The Mount Vernon Triangle Action Agenda

Creating a vibrant new downtown neighborhood
What More Could Mount Vernon Triangle Need?
Mount Vernon Triangle: A Nexus Neighborhood in Need of Green

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North Capitol Street Corridor
Shaw
Penn Quarter
Judiciary Square
NoMa/Capitol Hill
MVT
Mount Vernon Triangle Neighborhood:

9th most populous area in District, but (including Downtown, Chinatown and Penn Quarters)

4th lowest provision of open space, out of 45 areas in District, and

3x the number of residents per playground in MVT area as the District average

Top priority needs identified by the MVT community include:

- small neighborhood parks
- walking trails
- running/walking tracks
- indoor swimming pool
- playgrounds
only 1 of 4 say there is sufficient quality and availability of open space

a top 5 reason people leave MVT is lack of greenspace

*Rankings weighted to show preferences for Open Space elements as presented in the 2017 Preferences Survey*
2018 Stakeholder Engagement Feedback

12 meetings with MVT stakeholders January 8-24, 2018:

- Condominium Residents
- Multifamily Residential Property Owners & Building Managers
- Faith-Based Community Leaders
- Advisory Neighborhood Commissioners
- Higher Education Officials
- Commercial Property Owners & Tenants
- Owners of Properties Surrounding Significant Parcels of Current & Future Potential Open Space
- Respected Long-Time Community Influencers

- Don’t develop Cobb Park! But it can’t be the same place it was.
- Scale matters! The neighborhood has the same open space it did in 1900.
- We need to get people to look up from their phone
- Create a variety of experiences for different users
- Maintenance and programming are critical
- Open space creates identity
- Create places with tiers of activity and multiple uses
- Think both horizontally and vertically about open space
- Foster interactions between community members
- Open space will improve the quality of life, if it is safe and accessible
- Create a destination — attract new people to move and stay in MVT
- Create eye-catching places
- Open space to knit community together—a neighborhood is more than building

Create a family-friendly space that is safe and accessible
Cobb Park should be safe, clean, green, and active
Foster interactions between community members
Provide space for respite and relaxation — We need places to catch your breath!
Want More Green & Open Space In Your Neighborhood?
If So, We Need *Your* Input!
Please Attend This Important Community Meeting.

MVT
OPEN SPACE STUDY
PUBLIC MEETING & PLANNING WORKSHOP
Wednesday, January 31 • 6:00-8:30 PM

LOCATION:
Mount Carmel Baptist Church
901 3rd Street NW
Washington, DC 20001
Families Welcome • Light Refreshments Served

- Come learn about prior and ongoing green and open space studies
- Examine suggested ideas and locations for safe green and open spaces
- Talk with neighbors about what works best for your community
- Help us tell city leaders why preserving and expanding green and open spaces are vital to this vibrant community
Local Parks

DPR manages and maintains hundreds of local parks throughout the District that are designed to accommodate all residents. In fact, there are six (6) different kinds of parks in DPR's inventory. A description of each type of park is provided below the interactive map below.

To find a park near you, use our interactive map below.

Cobb Park

Site Name
Cobb Park

Address
2nd St., Massachusetts Ave and H St., Washington DC

Classification
Small Park
INITIATIVE 3.2: Partner on planning and implementation efforts for Center City, coordinating with District and Federal Partners, business and resident groups.

OP, in partnership with other District and Federal agencies, will participate in planning and development projects to improve the livability of Center City.

- OP will partner with DPR to launch the development of a design for a neighborhood park and symbolic gateway on the expanded site of Cobb Park by June 2016. This will involve partnership with the community and a programming exercise.

24. Please describe any other successes or challenges experienced by the agency during fiscal years 2015 and 2016 to date not already discussed.

Launch of OP Design Division

...partnering with DDOT on Vision Zero design strategies and DPR on an upcoming design concept for Cobb Park,...

Update

OP partnered with DPR to prepare a draft scope of work for a design firm to be selected for the Cobb Park project. The two agencies are continuing coordination to prepare for procurement.
• 52,000 SF (1.2 Acres)

• Multiple points of access and potential as iconic neighborhood “gateway”

• Sufficient scale for destination appeal, public art, outdoor dining, water features and relaxation
"Dear PoPville,

As a resident of Mt. Vernon Triangle for three years, I am appalled at what has been allowed to occur by city officials and authorities for the past year on the entrance ramp to the 3rd Street Tunnel from Mass Avenue as well as over the past 6 months in Cobb Park/DPA 1089, located at 2nd/Mass, NW.
Dilworth Park

The city’s lively centerpiece, with a café, lush lawn, tree groves, and a fountain, which converts into an ice-skating rink in winter.
ANC 6E

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 6E
PO Box 26182, LeDroit Park Station
Washington, DC 20001

RESOLUTION

IN SUPPORT OF MOUNT VERNON TRIANGLE COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT (MVT CID)
GREEN & OPEN SPACE STUDY ("MVT OPEN SPACE STUDY"), RECOMMENDED STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

At the Commission’s meeting, duly noticed, with a quorum present (four out of seven Commissioners required to be in attendance to achieve a quorum), ANC 6E voted to (6 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstention) to pass the attached resolution supporting the attached MVT Open Space Study Resolution.