBNER: I believe it's at 10.  
9 It's --

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: So morning?

11 MR. LEIBNER: -- starting at 10, mm-  
12 hmm.

13 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

14 MEMBER JONES: 10?

15 MR. LEIBNER: It's during the day.

16 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

17 MR. LEIBNER: And we have a fantastic  
18 contact there, Chrystal Stowe, who -- you know,  
19 Events DC, we're --

20 MEMBER JONES: Chrystal?

21 MR. LEIBNER: Chrystal Stowe is her  
22 name that helps kind of coordinate that whole

1 effort for our general contractor. So we have  
2 dedicated hours and work towards that exact  
3 initiative, so --

4 MEMBER JONES: Thank you very much.

5 MR. LEIBNER: Sure.

6 MEMBER JONES: Thank you.

7 MR. LEIBNER: Of course. Anyone have  
8 questions or are you guys good?

9 DIRECTOR FISHER: And I was just  
10 trying to find Chrystal's email if anybody wanted  
11 it, but I can forward this information.

12 MEMBER JONES: Okay. Thank you.

13 DIRECTOR FISHER: Cstowe@srsmoor.com,  
14 S-R, smoot dot -- no, I'm sorry, yeah, yeah,  
15 that's right, S-R, smoot dot com.

16 MEMBER JONES: S-M-O-O-T?

17 DIRECTOR FISHER: Mm-hmm.

18 MEMBER JONES: And that's --

19 DIRECTOR FISHER: C --

20 MEMBER JONES: -- S-T-O-L -- I'm  
21 sorry. S-T-O-W-E you're saying?

22 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. C-S-T-O-W-E,

1 Chrystal Stowe. So I've put a lot of people  
2 directly in contact with her when it comes to  
3 jobs, so she's usually very responsive.

4 MEMBER JONES: Oh, good.

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: So if you want to  
6 recommend, refer somebody to her, she'll get them  
7 on the list.

8 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Train them, please,  
9 before they come.

10 MEMBER JONES: For them --

11 MEMBER CUTHBERT: I don't want to be  
12 embarrassed.

13 MEMBER JONES: -- we're doing,  
14 basically, life skills like workforce development  
15 in the Wheeler Terrace Community Center and so we  
16 are preparing them.

17 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Don't go steal the  
18 cup.

19 MEMBER JONES: Oh, stop.

20 (Laughter.)

21 MEMBER CUTHBERT: They did that at the  
22 Unified Communications Center.

1 MEMBER JONES: They could be somebody

2 --

3 (Simultaneous speaking.)

4 MEMBER CUTHBERT: It wouldn't no  
5 matter in Virginia. They were my neighbors.

6 (Simultaneous speaking.)

7 MR. LEIBNER: Design for apprentice  
8 firms and there will be more information about it  
9 when Chrystal gets it out. There are also a  
10 slate of meetings scheduled later on in the  
11 spring for individuals. We welcome any  
12 individuals that are interested to also contact  
13 our contractor too. It's not just, like, at one  
14 of these meetings --

15 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

16 MR. LEIBNER: -- you can come. It's  
17 we want it to be a really ongoing opportunity,  
18 and we're getting ready to try to start  
19 construction later on this spring. So it's going  
20 to start happening fast.

21 MR. PARKS: I think it's also an  
22 opportunity for people who are unattached to

1 something to be in the same room as all those --

2 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Yes.

3 MR. PARKS: -- businesses and say,  
4 hello, my name is. That would be great.

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. Thanks, Will.  
6 Appreciate it.

7 MEMBER JONES: They're going to start  
8 construction?

9 MR. LEIBNER: We're hoping to start  
10 construction later on this spring.

11 MEMBER JONES: Oh, what are they doing  
12 now?

13 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Infrastructure.

14 DIRECTOR FISHER: So the  
15 infrastructure and they're doing the excavation  
16 for the site.

17 MEMBER JONES: Okay.

18 DIRECTOR FISHER: And so then, like I  
19 said, when we got our approvals from CFA and HPO,  
20 that allowed us to apply for the permits for the  
21 foundation. Is that correct? So after the site  
22 is fully excavated and the sheeting and shoring



1 is done -- and I've been told April 1st, around  
2 that time that part should be done -- then they  
3 can get their permits and then start construction  
4 soon after that.

5 MEMBER JONES: Great.

6 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. Again, I  
7 would jump to infrastructure at this point. This  
8 is our map which you've seen many times before.  
9 And if Vanassa wants to come up and just give us  
10 a few just updates, estimates on when you can  
11 expect some changes around the campus as far as  
12 road openings, closings and so forth. And I'm  
13 sorry. This is Vanassa Simmons, our project  
14 manager for DMPED.

15 MEMBER JONES: Hi, Vanassa.

16 MS. SIMMONS: Good evening, guys.

17 DIRECTOR FISHER: Good evening.

18 MS. SIMMONS: So just a few updates on  
19 some of the construction that we're doing around  
20 the campus. So we have applied for a public  
21 space permit to extend 12th Street, Malcolm X,  
22 and 8th Street to open up those current dead ends

1 so that we're able to come into the campus. So  
2 that's 8th.

3 DIRECTOR FISHER: This is Malcolm X  
4 here. That's 8th, I believe.

5 MS. SIMMONS: Mm-hmm, and then down  
6 here is 12th, so --

7 MEMBER CUTHBERT: So the trucks will  
8 be going down 8th Street?

9 MS. SIMMONS: 8th once it's open.

10 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay.

11 MS. SIMMONS: So right now, we have  
12 applied for permits. We are hoping to receive  
13 permits by April 3rd.

14 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay.

15 MS. SIMMONS: And then once -- if we  
16 receive April -- if we receive permits by April  
17 3rd, our anticipated date of completion for 12th  
18 Street is May the 22nd. The anticipated date for  
19 work completion at Malcolm X and 8th Street are  
20 April the 24th.

21 MEMBER CUTHBERT: You know what I want  
22 to know so I can get flyers to the neighbors that

1 will alleviate a lot of stress on me. They're  
2 running -- they're having their trucks run up and  
3 down the street, and they don't come to the  
4 meeting and know what's going on, so --

5 MS. SIMMONS: So once we get a firm --

6 MEMBER CUTHBERT: -- I need to get a  
7 flyer.

8 MS. SIMMONS: -- date -- or I mean,  
9 because the driving factor is the date that we  
10 receive our permits.

11 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

12 MS. SIMMONS: So once we receive our  
13 permits, we can get information. We'll get it to  
14 Ed so that he can get it out to you all so that  
15 we can update the community because we absolutely  
16 want to make sure that we keep everybody informed  
17 --

18 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

19 MS. SIMMONS: -- so that you know  
20 exactly what's going on, on the campus.

21 DIRECTOR FISHER: I think that's  
22 around the time of your next ANC meeting with --

1 MS. SIMMONS: Right. It would around  
2 that time.

3 DIRECTOR FISHER: Right around that  
4 same time.

5 MEMBER CUTHBERT: I just want to have  
6 a flyer that I can knock --

7 DIRECTOR FISHER: Sure.

8 MEMBER CUTHBERT: -- on the door and  
9 put on the door, especially people on 8th Street  
10 and 12th Street. The trucks will be coming  
11 through because they're working on St. Elizabeths  
12 infrastructure. That's what I have to do --

13 DIRECTOR FISHER: And --

14 MEMBER CUTHBERT: -- because there's no  
15 guarantee they're going to come to the ANC  
16 meeting.

17 DIRECTOR FISHER: Right. You're  
18 absolutely right. And another thing that  
19 Darnetta and I have been talking about doing is  
20 talking to our neighbors, especially on Malcolm X  
21 because right now it's currently -- it's a --

22 MS. SIMMONS: A dead end.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER:  -- dead end.  
2           They'll run into the campus.  Ultimately, these  
3           people that live right here in this quiet little  
4           dead end street --

5                   MEMBER CUTHBERT:  Right.

6                   DIRECTOR FISHER:  -- there are going  
7           to be cars coming through now going into the  
8           campus, and I'm sure that many of them are --

9                   MEMBER CUTHBERT:  But that dead end  
10          street is not 12th.

11                  DIRECTOR FISHER:  I'm talking about  
12          Malcolm X.

13                  MS. SIMMONS:  Malcolm X.

14                  MEMBER CUTHBERT:  Malcolm X, yeah.  It  
15          goes all the way down to the dead end.

16                  DIRECTOR FISHER:  Yes.  That's going  
17          to open up.

18                  MEMBER CUTHBERT:  You're going to open  
19          -- well, what street do you all call that?

20                  MS. SIMMONS:  Malcolm X.  That's --

21                  DIRECTOR FISHER:  Most of them --

22                  MEMBER CUTHBERT:  Malcolm X.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. So this is it,  
2 right? This is Malcolm X right here.

