

## 1.7 Agency /Public Participation

The Ballpark planning process has involved federal, District, and local agencies and the general public through participation in concurrent outreach efforts, coordination with established organizations, contact with government agencies, a series of smaller community meetings, and several larger public meetings. Project meetings engaged key stakeholder groups including the local Advisory Neighborhood Commission, environmental groups, historic preservation experts, government representatives, and local community members to provide individualized stakeholder attention, demonstrate rationale for decisions, and develop cost-effective mitigation measures to achieve maximum public support. In conjunction with the preparation of this EMS, several Ballpark meetings were convened by DCSEC to publicly share the Ballpark design concept and address potential issues regarding the design and identified mitigation measures. In addition, a community advisory group will be established to coordinate with neighborhood residents and address issues.

### Community Meetings

#### 2005

- April 23<sup>rd</sup> Community Workshop for the South Capitol Street Corridor and Baseball Master Plan. This was a kick-off meeting that used discussion stations to encourage participation of approximately 200 attendees on a Saturday morning.
- May 9<sup>th</sup> ANC 6D Meeting. This was a regularly scheduled Monday evening meeting with the Ballpark rezoning text amendment as an agenda item. Approximately 40 people were in attendance.
- May 24<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting for the South Capitol Street Corridor and Baseball Master Plan. This meeting was held to share agency responses to public comments received on the April 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Approximately 200 people were in attendance on a Tuesday evening.
- May 25<sup>th</sup> DC Preservation League Meeting. This was a meeting to unveil the list of most endangered places in DC. Approximately 15 people were in attendance on a Wednesday evening.
- June 2<sup>nd</sup> Zoning Commission Public Hearing. This was a regularly scheduled meeting that included presentation and comment on the proposed Ballpark text amendment. Approximately 20 people were in attendance on a Thursday evening.
- June 8<sup>th</sup> Public Scoping Meeting for the South Capitol Street EIS. This was the first public scoping meeting held regarding the South Capitol Street EIS. Approximately 50 people were in attendance on a Wednesday evening.
- July 14<sup>th</sup> Public Scoping Meeting for the South Capitol Street EIS. This was the second scoping meeting that included a presentation and open discussion forum regarding the Anacostia Access Study and planned improvement addressed in the South Capitol Street EIS. Approximately 50 people were in attendance on a Tuesday evening.

- August 3<sup>rd</sup> National Capital Planning Commission: This was a regularly scheduled meeting to provide federal comments on the Ballpark zoning text amendment. Approximately 50 people were in attendance on a Thursday afternoon.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> Public Meeting for the Ballpark EMS. This was a large public meeting on community concerns at Southeastern University. Approximately 90 people were in attendance on a Tuesday evening.
- November 7<sup>th</sup> Public Meeting for the Ballpark EMS. This was a large public meeting to address job opportunities associated with the Ballpark. Approximately 50 people were in attendance at King-Greenleaf Center on a Monday evening.
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) 6D Meeting. This was a regularly scheduled ANC meeting that included a presentation and discussion of the Ballpark project. Approximately 35 people were in attendance on a Monday evening.

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- January 5<sup>th</sup> National Capital Planning Commission. This was a regularly scheduled meeting to provide federal comments on the Ballpark street alley closing. Approximately 20 people were in attendance on a Thursday afternoon.
- January 27<sup>th</sup> Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) and Office of Planning (OP) staff meeting.
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Historic Preservation Review Board (HPRB) Hearing re Street & Alley Closing.
- March 17<sup>th</sup> DC Council Hearing. This was a regularly scheduled Council hearing to address the street and alley closing proposal for the Ballpark. Approximately 20 people were in attendance on a Friday morning.
- March 27<sup>th</sup> Southwest Neighborhood Assembly Meeting. This was a regularly scheduled SWNA meeting that included a presentation of Ballpark design and mitigation measures. Approximately 40 people were in attendance on a Monday evening.
- April 3<sup>rd</sup> DC Council Hearing. This was a continuation of the Council hearing to address the proposed street and alley closing. Approximately 15 people were in attendance on a Monday morning.
- April 5<sup>th</sup> SW Traffic Task Force meeting hosted by DDOT.
- April 10<sup>th</sup> Advisory Neighborhood Commission 6d (ANC 6d) meeting / presentation.
- April 14<sup>th</sup> Office of Planning (OP) meeting to review draft zoning application.
- April 19<sup>th</sup> The New Ballpark Community Leaders Advisory Committee. DCSEC convened meeting of leaders of civic, church, business and other community groups at Friendship Baptist Church to provide construction updates and to provide direct forum to address any construction impacts. Approximately 60 residents were in attendance.
- April 26<sup>th</sup> Department of Justice (DOJ) meeting with HOK regarding accessible design.

- May 10th National Capitol Planning Commission (NCPC) coordinating committee meeting
- May 17th SW Traffic Task Force meeting hosted by DDOT
- May 17<sup>th</sup> The New Ballpark Community Leaders Advisory Committee monthly meeting  
Approximately 30 attendees
- May 24th Commission on Fine Arts (CFA) staff meeting
- June 1<sup>st</sup> National Capitol Planning Commission This was an information briefing to the  
Commission during a regularly scheduled NCPC meeting Approximately 60 people  
were in attendance on a Thursday afternoon
- June 20th Capitol Police / Architect of the Capitol (AOC) Meeting
- June 21<sup>st</sup> The New Ballpark Community Leaders Advisory Committee monthly meetings  
Meetings were relocated to the construction field office across from the new ballpark.  
Meeting drew 8 attendees