

# FOXHALL News

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## FCCA Calendar

Next General Meeting:

**NEW DAY Monday, June 19 at 7PM**

Topic: Historic Landmark Status for the Hardy School  
Location: 4500 Q Street NW in the Hardy Rec Center

Need a ride?

Contact Peter Van Allen

## June Membership Meeting

June's meeting will focus on the Historic Landmark designation for the Hardy School. Please note the unusual day, we'll be meeting on a Monday this month!

## Foxhall Artists

Sara Paulson

The Foxhall Artists Cooperative has been on hiatus for a few years, but a couple of us would like to see if there is interest in restarting it. In the past we have had a one day Art Walk/Sale in the Village in early December. There may not be time to plan one for this year, but we would like to at least get a group together to discuss the possibilities. If any artist out there in the FCCA area is interested in meeting, please email [sarapaulson@gmail.com](mailto:sarapaulson@gmail.com). We would probably meet in July/August/September, depending on everyone's schedule. All artists are welcome.

## GU MedStar Expansion Faces Zoning Hearing

John Bray

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital's \$567 million, six-story expansion project goes before the DC Zoning Commission on June 8, along with a construction agreement worked out with nearby neighborhood groups designed to minimize impact on the communities.

In recent years, Reservoir Road, from MacArthur Boulevard to 35 Street, has endured a succession of major building projects stretching from a new high school at The Lab School of Washington to renovation of the German Embassy and Duke Ellington School of the Arts.

Now, a far larger project is to begin before January 2018, as the hospital has gained approval for a new wing on its east side that will increase the number of beds used from 415 to 538, according to the Certificate of Need granted, with conditions, by the DC Health Department in March 2016.

The construction agreement, signed May 17, 2017, covers a wide range of activities, including management of truck traffic, worker comings and goings and restrictions on eating places, parking and noise limitations.

## GDS Foxhall Site's Future To Test Neighbors

John Bray

Attendance at Georgetown Day School's quarterly meeting with Foxhall and Palisades community members spiked on Tuesday, May 2, 2017, with news that the MacArthur Boulevard campus is on the market now.

Rahel Rosner, GDS's finance and operations director, said she's been holding the meetings for eight years, usually addressing one or two people. "Hopefully," she said, "we're doing something right." The count jumped to 10, with neighbors looking for insight about the future of the prime location the school plans to give up in order to consolidate in an expanded campus in Tenleytown.

The audience is likely to swell, with concern mounting about congestion in the heavily trafficked corridor. Across the street, for example, at Q Street and MacArthur Boulevard, two single-family homes were torn down to be replaced by taller, multi-unit buildings. The nearby St. Patrick's Episcopal Day School expects to move part of its enrollment to a nearby former commercial site on the Boulevard, just east of the reservoir.

Among those attending the meeting were Bob Avery, president of the Foxhall Community Citizens Association, and Conrad DeWitte, the area's Advisory Neighborhood Commission representative. Avery said he hoped that GDS would consult with the community about what's next at the site to avoid controversy and what could be costly resistance. He recalled that the demolition of a nearby mental health hospital and construction of housing came with divisive, dragged-out hearings that pitted developers against nearby community residents.

For more of this article, go to <https://potomactimes.wordpress.com/2017/05/03/gds-foxhall-sites-future-to-test-neighbors/>

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Send to britt.aggie@gmail.com by August 31 for the next newsletter. Generally submissions should be under 300 words, but longer pieces may run by advance arrangement.

## Who Do You Call?

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

**DC Animal Shelter** 576-6664

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### Questionable Construction Projects

To report construction proceeding without required permits or that appears to violate code, call DCRA at 202-442-4400 and they will send an inspector very quickly. For work that appears to be contrary to the guidelines in the Historic District, call Gabriela Gutowski, 202-442-8839 or gabriela.gutowski@dc.gov

### Problem Party Noise after 10 PM

Please call the Police at 911. There are significant fines and the possibility of a criminal record for violators.

