



Gibbs School Disposition Public Meeting

12/15/21

Agenda

- Welcome and introductions – 2 minutes
- Purpose of the disposition public meeting – 2 minutes
- Site background and intended purpose – 2 minutes
- Charter School Incubator Initiative presentation – 3 minutes
- Monument Academy Public Charter School presentation – 10 minutes
- Public comment period – 25 minutes
- Conclusion – 1 minute

Welcome and Introductions

District agencies and government representatives in attendance:

- Clara Haskell Botstein, Director of Legislation and Governmental Relations at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
- Jenn Comey, Director of Planning and Analysis at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
- Claudia Barahona, Community Outreach Specialist, Portfolio Division at the Department of General Services

We are joined by leaders from the Charter School Incubator Initiative (CSII) and Monument Academy Public Charter School:

- Anne Robinson, Executive Director, CSII
- Ornella Napolitano, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer, CSII
- Dr. Jeffrey Grant, Head of School, Monument Academy PCS
- Donna Anthony, Board of Directors Finance Committee Chair, Monument Academy PCS

Feel free to drop your name and organizational affiliation in the chat and we'll read it aloud!

Tonight's hearing is being **recorded** and will be included as part of the public record and submitted to DC Council.

Purpose of the Disposition & Lease Extension Public Meeting

- Purpose of tonight’s hearing is to receive **community comments on the proposed extension of the lease disposition** of the Gibbs School, located at 500 19th Street NE.
- Designating a property as “disposed” means that the **government no longer requires the property for District-operated public uses**, including DCPS schools, fire stations, police stations, and District agency office space, etc.
- In 2015, DGS and the Charter School Incubator Initiative entered into a 20-year lease agreement. This lease expires in 2035.
- In 2021, the Mayor introduced the **Gibbs School Disposition Extension Act of 2021**. This would authorize the Mayor to extend, by more than 20 years, the term of an existing lease agreement of District-owned real property located at 500 19th Street. NE.
- The legislation would provide an amended initial term of twenty-five (25) years (i.e., an extension from 2035 to 2046) and one (1) option to extend the initial term for a twenty-five (25) year period from the time lease amendment is executed.
- Tonight’s public meeting on the disposition and lease extension allows us to gather community feedback on the proposed lease extension.

Site Background and Intended Purpose

- The Gibbs building is located at 500 19th Street NE (see map).
- Gibbs School was closed at the end of SY2007-08 and last served grades PK3 to 6th with approximately 280 students.
- In 2014, the Deputy Mayor for Education, on behalf of the Mayor, issued a request for offer (RFO) for the surplus and disposition designation of the Property. The Charter School Incubator Initiative was awarded a ground lease for a 20-year term. The lease was executed on June 17, 2015.
- Since 2015, Monument Academy Public Charter School has occupied the Gibbs School.
- Per the **Gibbs School Disposition Extension Act of 2021**, the District proposes to approve the extension of the disposition of District-owned real property located at 500 19th Street, NE.



Charter School Incubator Initiative (CSII) – Background & Site Involvement

The Charter School Incubator Initiative will share information about its history and connection to the Gibbs building.

Please welcome Anne Robinson, Executive Director, and Ornella Napolitano, Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer.

Monument Academy – Background & Continued Use of Site

Monument Academy will share the school's history and progress and intended continued use of the site.

Please welcome Dr. Jeffrey Grant, Head of School, and Donna Anthony, Board of Directors Finance Committee Chair.

Public Comment

- We would like your thoughts around the proposed lease extension for the Gibbs School.
- Ways to share your feedback
 - > If you would like to share your thoughts verbally, please raise your hand to be unmuted to share.
 - When you introduce yourself, please clearly state your first and last name and the organization you represent, if any.
 - Each person will have a total of 3 minutes to deliver their comments. If commentary exceeds 3 minutes, we kindly request that a written draft be submitted so we can fully capture the remarks.
- All comments may be emailed to anc.comments@dc.gov and will be accepted until December 20, 2021.

Conclusion

- Reminder to send any other feedback to anc.comments@dc.gov by December 20th.

Thank you for attending tonight's meeting!