3                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay.

4                   DIRECTOR FISHER: This is going to be  
5 opened up.

6                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay. I need to --  
7 yes.

8                   DIRECTOR FISHER: So we're going to go  
9 out there and talk to these folks and let them  
10 know once we have a better understanding of the  
11 time line --

12                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay.

13                   DIRECTOR FISHER: -- that they can  
14 expect cars will be coming through.

15                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right, okay.  
16 Because it's important because it's a dead end.

17                   DIRECTOR FISHER: It's a dead end.  
18 The same thing with 8th Street.

19                   MS. SIMMONS: 8th Street.

20                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: 8th Street is a dead  
21 end, right.

22                   DIRECTOR FISHER: So we're aware of

1 that, and we know that we're trying to put  
2 together a plan. And we'll work with you and  
3 those on the ANC --

4 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Regarding the  
5 campus.

6 DIRECTOR FISHER: -- to go and knock  
7 on those doors physically and let them know  
8 what's going on.

9 MEMBER JONES: Where's the R.I.S.E.  
10 Center?

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: Right here.

12 MEMBER CUTHBERT: It's out back over  
13 there.

14 MEMBER JONES: Oh, back up there?

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: This is R.I.S.E.

16 MEMBER JONES: So the dead end is  
17 right here.

18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MEMBER JONES: It's this way, the dead  
20 end.

21 MEMBER CUTHBERT: It's down that end.

22 MS. SIMMONS: Down here.

1 MEMBER JONES: Down this way?

2 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Down that end.

3 MR. PARKS: That's the Malcolm X. You  
4 wanted to know --

5 MEMBER JONES: No. I just wanted to  
6 make sure, but, yeah, it's not right there?

7 DIRECTOR FISHER: It's over here.

8 MEMBER CUTHBERT: It's more by right  
9 here.

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes.

11 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay. All right.

12 (Laughter.)

13 MS. SIMMONS: So yes, those are -- I  
14 mean, those are the main milestones that we have  
15 that are coming up. Entrances are very  
16 important, so we want to make sure that we keep  
17 the community abreast of everything that's  
18 happening. We're still continuing to dig. We'll  
19 start to have -- materials will start to be  
20 delivered this week. But for the most part,  
21 we're just kind of trucking along and still  
22 looking towards our September 2018 end date.



1                   MEMBER JONES: I don't know. Is there  
2 going to be some type of notice sent out to the  
3 Congress Heights Listserv about what's going on,  
4 or is it even necessary?

5                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: No. Why give --  
6 the commissioners give -- I tend to give my --

7                   MEMBER JONES: I know. I know what  
8 you all do. But you don't have the whole entire  
9 area.

10                  MEMBER CUTHBERT: No. I don't do my  
11 single district. I just give -- I just walk and  
12 just give flyers out out to everybody.

13                  MEMBER JONES: No. That's fine.

14                  MEMBER CUTHBERT: No. I don't go to  
15 --

16                  MEMBER JONES: So it's your --

17                  MEMBER CUTHBERT: No, not -- no,  
18 that's too small.

19                  DIRECTOR FISHER: And if I can reach  
20 out to our community relations expert back here,  
21 Ms. Tyus. Have we been in a practice of posting  
22 to listservs?

1 MS. TYUS: Well, people post  
2 themselves.

3 MEMBER CUTHBERT: They post  
4 themselves.

5 MS. TYUS: So when we send stuff out  
6 to our partners, our partners all post to theirs.

7 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

8 MS. TYUS: So when you say something  
9 to ANC, it's going straight out.

10 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. So then maybe  
12 we'll get somebody to the listservs, but we don't  
13 enter it? Okay.

14 MS. TYUS: Yes, yes. So we don't do  
15 it, but our partners do.

16 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

17 MEMBER JONES: I think it'll be good  
18 because people start saying, well, I don't know  
19 what's going on. What's going on over here,  
20 blah, blah, blah, blah.

21 MEMBER CUTHBERT: You know what. I  
22 have gone and knocked -- you know, Brenda. You

1 go knock on doors and you give them the flyers.  
2 We can't get them all, but we get most of them.  
3 So you have to knock on doors and give them the  
4 flyer and encourage them to come so they can find  
5 out rather than just --

6 MEMBER JONES: If you can send me a  
7 hard copy to -- not a hard copy, an electronic  
8 copy, I can put it up.

9 DIRECTOR FISHER: Of what?

10 MEMBER JONES: What you're going to  
11 send to --

12 DIRECTOR FISHER: Oh, so okay. We can  
13 do that.

14 MEMBER JONES: Make copies.

15 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: So have you  
16 projected the traffic issues that may result in  
17 this development for doing -- opening these  
18 streets?

19 DIRECTOR FISHER: Well, actually it's  
20 going to alleviate a lot of traffic issues right  
21 now because everybody is now forced on MLK and  
22 Alabama. So for instance, if you want to come to

1 -- because I just did it coming here. I'm just  
2 trying to orient myself here. If you are coming  
3 to the Alabama entrance, the Alabama Avenue  
4 entrance, you have to go all the way around MLK  
5 and down. But once Malcolm X opens, you can come  
6 right into the campus.

7           You don't have to now put more cars on  
8 Alabama Avenue or MLK. You can go straight up.  
9 If you're getting off the highway, you're coming  
10 straight up Malcolm X, you can come right to the  
11 campus. If you're coming down Alabama, instead  
12 of having to go to MLK, you can cut through on  
13 one of these streets, and it'll bring you to the  
14 campus. So traffic will be alleviated that way.

15           DDOT is also doing an Alabama Avenue  
16 traffic study right now. And so they're working  
17 on -- they're kind of doing it separate from what  
18 we're doing even though they are definitely aware  
19 of the new road opening and so forth. We  
20 actually just sent them a copy of our parking  
21 study yesterday, I believe. So we are definitely  
22 working with DDOT on these issues but everything

1 that we've seen, it will alleviate some of the  
2 traffic on Alabama.

3 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Yes. We do still  
4 have federal agencies being located adjacent to -  
5 -

6 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. Federal  
7 agencies are still on the west side of the  
8 campus.

9 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Right.

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes.

11 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Have they located  
12 there now?

13 DIRECTOR FISHER: So right now, the  
14 Coast Guard is the only one that is fully there.  
15 What we anticipate is that by 2020, the rest of  
16 HHS, Health and Human Services, and -- is anybody  
17 in DHS? No?

18 (Simultaneous speaking.)

19 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Homeland Security.

20 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay, yes, Homeland  
21 Security. I'm sorry. I was thinking -- that's  
22 right, yes. I said DHS. I'm sorry. So they're

1 anticipating an additional 14,000 employees on  
2 the campus, but one of the things that they are  
3 doing is they are spending money to reconfigure  
4 the interchange at MLK and 295.

5           So we know that most of those  
6 employees don't live in the city right now. They  
7 live in Virginia and Maryland. So if they're  
8 using 295, they're able to cut off from 295 to  
9 MLK and go straight to the campus. That does two  
10 things. That alleviates some of the traffic  
11 here. One thing that I don't like that it does  
12 is that these folks don't get to come out to the  
13 community. I mean, they just go straight on the  
14 highway and they go to their fortress and they  
15 leave. But that's --

16           MEMBER CUTHBERT: We have to work on  
17 that.

18           DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. We're working  
19 on that, but we're going to have some amenities  
20 though with that.

21           MEMBER JONES: Yes. We've got to give  
22 them a reason.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes, we are. So the  
2 federal Department of Transportation is working  
3 on that interchange at Malcolm X and 295. One of  
4 the things that we have talked about with folks  
5 is more shuttles for the ones that catch the  
6 Green Line on Anacostia and bus services. One of  
7 the things that was recommended to us from the --  
8 we had -- the Rhodes fellows were in town last  
9 week, and that's a joint project between the  
10 Urban Land Institute and the National League of  
11 Cities. And Ms. Cuthbert participated in some of  
12 those interviews. But one of the recommendations  
13 that they had for us was coming up with some sort  
14 of circulator for this part of town, for a  
15 Congress Heights circulator bus system.

16                   I don't know how to implement that at  
17 and where the funding comes from that, but that  
18 was one of the recommendations that was made to -  
19 - excuse me -- to the Deputy Mayor about how we  
20 connect everybody that's on the train to this  
21 part of Congress Heights.

22                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Walk.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER:   Well, a lot of us  
2                   need exercise.

