



Title: St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Initiative (SERI) Advisory Board Report

Date: July 1, 2015, 1:00p.m.

Attendees: Deputy Mayor Brian Kenner (SERI/DMPED); Lars Erkson (SERI); Sheila Bunn (SERI); Dr. Harvey Baron (SERI); Brig Owens (SERI); *By Phone* - Irasema Salcido (SERI); Adrian Todman/Kimberly Black-King (SERI); Catherine Buell (DMPED); James Parks (DMPED)

1. General Project Update

The St. Elizabeths East team provided an update on the redevelopment effort (see presentation). DMPED is continuing its negotiations with Redbrick LMD for the first phase of development on the St. Elizabeths East campus. The project team expects to be able to provide a more detailed update in the Fall.

The project team also noted that progress has been made with the proposed DC Water tower, which should alleviate water pressure problems in the surrounding area. DC Water plans to construct an elevated two million gallon water storage tower on the East Campus to provide the required pressure, water storage and fire protection for the Anacostia Second High Service Area. The water tower must be in place for further development on the East campus. The tower was initially designed with a screen, but the concept was rejected by the U.S. Commission of Fine Arts in 2014. As such, DC Water is working to proceed with the construction of just the tower. DC Water agreed to work to address the mitigation efforts separately to alleviate the adverse impact the construction will have on the St. Elizabeths Historic District.

2. Speaker - Deputy Mayor

Deputy Mayor Kenner provided a general update on his role, focus of the office, and the recent addition of DDOT and DDOE to the economic development cluster. The Deputy Mayor noted that the inclusion of the two agencies in the economic development cluster will allow the Office to leverage the positive environmental impacts associated with green/sustainable development and also provide greater amenities and services associated with transportation improvements.

With regards to St. Elizabeths East, the District is creating a targeted investment/commitment in business around St. Elizabeths East utilizing and leveraging the R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center and Gateway DC as assets. The Office is focused on addressing the historic preservation, infrastructure, and real estate development needs to drive investment to the campus.