

Task Force Forums, May 2 and 3, 2007

Where do you get funding for the college?

*Bonds, fund raising through the Foundation, State and County funding process*

Citizens have not been informed.

*Erin Stamets – yes, the neighborhood association reps have informed the neighborhoods.*

*Ted Reuther – community associations did meet to discuss campus growth and formulate input for planning process*

Build a big new college in a new place, a 4<sup>th</sup> campus.

Remote parking with shuttle.

*Will continue.*

Land and buildings are very expensive in this area – build a new campus in a remote area and sell the Rockville campus to pay for it.

Montgomery County Public Service Training Academy has joint programs with MC – is it possible to use that space for our programs?

*Those students need all courses for the Associate degree, and many of those are best taught at a central location.*

How many MC students are not residents of Montgomery County?

*A small percentage.*

Will MC limit enrollment at some point?

*We need additional space to accommodate the students we have now.*

How does MCPS administration feel about the option of transferring the Carver Site to MC?

*Responses have been positive.*

Do part time faculty currently have offices?

*Shared space is the only thing available for the 500 adjuncts on the campus.*

How do the members of the Task Force feel about the recommendations.

*Good, these are realistic options.*

What are the limitations to the Carver Site due to the historical status?

*Must preserve the façade of the building and the sight line from 355.*

Is it possible to add portables for storage, or use professional storage space?

*Portables are hard to place and displace parking. Take up off-site storage question with your dean.*

How soon would the Carver site be available?

*This is a political decision and would depend on MCPS funding to relocate the offices currently in place; but there is a possible alternative site for MCPS.*

What about the “building down” option? Multilevel parking?

*Building down is very expensive and not realistic at this time. Most functions don't want to be below ground, and the state and county don't pay for parking.*

*Additional comment: budget rules restrict building for expansion – all plans must fit enrollment projections.*

What would we do with Carver? How long would it take?

*There are several scenarios, from painting and carpeting and using it as-is to razing and rebuilding – the choice would depend on funding. However, we could immediately use the parking and office spaces.*

What about a commercial/academic combination? Is that allowed?

*Yes, it is possible but difficult to form a partnership with a developer for such a project.*

Did you consider the Ambrosia Grill-Staples space?

*It is small for our requirements, and it has just been sold.*

What about moving the administration out of the Mannakee Building and using it for academic programs?

*This option is under ongoing discussion. We would have to find the best program to locate in that building since it is at the edge of campus rather than being central.*

Does adding space at the Germantown campus help alleviate crowding at Rockville?

*Growth of the Germantown campus will primarily serve people in that part of the county. Enrollments may shift slightly among campuses, but there are still a lot of students who prefer, and need, the Rockville location.*