3                   MEMBER CUTHBERT:   I walk, yes.

4                   DIRECTOR FISHER:   So I think the  
5                   traffic study is ongoing.

6                   MEMBER CUTHBERT:   It is.

7                   DIRECTOR FISHER:   It's an ongoing  
8                   thing.

9                   MEMBER CUTHBERT:   It is.

10                  DIRECTOR FISHER:   We know that traffic  
11                  is going to be impacted.  There's no getting  
12                  around that.  There will be an increase in cars,  
13                  but we obviously encourage -- some may or may not  
14                  know this, but the Congress Heights Metro station  
15                  is one of the most underutilized Metro stations.

16                  CO-CHAIR HARVEY:   Oh, I didn't know  
17                  that.

18                  DIRECTOR FISHER:   It has one of the  
19                  lowest --

20                  MEMBER CUTHBERT:   Who?

21                  DIRECTOR FISHER:   The Congress Heights  
22                  Metro station --



1 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Oh.

2 MEMBER JONES: Is what, Ed?

3 DIRECTOR FISHER: -- has one of the  
4 low -- it's one of the most underutilized -- has  
5 one of the lowest usage rates across the entire  
6 system. And so we are encouraging people to use  
7 it. We had a meeting with WMATA --

8 MEMBER JONES: It's a dangerous --

9 MEMBER CUTHBERT: It's a dangerous  
10 station. And I live, what, on 6th and it's on  
11 13th, so that's seven blocks away from me, and I  
12 rather go to Anacostia.

13 MEMBER JONES: It's scary.

14 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. Well, yes.  
15 I think that it's good to hear that perspective.  
16 We met with WMATA yesterday or the day before  
17 yesterday about some station improvements at the  
18 train station, and I don't think that ever came  
19 up, and I think that's --

20 MEMBER JONES: Well, there's lights out  
21 there but it's isolated. It seems to be isolated  
22 or something because my granddaughter works and

1 doesn't get over on this side till about 10,  
2 10:30. I have to go over and pick her up, and it  
3 is -- just, like, it's isolated.

4 DIRECTOR FISHER: So I think with the  
5 work that we're planning to do. So DGS, DMPED,  
6 and WMATA are planning to do work at that station  
7 so reconfigure it for pedestrian access, less  
8 access of vehicular access. And what we want to  
9 do is make is safer, better lighting, making it a  
10 little bit more walkable for people, and we want  
11 to connect it to the campus.

12 So right now, it's hard for you to get  
13 from -- when you come out of the Metro to get  
14 into the ESA. So we're trying to figure out ways  
15 to make this an easier path for people to get  
16 onto campus. And so I think we're going to be  
17 meeting with them probably monthly for the next  
18 couple years and so I think that's something that  
19 we can definitely bring that up with them.

20 MR. PARKS: And I think also that's  
21 probably going to be something we work on with  
22 the developers because in a couple years, people

1 are going to be living here. And so in order to  
2 get tenants and people here that feel safe and  
3 comfortable on the campus and traveling downtown  
4 or wherever on the Green Line, we want to make  
5 sure that they have a good way to do it within  
6 the campus and right next to the Metro. So I'm  
7 sure Redbrick and Gragg Cardona will be part of  
8 those conversations to make sure that we're  
9 holding WMATA to the vision that we're creating  
10 for this place.

11 MEMBER JONES: And to get probably  
12 more stores. Maybe not more but stores and  
13 things there because there's just nothing. It's  
14 just a vacant apartment building.

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: And I think that's  
16 what we are hoping to see from the development of  
17 parcel 13, and that's going to be the 171,000  
18 square foot office building with ground floor  
19 retail, 35,000 square feet of retail. So I think  
20 that's going to brighten up the streetscape  
21 there. And then, like I said, you'll have the  
22 townhomes. And we'll see all of this. This will

1 all be a reality by 2019, 2020. All this  
2 building might be 2021, realistically, before  
3 that's done, but --

4 MEMBER JONES: But like I said, it's  
5 lights out there. It's just more traffic, foot  
6 traffic, people around, not like a few people  
7 getting off the subway, having to come up and  
8 there's nobody around but people lurking in the  
9 shadows or something.

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: And especially when  
11 there -- now, obviously this won't be every  
12 night. But we've already been -- we've talked to  
13 Events DC, and we'll be working with DDOT and MPD  
14 about the event night traffic management. And  
15 I'm forgetting the term right now. I'm sorry,  
16 but -- TOD. It's Traffic -- what is TOD?

17 Anyway, we're going to have traffic  
18 control and traffic control at all of the  
19 intersections that lead into the campus when  
20 we're having events and so forth. So we're  
21 taking these things into consideration as far as  
22 how cars will be moving throughout the campus.

1                   Any other questions for infrastructure  
2 for Vanassa?

3                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: No. Just get  
4 started now.

5                   DIRECTOR FISHER: We're started.  
6 Infrastructure is rolling.

7                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Get to moving. I  
8 have till 2018 to retire.

9                   MR. PARKS: Thank you, Vanassa.  
10 (Laughter.)

11                  DIRECTOR FISHER: Have you seen this?  
12 At our next advisory board meeting, Redbrick is  
13 going to be presenting to us. They will have a  
14 lot more information and renderings about what  
15 those builds on the CT campus are going to look  
16 like in addition to the townhomes. I spoke to  
17 them today. They have a little bit more work to  
18 do, but they'll be ready to present at our next  
19 meeting which is scheduled for June, I believe.

20                  And a lot of people have been asking  
21 about the affordability of the multi-units and  
22 the townhomes. So parcel 11 here, again, we're

1 projecting 252 units of affordable housing, and  
2 this gives you here a breakdown of the  
3 affordability rates for each of those units and  
4 the same thing for the townhomes here. We're  
5 expecting 84 market rate townhomes and then the  
6 36 will be broken down between 30 percent and 50  
7 percent -- I'm sorry -- 80 percent and 30 percent  
8 of AMI. And then there's a chart there below,  
9 and it's all right there before you.

10 MEMBER JONES: Oh, okay.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: It kind of gives you  
12 an idea about what that means for income levels  
13 for a family of four or for an individual who is  
14 looking to purchase. And these numbers are  
15 subject to change slightly but not much. We know  
16 that we're going to have those, roughly, 252  
17 units. The townhome breakdown may shift a little  
18 bit.

19 So this is something that you can just  
20 take with you as people ask about how affordable  
21 is this really going to be. So it tells you that  
22 if somebody comes in at an 60 percent AMI unit,

1 the income cap for a family of four is 64,000.  
2 So that's for a family with two or three children  
3 -- one or two children, a husband and a wife who  
4 may only make 30,000 dollars apiece. They'll be  
5 able to afford one of these.

6 MEMBER JONES: That is a lot of  
7 families out here, individuals out here who are  
8 working hard and making thirty, forty thousand  
9 and would love to have a very nice place to live.  
10 So I'm glad that's being considered.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. And then at  
12 the same time, you see those 80 percent market  
13 rate units for townhomes and that gives you an  
14 opportunity to help build our tax base is having  
15 some townhomes that might be in the 300,000-  
16 dollar and up range for people who are able to  
17 afford that. And I think that gives us a good  
18 balance and mix of incomes on the campus which we  
19 want to see.

20 So any questions here? All right.  
21 We've gone over ESA. Some upcoming events at the  
22 Gateway Pavilion that will have some impacts on

1 the community. These are events that I have  
2 gotten Events DC this morning. These are some  
3 confirmed events that we have coming up through  
4 July 1st.

5 So you can just take a look here. I  
6 think one of the biggest ones, obviously, is  
7 Broccoli City. Far Southeast Family  
8 Strengthening Collaborative Family Day, they're  
9 expecting probably 1,000, 1,500 guests for that.  
10 Broccoli City, they're guesstimating anywhere  
11 from thirteen to fifteen thousand. I believe the  
12 rest of these -- not the Apprenticeship Meeting,  
13 but the rest of these other events will probably  
14 have about 1,000 people on the Gateway Pavilion  
15 campus.

16 So these are some of the big events to  
17 look forward to. We are still working on  
18 possibly bringing a farmers' market back. It  
19 might not be Whole Foods, but we might still do  
20 some type of farmers' market on Saturdays and on  
21 the campus as well.

22 MEMBER JONES: So will you still have



1 vendors involved this time?

2 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. So I am  
3 literally in conversation right now with Events  
4 DC, and this is not Will's part of Events DC.  
5 But I've been talking to Erik Moses and Candace  
6 about what these events are going to look like.  
7 We are transitioning a little bit. DMPED has  
8 been managing Gateway and Events DC has been  
9 managing the pavilion. We are working to have  
10 Events DC manage all of it and in that, we are  
11 looking to see what that relationship looks like.

12 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Let me say this.  
13 Events DC is making money.

14 DIRECTOR FISHER: Mm-hmm.

15 MEMBER CUTHBERT: When we asked to  
16 keep this facility, this building, we didn't want  
17 to have to pay this exorbitant amount to use this  
18 facility.