### Georgetown 24/7 Community Hotline

Report student activities that negatively impact our community at GU's 24/7 Hotline, 687-8413

### Going out of town?

Email Officer Mcelwee to check on your home periodically at anthony.mcelwee@dc.gov

## Join the FCCA Listserv!!

Keep up-to-date with all happenings in your community by joining the FCCA Listserv. Register today at **foxhall.org!**

## Scheduled BZA Meetings

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

GDS 6:30 pm, Library

TBD

Lab 6:00 pm

TBD

St. Patrick's 7:30 pm

July 18, 2017

MacArthur campus

## Landmark Status To Be Considered for Hardy School

Paul DonVito

Chairman, Historic Preservation Committee of the FCCA

At the upcoming FCCA General Meeting to be held on Monday June 19 we will discuss the possibility of nominating The Rose Lees Hardy School for landmark status on the National Register of Historic Places as well as adding it the DC Inventory of Historic Sites. If successful, landmark status would protect this community jewel from both demolition and architecturally inappropriate redevelopment.

Hardy School has been an integral part of the Foxhall Community since it was first considered back in the early 1930s. Originally called the Foxhall Village School, the building was designed to complete the neighborhood that is now the Foxhall Village Historic District. One of the first fully planned developments in the U.S., Foxhall Village originally included residences, a commercial center (currently home to Jetties and other businesses,) Saint Patrick's Church (now demolished) and The Foxhall School. Renamed in 1932 for the longtime DC Assistant Superintendent Rose Lees Hardy, the school stands out now as the only un-

protected surviving element from that original, and I would say successful, neighborhood plan. Nominating Hardy School as a landmark seems a natural complement to the Foxhall Village Historic District.

**What would landmarks status protect?** Landmark status would essentially protect the exterior of the building from inappropriate change. Typically landmark status gives primary elevations the most serious levels of protection. In the case of Hardy School, the three main facades are most significant while the rear elevation (facing Hardy Rec Center) would most likely be considered less significant. Just as in our historic district, changes to the primary facades would for the most part be limited to restoration while the rear wall could possibly be altered for future expansion. Landmark status would not protect the interior.

**What changes could be made if landmark status is granted?** Just like buildings in our historic district, landmarks are not meant to remain frozen in time. Alterations and expansions can be made. The difference is that any expansion or change must be done in a way that both protects the significant architectural and historical features of the existing building and does not overwhelm the existing building. Architect Albert Harris designed the colonial revival building to be expandable, by adding wings of similar design and scale. Today, we would not be locked into his original ideas, but open to other sympathetic redevelopment. For recent examples of historic schools expanded and modernized just look to the Horace Mann School expansion completed a few years ago or the redevelopment underway at Duke Ellington School. In both cases significant changes have been made while protecting the historical integrity of the building.

### **Would landmark status limit the ability of Lab School to operate out of Hardy?**

The simple answer is no. Landmark status would not impact the Lab School's ability to run its successful program out of the building just as they do now.

### **If Landmark Status is granted who would determine what changes could be made?**

Just as in the Foxhall Village Historic District, any proposed changes to the building would have to be approved by the DC Historic Preservation office and board. Any substantial proposed changes would be discussed in an open hearing and the community would have a chance to weigh in and make their voices heard.

In the end, I believe if landmark status for Hardy School were granted it would save a community jewel and complete a process begun over a decade ago of protecting the entirety of Foxhall Village for future generations. I hope you will attend this discussion and support this proposal.

### **Please help reduce airplane noise!**

Peter Van Allen

Tired of all the noise from planes flying over your house all hours of the day and night? Two things you can do to help reduce airplane noise:

1. Complain to FAA and Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) every time a plane wakes you up or is so loud that you cannot speak or think.
  - a. FAA: Email to [9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov](mailto:9-AWA-NoiseOmbudsman@faa.gov)
  - b. MWAA: Call at 703-417-1204 or <https://complaints.bksv.com/dca>
  - c. Be sure to include your name and address, plus date and time of incident, airport (DCA) and any other information you have – arrival/departure, airline, etc.
2. Donate to DC Fair Skies Coalition to help fund the lawsuit vs. FAA.

