

Community Conversations  
About Montgomery College's Takoma Park/Silver Spring Campus

**Summary of Public Comments Made at Meeting #1**

March 21, 2017

1.	<p>Julie Schmidt, Takoma Park Resident, lives in neighborhood surrounding the college.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How can we do the construction/changes to the college in a way that addresses the colleges mission and the need for updating classrooms but doesn't do violence to the historic surrounding neighborhood?</li> <li>• What do we do to engage with south Silver Spring and the Georgia avenue corridor?</li> <li>• What is the process going forward about forest and trees?</li> </ul>
2.	<p>Angel Ngatchou, Montgomery College Student, Montgomery College Student Senator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• STEM and life science students need a new building.</li> <li>• I believe that you want to have kids grow up to be leaders and learning the information from the STEM program.</li> </ul>
3.	<p>Adam Pollack, Takoma Park Resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Supports that the college should pursue the higher density needed to benefit the students.</li> <li>• It's acceptable to make sacrifices about traffic to allow the college to serve the region in a cost effective way.</li> </ul>
4.	<p>Eileen Fitzgerald, Takoma Park Resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The college has a phenomenal opportunity to be the community college of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.</li> <li>• Urges the college to think about more than just a building, think about how to make the college a vibrant part of the community for the next 50 years.</li> <li>• Wants to see the college buy into the historic nature of the area.</li> </ul>
5.	<p>Monica Edger, Parent of a former Montgomery College Student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Science buildings are very old.</li> <li>• No one is going to get everything that they want.</li> </ul>
6.	<p>Deloris McDonough, Stake Holder, Silver Spring Resident, Montgomery College Parent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Historic preservation is not just about keep the old but allowing the new to breathe in a new time.</li> <li>• Commit to the conversations in a timely manner because our kids can't wait, we need to be respectful quickly.</li> </ul>
7.	<p>Dale Barnharn, Silver Spring Resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes that the building has to be replaced.</li> <li>• We need to stimulate an interest in using the new facilities.</li> </ul>
8.	<p>Susan Sholkin, Takoma Park Resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Believes that a line in the master plan is wrong, line saying that the minority of residents opposes the master plan.</li> <li>• Nobody is saying Montgomery College go away but we are saying be respectful.</li> </ul>

9.	<p>Katherine Hill, Takoma Park Resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hopes that current process goes more quickly than previous construction.</li> <li>• Montgomery College needs a strong and up to date STEM program to allow for more diversity in the Program.</li> <li>• It won't be easy and it won't be cheap.</li> </ul>
10.	<p>Dondre Vet Butler, Silver Spring Resident, Former Montgomery College Parent.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Daughter needed to go to a different campus because the facilities are not up to date.</li> <li>• Math and Science building is falling apart and needs to be replaced.</li> <li>• We need to give these young people a college they deserve to go to.</li> </ul>
11.	<p>Jane Smith, Montgomery College Faculty and Alum.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montgomery College is one of the most notable cornerstones in the county.</li> <li>• Our students deserve the best resources and services.</li> <li>• It's a disservice to have MCPS students have worst facilities after high school.</li> <li>• Upgraded building will add value to the community and will be pleasing.</li> </ul>
12.	<p>Ellis Wadu, Ethiopian.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Montgomery College is the hub for Ethiopian students.</li> <li>• Montgomery College has the challenge to improve the future and the addition and upgrade will allow them to do so</li> </ul>
13.	<p>Pete Hardstock, Former Montgomery College student.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The college is a crown jewel in the county</li> </ul>
14.	<p>Unnamed Resident</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Parking enforcement needs to be improved because resident close to the campus have to place to park.</li> <li>• New plan needs to deal with parking.</li> </ul>
15.	<p>Alex Fairfield, Montgomery College Teacher.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concerned that Montgomery College students do not know the techniques needed at 4 year schools and will be at a disadvantage.</li> <li>• TP/SS location allows for me to take students into D.C. to the Smithsonian to reinforce what they learn in class. Rockville and Germantown would take too long.</li> <li>• New buildings at other campuses don't benefit TP/SS students because they don't have cars and work.</li> </ul>
16.	<p>Therese Gibson, Takoma Park Resident, Blair PTA Coordinator.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Thank you Montgomery College for committing the vast number of resources need to make the college what we need.</li> </ul>
17.	<p>Lorene Pearsall, Takoma Park Resident, Cosigner of the 2002 agreement.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Takoma Park is a low scale campus that is compatible with its national register status.</li> <li>• The question is where do you put the buildings needed to make the college better.</li> <li>• We are shocked because they are tearing down Falcon Hall.</li> <li>• We proposed that the building stays and be renovated.</li> <li>• The college has a simple solution, leave Falcon Hall alone.</li> </ul>
18.	<p>Kathy Stevens, Silver Spring Resident, Former Student and Faculty.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Everything is changing and we need to talk and listen about our fears from that and why they need to evolve.</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are we providing equity to everyone involved.</li> </ul>
19.	<p>Berny Aaronson</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• So far tonight we've left these students with the wrong impression, I don't think anybody is against these new buildings.</li> <li>• I feel bad for these student because they have been led to believe that this community is rising up to stop these science labs.</li> <li>• The issues with where is the best locations for these labs and what the hazardous risk are.</li> </ul>
20.	<p>Beth Brinkman, Takoma Park Resident.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The question is how, where and what form this is put in.</li> <li>• There is incredible support for this.</li> <li>• Looking at the bigger picture, the suggestion made is a really good one.</li> <li>• The historic nature is a really important part to Takoma Park.</li> </ul>