19 DIRECTOR FISHER: Right.

20 MEMBER CUTHBERT: So I just want you  
21 to let the Deputy Mayor know the community needs  
22 some place to meet.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER: I've had explicit  
2                   conversations with Erik about that. James  
3                   actually put together a list of our community  
4                   partners for him to see who has historically used  
5                   this space for free, and we have every intention  
6                   of keeping it that way for those nonpaying  
7                   community partners.

8                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Yes. Because --

9                   DIRECTOR FISHER: We will be charging  
10                  the for-profits and those other individuals who  
11                  want to use the space.

12                  MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

13                  DIRECTOR FISHER: But your ANC will  
14                  never pay to use this space.

15                  MEMBER CUTHBERT: Thank you. But I  
16                  still have some other organizations.

17                  DIRECTOR FISHER: Well, and other  
18                  organizations and, quite frankly, Erik --

19                  (Simultaneous speaking.)

20                  DIRECTOR FISHER: No. And those  
21                  exactly are the types of organizations that we're  
22                  talking about. Erik and I have had a

1 conversation about this very thing. So anytime  
2 if an issue ever arises, Erik knows to give me a  
3 call and we're going to work it out.

4 MEMBER JONES: Okay.

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: And I'm sorry. I  
6 kind of jumped around to your point about the  
7 vendors. Yes, I think, to answer your question,  
8 yes. We're still just trying to see what that's  
9 going to look like in a different format in the  
10 spring.

11 MEMBER JONES: It was a good feel.  
12 Although, last year wasn't as -- attendance  
13 wasn't as good --

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. And that's  
16 what we're trying to figure out what this looks  
17 like.

18 MEMBER JONES: I don't know what  
19 happened.

20 MEMBER CUTHBERT: They changed the  
21 date. Whole Foods used to come the first  
22 Saturday of each month.

1 MEMBER JONES: Right, oh.

2 MEMBER CUTHBERT: When they decided to  
3 change the date, they would begin to get less  
4 people to participate.

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes.

6 MEMBER CUTHBERT: And that was the  
7 biggest problem, I think.

8 DIRECTOR FISHER: I agree. That was  
9 my understanding that it moved around and it  
10 wasn't consistent. When I first got there, that  
11 was one of the things that was said to me. So I  
12 literally was on an email with Shiron today from  
13 Events DC, and we were talking about what that  
14 looks like for the summer. So we hope to have a  
15 little bit more detail with that in the next week  
16 or so.

17 And James has it right there. I mean,  
18 James, I don't even know how you make these fancy  
19 charts and graphs on Excel, but James figured it  
20 out.

21 MEMBER JONES: What's Trill Grill?

22 DIRECTOR FISHER: I'm not exactly --

1 MR. PARKS: We come up these names for  
2 festivals.

3 (Simultaneous speaking.)

4 DIRECTOR FISHER: It's just going to  
5 be a barbeque.

6 MR. LEIBNER: I don't even know how  
7 our people come up with these names, so you're  
8 not alone.

9 MR. PARKS: It's easy, so right on  
10 Twitter and that's what that is.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: Trill is a slang  
12 word that young folks use these days.

13 MEMBER JONES: What does that mean?

14 DIRECTOR FISHER: It just means real.

15 MR. PARKS: It means fool.

16 DIRECTOR FISHER: It means true and  
17 real. It's like true and real.

18 MEMBER JONES: Trill, I see.

19 DIRECTOR FISHER: It kind of -- yes.

20 MEMBER JONES: Oh, trill.

21 MR. PARKS: It's supposed to be a big  
22 barbeque festival.

1                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Well, I did not get  
2                   that.

3                   MR. PARKS: A big party, so --

4                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Oh, no. You don't.

5                   DIRECTOR FISHER: You knew it, right,  
6                   Darnetta.

7                   MEMBER JONES: Oh, thank you.

8                   DIRECTOR FISHER: And obviously, guys,  
9                   here's our contact information. And you know  
10                  what. Everybody has spoken to me except for Rod,  
11                  and I don't know if everybody on the team has met  
12                  Rod Williams. Rod, just wave your hand up in the  
13                  air and say hi to everybody. He's new to DMPED.  
14                  He's been here almost three months now, and he's  
15                  also working on St. Elizabeths as well as some  
16                  other initiatives at New Communities as well.

17                  That is all I have for the formal  
18                  presentation. What I want to do is ask you guys  
19                  what do you want to see in these meetings when we  
20                  come so that we are being productive and making  
21                  the most use of our time? Again, I apologize I  
22                  didn't have the agenda with me today, but if you

1 guys have any suggestions or recommendations  
2 about what you want to see.

3 I know since our last meeting, there  
4 weren't a whole lot of substantive updates  
5 because the infrastructure had just begun, had  
6 just started. But I want to use this time right  
7 now for any questions, suggestions, criticisms,  
8 whatever it is that you guys want to say.

9 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Yes. I have one  
10 question.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: Sure.

12 MEMBER CUTHBERT: I live across the  
13 street on Alabama Avenue, and you know when you  
14 dig, the little rodents come out.

15 MEMBER JONES: Yes.

16 MEMBER CUTHBERT: If I had a rodent in  
17 my house, you all know I'm going to be out on the  
18 street. Are you all going to bait some of these  
19 houses over here? Exterminators, it's expensive.

20 DIRECTOR FISHER: So there is a rodent  
21 control plan that Gilbane has in place. I don't  
22 know what that looks like. I know they have one.

1 I just don't know the specifics on how you  
2 control.

3 MEMBER CUTHBERT: It's hard to control  
4 them when you're digging.

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. I mean, we are  
6 tearing up their home and their land right now.  
7 We actually just ordered an exterminator for this  
8 building to keep them out of here. And your  
9 councilman raised the same question at one of the  
10 meetings that we had not too long ago. So I'm  
11 going to have to follow up with maybe Department  
12 of Health because I know they have a rodent  
13 control division. We have not talked to them, I  
14 don't think.

15 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Well, they need to  
16 bait the houses.

17 DIRECTOR FISHER: Well, thank you for  
18 bringing it up because if you guys don't tell us,  
19 we don't always know. Nobody else has reached  
20 out to us about a rodent control problem. I know  
21 the question has been asked because you might see  
22 them running around the campus, but if they are



1 spreading out into the neighborhoods, then that's  
2 something that we need to --

3 MEMBER CUTHBERT: They're going to  
4 spread out around the neighborhood if you're  
5 doing all of this digging, so --

6 MEMBER JONES: And I've recorded when  
7 they did over --

8 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Well, I'm suggesting  
9 and I'm going to keep suggesting since I live  
10 over there.

11 MEMBER JONES: And you should.

12 DIRECTOR FISHER: Well, she's taking  
13 notes. James is taking notes as well.

14 Thank you, Will.

15 MR. LEIBNER: Thanks, everyone.

16 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. Well, I'll  
17 see what the Department of Health tells us. We  
18 can do that.

19 MEMBER CUTHBERT: But right now, I  
20 think we have it. And once the infrastructure  
21 gets built, maybe we could start looking for the  
22 construction. And that's when -- well, right

1 before it, we can begin to think of what type of  
2 business we would like to try to attract here.  
3 And that's very important to me.

4 DIRECTOR FISHER: Absolutely.

5 MEMBER CUTHBERT: I don't want no junk  
6 stores although I'm poor.

7 MEMBER JONES: No. He wouldn't put no  
8 junk store.

9 MR. PARKS: We're definitely trying to  
10 look for something.

11 MEMBER CUTHBERT: I'm looking for  
12 quality stores.

13 DIRECTOR FISHER: I think that's  
14 something that we're certainly paying attention  
15 to in DMPED. As you know, every year the deputy  
16 mayor and the mayor, they go out to Las Vegas for  
17 a conference.

18 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

19 DIRECTOR FISHER: And they're doing  
20 that this year. Redbrick and Lou Dubin and those  
21 folks are going out there --

22 MEMBER CUTHBERT: That's good.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER:  -- to put together  
2                   a package to present to all of the retailers.  I  
3                   don't think I'm going this year.  But I have gone  
4                   in previous years, so I know exactly what goes on  
5                   there.  I know what the retailers are looking for  
6                   and quite honestly, I think they're going to be  
7                   very anxious to locate here.

8                   MEMBER CUTHBERT:  Well, two things you  
9                   have to remember.  This is a predominantly black  
10                  neighborhood right now, and a lot of stores don't  
11                  want to exactly invest in this community.  And  
12                  then those of us who are here, we haven't had a  
13                  shopping -- been able to shop in our community  
14                  since when?  I think since I moved here in '67.

15                  MEMBER JONES:  The '60s.

16                  MEMBER CUTHBERT:  So the turnaround  
17                  time for them will be a little slow for us to get  
18                  used to shopping in our ward.