Goals of the lawsuit:

- a. Return to pre-2015 flight path (along Potomac River)
- b. Abide by existing official flight hours of 7:00 AM – 10:00 PM
- c. To donate:
  - i. by check: Make checks payable to "Aircraft Noise Fund", write "Foxhall" on the "For" line and mail to: CAG, 1365 Wisconsin Avenue NW #200, Washington, DC 20007.
  - ii. by credit card: Go to <http://cagtown.org/dcfairsties>, select "Foxhall" in the dropdown and click "Pay Now"

Updates:

- Lawsuit: The DC Fair Skies Coalition filed the "Reply Brief" vs. FAA on May 10. Next step will be oral argument in September. The Coalition needs about \$30,000 more to fund this. They have collected over \$40,000 to date. Please help however you can.
- Gov. Hogan (R-MD) sent a letter to FAA on May 11 asking that FAA immediately return to pre-2015 flight patterns. This is the first effort by a Republican and should add to the previous all-Democratic efforts of Maryland Senators and Congressmen and the Congressional Quiet Skies Caucus. Any action by Trump administration officials would be very helpful.
- FAA remains steadfast in their opposition to the pre-2015 flight path. Their standard response, "It's a very complex, technical process."



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The agreement for the project, to be carried out by Trammell Crow Company and Clark Construction Group, includes planned work hours of 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Workers will take shuttles to the site and won't be allowed to park in neighborhoods. Those caught eating in the wrong place, like in the hospital, face fines starting at \$100 for a first offense and rising to \$1,000 for the third, and removal from the project for a fourth.

Supply deliveries are to come only with 72 hours notice and trucks won't be allowed to idle on Reservoir Road, according to the agreement. Project managers are to log violations. Among efforts to reduce intrusion on neighbors, the plan references use of a batch concrete plant on site to remove 50 trips a day of concrete mixer trucks.

Regardless of the details, the crux of the agreement, like any other, will be the how of its enforcement. With renovation of Ellington, still under way, neighbors, builders and city officials have been at odds over issues such as pushing the envelope on construction hours, according to The Northwest Current.

For the D.C. Zoning Commission file of exhibits, go to <https://app.dcoz.dc.gov/Content/Search/ViewExhibits.aspx>. (This link's connection to the actual files is sporadic, working early this morning but now linking to a general search window.) The commission hearing on the project is at 6:30 p.m. at 441 4th St., NW. Among the key issues before the commission will be MGUH's request for an exception to building height regulations.

For more of this story, including maps and diagrams, go to [PotomacTimes.wordpress.com](http://PotomacTimes.wordpress.com).

Zoning Commission case number: 16-18A // Construction is expected from FY 18-22



A rendering of the design of the planned Medical/Surgical Pavilion at MedStar Georgetown, from the filing for review with the D.C. Zoning Commission.



## FOH Gardeners Cultivate Plots

Michael Battaglia

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This spring, for the fifth year in a row, Friends of Hardy supported a group of gardeners from the neighborhood to cultivate community garden plots at Hardy Park and Recreation Center. Our efforts began at the Spring Clean-up on April 22. Despite some rainy weather, we helped with important tasks such as trimming trees and bushes, general park clean-up and clearing out of the community garden plots.

There are twenty five 6' plots this year spread across the park. Each gardener is a member of the Friends of Hardy group and maintains an active yearly membership at [www.friendsofhardy.com](http://www.friendsofhardy.com). Four (4) of the gardeners are new to the program this year.

Gardeners have planted a wide range of vegetables and herbs, including tomatoes, peppers, cucumber, lettuce, beans, herbs and more. Community members can view plots near the basketball courts, kids playground and tennis court.

The garden plots received new fencing to help prevent deer and other animals from poaching crops. Thanks to Nate Blodgett, Buzz Seltzer, Glenn Asante and the other gardeners for their efforts in improving the infrastructure. They are really looking good right now! Our intention is to provide maintenance for all plots throughout the summer.

Please help support our community by aiding gardeners to keep animals, children and pets out of the plots. The gardeners work hard on not only their garden space, but at the park in general, to help keep it clean and safe. I'm happy if the garden plots can add flavor to the neighborhood and add to the enjoyment we all feel at Hardy Park with friends and neighbors. It's one of the best parts about living in the Palisades community.

For more information on upcoming events and to join Friends of Hardy, please visit [www.friendsofhardy.org](http://www.friendsofhardy.org).



Pictured: Bob Avery & Leo Blyth (top), Frank Staroba (middle), and the Palisades Band (bottom) all enjoying the Spring Fling festivities! Photos: Ann Haas

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- ☐ \$25 Household  
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