19                  MEMBER JONES:  Well, one thing we have  
20                  to keep in mind is that we're going to have new  
21                  housing here.  So you're going to have new people  
22                  here who will be glad to spend a few dollars.

1 MEMBER CUTHBERT: True.

2 MEMBER JONES: Not to say that they're  
3 a lot, but you're saying that the shopping expo  
4 is coming up, so they're going to go out there in  
5 packs. That means they're already going to know  
6 what type of businesses or products that they  
7 want to attract.

8 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes.

9 MEMBER JONES: So okay, when is that?

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: It's in May. Late  
11 May.

12 MEMBER JONES: So we need to be able  
13 to say, hey, make sure that on that list that we  
14 have -- I don't know -- Starbucks.

15 MEMBER CUTHBERT: No. I don't want no  
16 damn Starbucks.

17 MEMBER JONES: People want Starbucks.

18 DIRECTOR FISHER: We can get a --  
19 we'll get a Lord & Taylor and a coffee shop. I  
20 understand that.

21 MEMBER JONES: You know what I'm  
22 saying? Or a Cocova, the store on 14th and P or

1           whatever, yes. You understand? And let me see.  
2           What else are you doing?

3                     DIRECTOR FISHER: Well, let me see.

4                     MEMBER JONES: Ice cream, yogurt  
5           place. Maybe we can get Harris Teeter. So just  
6           the next level of regular food stores and shops.

7                     MEMBER CUTHBERT: We need a small  
8           grocery store, not a supermarket. Or a small  
9           store with who's going to live here, and they  
10          have to pick up something for them at night.  
11          They can stop there and get it, then we need some  
12          boutiques for women's clothes and men clothes.

13                     (Simultaneous speaking.)

14                     MEMBER JONES: Wegmans, let's get a  
15          Wegmans here.

16                     (Simultaneous speaking.)

17                     MEMBER JONES: People are out eating.  
18          They're not cooking as much.

19                     DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. So --

20                     MEMBER JONES: Wegmans have a lot of  
21          cooking.

22                     DIRECTOR FISHER: So a couple things

1 to that. So the first opportunity for the retail  
2 outside of the ESA is going to be on parcel 17  
3 for the office building. That, we're projecting  
4 35,000 square feet. So in that, that's going to  
5 get chopped up into a handful of different  
6 stores. I know that we mentioned to Redbrick  
7 team, Lou Dubin, and the folks that we need more  
8 food service options or like a small grocery  
9 store. Now, a grocery store is only about 35,000  
10 square feet, if I'm not mistaken, so we're not  
11 going to get the whole -- all the retail won't be  
12 one grocery store.

13 MEMBER JONES: No, no.

14 DIRECTOR FISHER: So I'm just talking  
15 about this first phase of retail.

16 MEMBER JONES: We still have a Giant  
17 and Giant has gotten better. They have better  
18 options, food options there. I'm telling you. I  
19 was shocked.

20 DIRECTOR FISHER: So I think that's  
21 the opportunity though for us there to look at a  
22 local coffee shop, a dry cleaner's, an ice cream

1 shop, whatever it is that's going to service the  
2 community, and there's going to be people working  
3 upstairs. So people who work upstairs, they're  
4 going to want coffee.

5 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

6 DIRECTOR FISHER: So I think that's  
7 going to be a no-brainer, to be quite honest with  
8 you.

9 MEMBER JONES: Oh, no-brainer. I  
10 think they'd get plenty business.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: And I think one of  
12 the differences that you will see this year at  
13 the Las Vegas convention is that work has  
14 actually started. Like, we're not talking about  
15 it for the last 30 years.

16 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Right.

17 DIRECTOR FISHER: It's actually  
18 happening. There'll be photos. There'll be a  
19 discussion, like, no, we're actually building  
20 this stuff. This is for real. And then when  
21 they see that it's next to a Metro station, I  
22 think we'll have a lot more success at the

1 conference this year than we have had in previous  
2 years.

3 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Well, we have to be  
4 visionary to get those people out of the Coast  
5 Guard to come over. We have to be visionary for  
6 the people in Maryland -- what's the name of  
7 that place -- to come over to see what we have  
8 accomplished --

9 MEMBER JONES: I think we have a lot  
10 --

11 MEMBER CUTHBERT: -- over here.  
12 Excuse me. I'm still speaking.

13 MEMBER JONES: All right. Okay.

14 MEMBER CUTHBERT: And my thing is that  
15 although we're here in southeast, we've got to  
16 let them know that we're moving, we're changing  
17 this environment. So that's what I'm thinking  
18 about. We've got to think about things that's  
19 coming in.

20 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes.

21 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Is there  
22 information, based on the conversation here,



1 regarding the desires -- two things. One, the  
2 desires of the community in terms of retail  
3 offerings or, secondly, what do we think would  
4 attract this development in terms of retailing?

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. So we  
6 definitely have information that's been captured  
7 over the last couple years from the community  
8 about what the community needs are from a retail  
9 perspective. And I know on my shared drive here,  
10 we have lists from previous meetings that the  
11 community has provided us with.

12 One of the other things that we have  
13 or is underway, Harvard has conducted a study  
14 over the last year or so on St. Elizabeths. And  
15 they're going to be releases their reports, and  
16 it takes into account the community needs as far  
17 as our lack of retail, our lack of affordable  
18 housing. And can you state your question for me  
19 one more time, though.

20 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Well, the question,  
21 really, basically, you're answer it. But I also  
22 want -- since you mentioned the Harvard study,

1 then the information that should be derived from  
2 that ought also give us a sense of what  
3 traditional retailers we could attract. So the  
4 demographics will say something, the income  
5 levels will say something, and it says, okay,  
6 well, this is a place where --

7 DIRECTOR FISHER: Based on that, mm-  
8 hmm.

9 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: -- excuse me --  
10 Starbucks might locate, or --

11 (Simultaneous speaking.)

12 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: And I think that  
13 being passive is not the right approach. The  
14 approach is to be proactive. Once we see what we  
15 have, maybe what we ought to be putting together  
16 is an information --

17 DIRECTOR FISHER: Information package.

18 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: -- package that goes  
19 out to these retailers and the franchisers and  
20 saying, give us a look.

21 DIRECTOR FISHER: I think that's what  
22 we do when we go to Vegas. I mean, that's what

1 that convention is, it is Starbucks, it is  
2 whoever. I mean, it's ZIPS. It's whoever you  
3 can think of. I mean, I hate to use this as an  
4 example, but I was sitting next to then Mayor  
5 Gray when he made the deal with Walmart. Okay?  
6 So that's where --

7 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: So it was done  
8 Vegas? Okay.

9 DIRECTOR FISHER: It's done in Vegas.  
10 I was sitting right next to him when it happened.  
11 And so that's when we -- I mean, I --

12 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: That was another  
13 lesson but okay.

14 (Simultaneous speaking.)

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: Absolutely. That's  
16 why this is a bad example, but I'm just proving  
17 the point that I've been in conversations with  
18 Panda Express. And I've been in the room with  
19 Wegmans when they said, we look for communities  
20 that have 80,000 dollars as the average income.

21 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: They were looking  
22 for a specific income.

1 MEMBER JONES: Can I say something?

2 (Simultaneous speaking.)

3 DIRECTOR FISHER: I've been in those  
4 meetings as well.

5 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Okay.

6 MEMBER JONES: I want to say --  
7 because I brought up the whole thing about taking  
8 -- I mean, do Redfin have the -- not Redfin --

9 DIRECTOR FISHER: Redbrick?

10 MEMBER JONES: -- yes, have their own  
11 thoughts about what store? Why not ask us?

12 DIRECTOR FISHER: Sure.

13 MEMBER JONES: Or say, look, we need  
14 a list by the end of April since you all are  
15 going in May. There are homes right down here.  
16 Not far, walking distance, there were 600,000-  
17 dollar homes down there. It's about 50 -- it's  
18 going to be about 50, 70 homes and these people  
19 have that kind of money.

20 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. Absolutely.

21 MEMBER JONES: The money needs to be  
22 able to come and afford up here, so if it's out

1 there, we have to go too far to attract people to  
2 buy, and that's why I said Wegmans.

3 DIRECTOR FISHER: We've just got to  
4 stop the leakage.

5 MEMBER JONES: Yes. If we get  
6 Starbucks, the Safeway is always crowded right up  
7 -- and you know where Starbucks is in Safeway, so  
8 --

9 MR. PARKS: I also --

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: So -- go ahead.

11 MR. PARKS: I also wanted to add that  
12 we got some good feedback from the community at  
13 the surplus meeting in terms of what people  
14 wanted to see when we were talking about Phase 1  
15 and doing the land disposition agreement. We got  
16 some good feedback on what people want to see on  
17 the campus.

18 I know ESA is going to have some  
19 additional food options and then, like we've been  
20 talking about, parcel 17 has a lot of options for  
21 retail and office. And I think that we have a  
22 good base and we're always going to make sure

1 that we're looking out for the community. The  
2 deputy mayor and the mayor is going to look out  
3 for the community because they are going to have  
4 to stand behind it and say, this will be good.  
5 And if it doesn't do well, then it's kind of on  
6 them. So they're going to hold us to task.

7 But in terms of going to the South by  
8 Southwest, the Economic Partnership is the entity  
9 that usually creates those packages that we're  
10 talking about that'll say, hey, these are all the  
11 projects going on in D.C., and St. E's is one of  
12 the biggest ones. And we've also had studies  
13 with Office of Planning and within our office, we  
14 have the economic intelligence kind of sector and  
15 people directly trying to figure out, where's the  
16 money going? How do we impact the District more  
17 positively? And then we also have the Great  
18 Streets program, and MLK is part of that Great  
19 Streets corridor.

20 So we're definitely trying to not only  
21 impact parcel 17, but also that MLK corridor and  
22 help build that up a little bit, make it more

1 robust, and then work with ESA and then people  
2 will be living there. And then we can talk to  
3 them and talk to the community outside of the  
4 current gates. And I think, personally, it will  
5 all come together, but we have a lot of resources  
6 available that we're definitely looking forward  
7 to taking advantage of.

8 MEMBER CUTHBERT: That's good.

9 DIRECTOR FISHER: I think you've made  
10 some excellent points, James, especially about  
11 expanding not just within the campus but what we  
12 can do along Martin Luther King as well.

13 MEMBER CUTHBERT: We have to.

14 DIRECTOR FISHER: And doctor, to your  
15 point, I think we've been relatively proactive.  
16 And as I said, with that conference, we always --  
17 St. Elizabeths always gets highlighted when we're  
18 doing an economic forum or something with the  
19 deputy mayor.

20 And although that James mentioned  
21 South by Southwest, that's not necessarily the  
22 real estate. That's more the business

1 attraction, business development part of our  
2 office, but they will be there. And that's when  
3 we talk about as being innovation space and  
4 technology space, I think there's an opportunity  
5 there while they are out at that conference to  
6 talk about the possibilities that we have here.

7 We've mentioned that because we know  
8 Department of Homeland Security and those  
9 agencies are going to be across the way. There  
10 is opportunity for us to attract some of their  
11 contractors or people who do business with them  
12 to the northern part of the campus in the Maple  
13 quad.

14 So those are some of the things that  
15 we're looking at as they roll in over the next  
16 few years. Is it Boeing or whoever does their --  
17 those type of security IT folks may be able to --  
18 we may be able to bring them to the campus as  
19 another big anchor tenant that provides people  
20 with income to spend.

21 So there's some other conversations  
22 that I've had that I can't share yet with some



1 agencies, but we are very much actively looking  
2 at ways to start on that second phase and  
3 getting that going. And hopefully, April, June,  
4 we might have a big announcement about parcel 17  
5 in the office space. I will share that the mayor  
6 had a phone conversation with a CEO of a nice-  
7 sized company about locating here.

8 MEMBER EARLEY: Would that be a  
9 catalyst to help -- because I'm sorry I was late  
10 but I heard you all talking retail. Would that  
11 be a catalyst to help the folks that were --

12 (Simultaneous speaking.)

13 DIRECTOR FISHER: Absolutely. If that  
14 deal goes through, then the whole ground floor is  
15 leased --

16 MEMBER EARLEY: It falls into place.

17 MEMBER CUTHBERT: That's great.

18 DIRECTOR FISHER: I know there's  
19 another meeting scheduled in the next two weeks  
20 with this same organization. So I mean St.  
21 Elizabeths, it's hot and I think as soon as  
22 people see the construction that's on the way --

1                   MEMBER EARLEY: That's right. That's  
2 what I was going to say when they see that.

3                   DIRECTOR FISHER: I don't think we're  
4 going to have any problems with any of those  
5 things. So again, I want -- oh, Darnetta, go  
6 ahead.

7                   MS. TYUS: So at the last meeting, you  
8 were saying --

9                   (Simultaneous speaking.)

10                  MS. TYUS: -- and we weren't ready.

11                  DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

12                  MS. TYUS: If this body is not going  
13 to meet again until June, then I do need to do  
14 that.

15                  DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

16                  MS. TYUS: It's okay?

17                  DIRECTOR FISHER: Sure.

18                  MS. TYUS: Okay.

19                  DIRECTOR FISHER: Darnetta has some  
20 announcements for you. Don't move.

21                  MEMBER EARLEY: Oh, come on now.

22                  MS. TYUS: What?

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER: I just said don't  
2 move. You stay right there.

3                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: I have to leave  
4 across the hall.

5                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. Well, we've  
6 got enough. And guys, I want to say before  
7 Darnetta says her --

8                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay. Go ahead.

9                   DIRECTOR FISHER: -- piece really  
10 quick. Again, if you guys have any suggestions  
11 about this meeting, what you want to see in this  
12 meeting, what you want take away from this  
13 meeting, please let me -- if you don't want to  
14 say it right now, you can shoot me an email.  
15 Give me some advice on how this meeting could be  
16 a better use of everybody's time.

17                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: Okay.

18                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Hopefully, by June,  
19 we'll have some bigger updates.

20                   MEMBER CUTHBERT: This is interesting.

21                   DIRECTOR FISHER: But go ahead,  
22 Darnetta.

1 MS. TYUS: Okay.

2 MEMBER JONES: Oh, I'm sorry. I did  
3 have one thing. Where is parcel 8, the  
4 residential, where is that?

5 DIRECTOR FISHER: That's this.

6 MEMBER JONES: Oh, I see it right  
7 there, but where is it on here?

8 DIRECTOR FISHER: This is 11.

9 MEMBER JONES: All of this right --

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: In seven buildings.

11 MEMBER JONES: -- in -- okay, okay.

12 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. So go ahead,  
13 Darnetta.

14 MS. TYUS: Okay. Hi, guys. So we  
15 have been working on a pilot project and just  
16 trying to contain. We were looking for an answer  
17 to how do we -- what is it that we can do to kind  
18 of make sure that Ward 8 residents -- with a  
19 concentration on Barry Farm where Ward 8  
20 residents are able to take advantage and be  
21 employed with the major redevelopment projects  
22 that we have going on here in Ward 8. And we

1 went door to door just asking people. We asked  
2 the development community, what is your problem?  
3 Why don't you do that? The development community  
4 said to us, you don't give us qualified  
5 candidates.

6 MEMBER JONES: That's it.

7 MS. TYUS: We went to the people whose  
8 job it is to get people ready and say, why don't  
9 you do better? And then they said, because the  
10 developers don't give us enough time.

11 (Laughter.)

12 MS. TYUS: And so for the last two  
13 months, we have been working on this pilot  
14 project to come up with a group of people who we  
15 -- a group of residents from Ward 8 who we could  
16 commit to over a long-term period of time. So  
17 this project is for people in Ward 8 who are  
18 interested in construction as a career, not just  
19 one construction job but construction as a  
20 career.

21 This will require a long-term  
22 commitment on our part and a long-term commitment

1 on theirs. So for that guy who needs a job  
2 tomorrow, this is not a project for him. This is  
3 for the person who is willing to commit to us for  
4 at least a year which is when most of the major  
5 construction jobs will become available in Ward 8  
6 for real.

7 And so if you read this chart from the  
8 bottom up, I'm going to go through it really,  
9 really quickly. If you read from the bottom up,  
10 the four boxes along the bottom are the bodies  
11 that we're using to recruit for what we're  
12 calling the Ward 8 cohort of people that we're  
13 going to be working with. So all of these  
14 community-based organizations in this box are all  
15 at the table with us and are going to be a part  
16 of recruitment.

17 The second box from your right, which  
18 is community, we're focusing on Barry Farm, but  
19 we also -- the commission is going to ask the  
20 ANCs to help us with improvement.

21 Commissioner, I will call you.

22 MEMBER CUTHBERT: Please.

1 MS. TYUS: Yes. As well as the  
2 council members office. The next box is, as we  
3 were trying to figure this project out, the team  
4 felt very strongly that you really, really have  
5 to reach out to the high schools and the charter  
6 schools in the area, especially high school  
7 juniors and seniors who might be interested to  
8 see if we can't catch them before they develop  
9 some of the barriers that many of our other  
10 residents already have.

11 The fourth box is the community  
12 partners -- I'm sorry -- is the government  
13 partners who are also all at the table with  
14 resources that they are also committing to this  
15 long-term process.

16 The blue box which says, public event,  
17 you can write down April the 8th. April the 8th  
18 here in this building is going to be our first  
19 public event where we introduce ourselves and  
20 this project to the people who we all hope to  
21 participate.

22 Let me tell you what this is not.

1 This is not a job fair. It's not a job fair. So  
2 please keep that in mind as we reach out to you,  
3 Brenda, and others in the community help us  
4 recruit. This is an opportunity for somebody who  
5 wants to commit to this process over time and  
6 commit to getting ready for the job opportunities  
7 that will come. So on April the 8th, as we bring  
8 these co-ops here together in this particular  
9 building, we will introduce them to all of the  
10 partners that are participants in this.

11 MEMBER JONES: What time is it?

12 MS. TYUS: It'll be from 10 to 1 here  
13 in this building on April the 8th.

14 We have met with every phase of this.  
15 And this morning we had the most energetic  
16 meeting where all of the social service agencies  
17 brought three potential participants to the table  
18 where we went through this whole process with the  
19 potential participants. And it was absolutely  
20 amazing, the shifts and the changes that we're  
21 going to make in this process based on their  
22 input.



1           After this public event, all of the  
2 participants are going to complete the  
3 participant profile for us, and the participant  
4 profile is going to help us understand the  
5 supportive services that they need based on what  
6 they tell us. And again, all of the supportive  
7 services are listed at the bottom with people who  
8 this team, this co-op would have access to.

9           And after, as we go through it,  
10 everybody who does the participant slip -- who  
11 does the profile will be assessed. Now, the  
12 beauty of the assessment is anybody who comes to  
13 us through one of these community-based  
14 organizations, they've already had an assessment,  
15 and they already have some type of profile and  
16 some type of basis which is very, very helpful.  
17 For those who have not been touched by anybody,  
18 then we have the resources to get them assessed  
19 through DOES's process. The assessment is the  
20 piece of the puzzle that allows us to see the  
21 services that they need.

22           Now, after they get services and

1 they've been -- after they've been assessed, two  
2 things could happen. They could be ready for  
3 employment now and then we've just got to hold  
4 them and keep them prepared while the jobs at the  
5 top become available or they would need services  
6 which we will funnel them into because we have  
7 the resources.

8 Then at the point when we understand  
9 that somebody in this cohort is ready for work,  
10 then the referral, which is a combination of all  
11 these people at the bottom in the blue boxes,  
12 we'll funnel them into employment for the ward  
13 they work in the project. And in the top box,  
14 every development project -- with the exception  
15 of Big K only because I have not made the  
16 connection -- have committed to work with this  
17 process.

18 So they have said to us, we will,  
19 because we've said to them, we need you to ignore  
20 Section 3 because we know you're going to get to  
21 that, we need you to ignore the CVE minimum  
22 requirements, and we need you to ignore our first

1 source because this process needs you to better  
2 than all of those things can do. We need you to  
3 commit to our body versus commit to checking off  
4 the box with your requirement.

5 So it's a long-term commitment on  
6 everybody's part. The cohort has got to commit,  
7 the development teams have, and then as we look  
8 at the time line for most of these development  
9 projects with the exception of Big K, most of  
10 them real jobs in masses won't happen for another  
11 year. So we have the ability now to fix the  
12 developers saying, you didn't give me qualified  
13 candidates, and to fix the fact that services  
14 providers say, they didn't give us enough time to  
15 get them ready, and to make sure the participants  
16 understand on the front end that this is a long-  
17 term process.

18 If you look off to the right of the  
19 green box which represents somebody getting  
20 employed, you come back down and the core group  
21 is going to stay engaged with that whole body.  
22 And two things could happen. You could be doing

1 well and you go right back into referral and we  
2 keep you circulating. Or something could go  
3 wrong which is what the red arrows represent  
4 where we determine that something happens and we  
5 provide some intervention for you.

6           So your world may have changed. You  
7 may have gotten a different barrier than you had  
8 when we first started this process. So this team  
9 is committed to be there to help you go back into  
10 whatever the service that it is that you need for  
11 the barrier that has stopped. Or you may have a  
12 barrier that you had going in, but you're not  
13 managing it as well and it's causing you  
14 challenges with holding on to the job. But the  
15 core is there to continue to support you in the  
16 long term through this.

17           This, guys, is what works. It will  
18 kick off at this event on April the 8th. Again,  
19 we are not interested in a public call for people  
20 to come and line up around this building. The  
21 people who come into this process needs to be  
22 people who you or our community-based

1 organizations or CVOs -- that the CVOs or the  
2 community, meaning the ANC and the council  
3 member's office, has specifically identified and  
4 said, not only do we believe these are people who  
5 can be committed but we, too, are committed to  
6 them.

7 So Ms. Brenda, to some of the folk  
8 that you are working with in Whitman Terrace --

9 MEMBER JONES: Wheeler Terrace.

10 MS. TYUS: Wheeler Terrace.

11 MEMBER JONES: Wheeler Terrace.

12 MS. TYUS: Sorry. Some of the folk  
13 that you are working with, with Wheeler Terrace,  
14 you need to look at them and see and identify  
15 some folk to feed into this process who you  
16 believe not only that they can do it. And they  
17 don't have to be ready because we've got the  
18 resources to get them ready, right? And that  
19 you're also committed to staying with through  
20 this process so that you can make sure they make  
21 it.

22 That guys, is what works. We're doing

1 an official presentation to -- I will tell you  
2 that our office is feeling about this. They want  
3 this. It's real for them right now. I'm like,  
4 please let me do this pilot. Please let me pilot  
5 this thing. So there's an excitement in our  
6 office, and we will do our final presentation,  
7 Angie and I, to Sarosh and Andrew on Wednesday  
8 and it is --

9 DIRECTOR FISHER: Tomorrow, Wednesday?

10 MS. TYUS: -- at that point --

11 Wednesday, a week from tomorrow.

12 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

13 MEMBER EARLEY: Sorry. Go ahead, Ms.  
14 Jones. You can go ahead. No, no, feel free.

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: I got it. I wrote  
16 it down. He was late. He can't -- he was late.

17 (Laughter.)

18 MEMBER EARLEY: I can take that.

19 That's --

20 MEMBER JONES: Okay. Because I do  
21 work with adults over at Wheeler Terrace, do I  
22 feed them into one of these pipelines, or --

1 MS. TYUS: You can feed them -- they  
2 can come directly from you if you are -- if  
3 you're willing to be that thing that supports  
4 them. If not, if you can put them in touch with  
5 one of those groups that are there who already  
6 have resources, right? So what you're doing is  
7 because you're a good person volunteering, right?

8 MEMBER JONES: No, no. Actually, I  
9 work for Contemporary Family Services.

10 MS. TYUS: Okay, okay.

11 MEMBER JONES: And they're at 2100 --  
12 2041 Martin Luther King on the second floor.

13 MS. TYUS: Okay.

14 MEMBER JONES: I am surprised they're  
15 not part of this.

16 MS. TYUS: Oh, they -- I know, but you  
17 should give me their contact --

18 MEMBER JONES: Yes. Because they've  
19 got a lot --

20 MS. TYUS: -- information so they can  
21 --

22 MEMBER JONES: They hire a lot of

1 people out at Ward 8 too, so I don't know.

2 MS. TYUS: Okay. Could you please  
3 send me their contact --

4 MEMBER JONES: Yes.

5 MS. TYUS: -- information so they  
6 could be added to that and be a part of our  
7 improvement efforts.

8 MEMBER JONES: In fact, I hadn't  
9 heard. Now, tell me this. Is this all the  
10 projects that are going on --

11 MS. TYUS: Those are the projects --

12 MEMBER JONES: -- for --

13 MS. TYUS: -- that are committed --  
14 they're committed to hiring --

15 MEMBER JONES: Okay.

16 MS. TYUS: -- the population that we  
17 are working with. And we're going to stop this  
18 short of a guarantee. So nobody can guarantee a  
19 job.

20 MEMBER JONES: Right.

21 MS. TYUS: But we're going to say if  
22 we do the job that we think we can do getting



1       them ready and we got the development and  
2       contractors saying we want to better. You give  
3       us ready people, we don't care where they come  
4       from. And then we're hoping that that's going to  
5       be a good match.

6                   MEMBER JONES: Could I get your  
7       number?

8                   MS. TYUS: Who's number? No, I'm not  
9       giving you my number again.

10                   (Laughter.)

11                   MEMBER JONES: Okay. All right.

12                   MEMBER EARLEY: I'm Chris. I was  
13       actually going to ask a similar question, if  
14       there's a Ward 8-based organization that might be  
15       able to feed some folks to the --

16                   MS. TYUS: Yes.

17                   MEMBER EARLEY: -- through the funnel,  
18       if you will.

19                   MS. TYUS: Yes.

20                   MEMBER EARLEY: Can I just send you --

21                   MS. TYUS: Yes.

22                   MEMBER EARLEY: -- contact

1 information?

2 MS. TYUS: Please.

3 MEMBER EARLEY: And then is there,  
4 like, a handout I can send them kind of to --

5 MS. TYUS: Oh, I have -- once you  
6 connect somebody to me, I have, like, a --

7 MEMBER EARLEY: You have some stuff to  
8 send them?

9 MS. TYUS: -- PowerPoint document.

10 MEMBER EARLEY: Okay. That'll work.

11 MS. TYUS: I've got stuff --

12 MEMBER EARLEY: Okay.

13 MS. TYUS: -- that I can send you, so

14 --

15 MEMBER EARLEY: What's your number  
16 then? I'm just playing. I'm just playing.

17 MEMBER JONES: Yahoo has locked me out  
18 of my account. I'm serious.

19 MS. TYUS: You're just in a place,  
20 aren't you?

21 MEMBER JONES: Just January was  
22 terrible.

1 MS. TYUS: Okay. Go ahead. What was  
2 your question?

3 MEMBER EARLEY: No, that was it.

4 MS. TYUS: Okay. No? Okay.

5 MEMBER EARLEY: Ms. Jones actually  
6 asked the first question I had.

7 MS. TYUS: Any other questions? We  
8 are excited about this project. I will tell you.  
9 Those young people showed out today. They left  
10 out of there cheering. They don't understand the  
11 fact that their cheer says, I'm getting ready to  
12 work their tongues out.

13 (Laughter.)

14 MEMBER JONES: Now, you said young  
15 people. Now, most people --

16 MS. TYUS: No, no. These don't have  
17 to be -- they don't have to be --

18 DIRECTOR FISHER: Young adults.

19 MEMBER JONES: Oh, because the average  
20 of mine is 35 year, 32 to 45.

21 MS. TYUS: They're not babies.

22 They're younger than I am. I won't tell you want

1 that is. Okay.

2 DIRECTOR FISHER: All right. If there  
3 is no other business before us or any other  
4 comments or recommendations from anyone?

5 MEMBER JONES: Does anyone here with  
6 the advisory group works out of this office, the  
7 staff, any staff?

8 DIRECTOR FISHER: From the --

9 MEMBER JONES: Brian -- is Brian -- I  
10 know Brian is here.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: So that's --  
12 primarily, Events DC staff is it.

13 MEMBER JONES: Oh, okay. So no -- all  
14 right. I see. Only --

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. I'll be  
16 working out of the construction trailer on most  
17 Fridays for a while and then we're usually here  
18 on Wednesdays as well for an infrastructure  
19 meeting. So I'm usually here twice a week.

20 MR. PARKS: And I can be available in  
21 this area probably on Tuesdays and Thursdays --

22 MEMBER JONES: Okay. All day?

1 MR. PARKS: -- are my best days.

2 MEMBER JONES: You got a card?

3 MR. PARKS: Yes.

4 DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. Well, I don't  
5 have anymore updates. So if there's no further  
6 business, we will call this meeting adjourned at  
7 7:47 p.m. Thank you all for your time.

8 MEMBER JONES: And the next meeting  
9 you know is -- do you know right off?

10 DIRECTOR FISHER: June the 1st.

11 MEMBER JONES: June the 1st?

12 DIRECTOR FISHER: No. The second  
13 Tuesday --

14 MEMBER EARLEY: Second Tuesday of  
15 June.

16 MEMBER JONES: Second Tuesday in June?

17 DIRECTOR FISHER: Mm-hmm.

18 MS. TYUS: Both of you are sending me  
19 information. Can you send it to me tomorrow?

20 MEMBER JONES: God, I'm leaving out of  
21 town first thing in the morning.

22 DIRECTOR FISHER: So that will be June

1 13th.

2 MEMBER JONES: Okay.

3 DIRECTOR FISHER: Chris, the only  
4 major announcement that you might have missed  
5 before you came that I believe was that the  
6 Events DC is hosting an apprenticeship program --  
7 not program -- event on March 21st at 10 a.m.  
8 here so as to connect people who are interested  
9 in jobs on ESA with --

10 MEMBER EARLEY: Oh, it's in there  
11 already? Okay, great. Okay. I appreciate you  
12 telling me that.

13 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: The meeting on June  
14 13th, is that 7 to 9?

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: It should --

16 CO-CHAIR HARVEY: It looks like it's  
17 in my system. It says 7 --

18 DIRECTOR FISHER: I have 6:30 to 8:30.  
19 But if it is, I can resend it to make sure.

20 MEMBER JONES: 6:30? That's the 21st?

21 DIRECTOR FISHER: No, no.

22 MEMBER JONES: Oh.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER: I mean, I know my  
2 meeting is 6:30 --

3                   MEMBER JONES: Oh, yes.

4                   DIRECTOR FISHER: -- to 8:30 is what  
5 it's scheduled for. If you have 8 -- I mean, 7  
6 to 9, I'll --

7                   CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Let me see. Let me  
8 see. Let me just see.

9                   MEMBER JONES: I have meeting, the  
10 apprenticeship meeting. What time?

11                  DIRECTOR FISHER: 10 a.m. in this  
12 building --

13                  MEMBER JONES: 10 to --

14                  DIRECTOR FISHER: -- in this room.

15                  CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Yes. Something went  
16 -- okay. I must have put it in wrong.

17                  DIRECTOR FISHER: I can resend the  
18 calendar invite to you, or maybe you might have  
19 put it in your -- I don't know if that's a  
20 calendar event.

21                  CO-CHAIR HARVEY: I'll change it in my  
22 system. That's okay.

1                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay, yes. Unless  
2 something comes up, they will always be at 6:30.

3                   CO-CHAIR HARVEY: Okay.

4                   DIRECTOR FISHER: And oh, I'm sorry.  
5 I meant to say this. Are you still recording?

6                   THE COURT REPORTER: Oh, yes. We're  
7 still on.

8                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay. Even though  
9 we're adjourned, if you guys have any  
10 recommendations for advisory board members,  
11 please let us know. We're looking for a few  
12 categories, so one is someone from the faith-  
13 based community, another is a transportation and  
14 land use expert, another one is a person with a  
15 real estate background, and I'm drawing a blank  
16 on what the fourth one is right now, but they do  
17 not have to be Ward 8 residents. Obviously, we  
18 would prefer Ward 8 residents, but if they are  
19 interested and can bring value to the advisory  
20 board, I know the mayor is making it a priority  
21 to fill this board. We have these four slots  
22 left, so --



1                   MEMBER JONES: And that's a religious  
2 -- from a religious --

3                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. A faith-based  
4 community --

5                   MEMBER JONES: Oh, faith-based?

6                   DIRECTOR FISHER: -- transportation  
7 and land use, real estate, and --

8                   MEMBER JONES: What is the land --

9                   DIRECTOR FISHER: So that's somebody  
10 who has, I would say, experience in planning,  
11 urban planning.

12                   MR. PARKS: Civil engineering.

13                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes, civil  
14 engineering kind of thing. Are you going to --  
15 were you looking it up, Darnetta?

16                   MS. TYUS: I got it.

17                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Okay.

18                   MS. TYUS: I got it in my hands.

19                   MEMBER JONES: Andre -- oh.

20                   MS. TYUS: Faith-based, infrastructure  
21 --

22                   DIRECTOR FISHER: Infrastructure, that

1 was the other one.

2 MS. TYUS: -- real estate, and  
3 transportation.

4 DIRECTOR FISHER: You were getting  
5 ready to say something?

6 MEMBER JONES: Andre Towner or Towns,  
7 are you familiar with him?

8 DIRECTOR FISHER: I know that he  
9 applied. We have to follow up with MOTA.

10 MEMBER JONES: Okay.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: The Mayor's Office  
12 of Talent and Appointments.

13 MEMBER JONES: Which one was he  
14 applying for?

15 DIRECTOR FISHER: Faith-based  
16 position. Actually, he was here earlier.

17 MEMBER JONES: Yes.

18 DIRECTOR FISHER: I think he's still  
19 here.

20 MEMBER JONES: I think I told --

21 DIRECTOR FISHER: Yes. And we spoke  
22 and I said I don't know what MOTA is telling and

1 I don't want to break protocol with whatever  
2 their procedures are before I tell him. So I  
3 told him -- I gave him my contact information and  
4 told him to follow up with me tomorrow and then I  
5 would follow up with MOTA.

6 MEMBER JONES: Okay, great.

7 MS. TYUS: It was faith-based, the  
8 second one was infrastructure, the third is real  
9 estate and the fourth is transportation, land.

10 MEMBER JONES: Okay.

11 DIRECTOR FISHER: Well, thank you,  
12 everybody.

13 (Whereupon, the above-entitled matter  
14 went off the record at 7:51 p.m.)  
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