

## Overview of 10/13 Town Hall

### Overview of JHU Town Hall on the topic of the Homewood Early Learning Center's Relocation

October 13, 2023

#### **Participants:**

Bob McLean, Vice President Facilities

Laurent Heller, Executive Vice President for Finance and Administration

Meredith Stewart, Interim Vice President for Human Resources

Lee Coyle, Sr. Director, Planning and Architecture

April Floyd, Sr. Director, Benefits and Worklife

Stephen Gange, Interim Provost and Professor

#### **Introduction:**

Dr. Stephen Gange opened the meeting, expressing gratitude for everyone's attendance, and acknowledged the significance of the meeting in addressing important topics related to the Homewood Early Learning Center (ELC).

#### **Background on the ELC:**

Laurent Heller provided background information on the ELC and emphasized the commitment to a permanent campus-based facility, given the premature aging of the current ELC.

#### **Update on Data Science Institute:**

Laurent Heller discussed the recent announcement of a data science institute, highlighting the implications of this announcement for the ELC and the need to find a suitable new site.

#### **Regulatory Requirements:**

Lee Coyle presented details on minimum regulatory requirements for a childcare facility, including secure interior and outdoor spaces, parking, and safe drop-off areas, and the importance of complying with State of Maryland regulations and Baltimore zoning.

#### **Potential Sites:**

Lee Coyle presented potential sites for the new ELC, including:

University Parkway (New Front Runner): Open space for new construction, on-campus solution, but restricts additional future development.

Wyman Park Parcel - Nurse's Dorm: On-campus solution with ongoing construction, but concerns about power plant building.

Data Science and Translation Institute: Construction through 2028, potential gap in childcare, parking, and drop-off concerns.

29th Street / School of Education site: Near-campus solution but restricted by existing Planned Unit Development and zoning.

Eastern: Not easily accessible to the Homewood campus community but provides adequate space.

Keswick: Near-campus solution but unable to meet state regulations for play area and facility standards.

#### **Open Discussion and Feedback:**

Panelists answered key questions, including:

Suggestions for other potential locations

Interest in expanding care to increase availability and support projected faculty and student growth  
Concerns about continuity of care

**Closing Remarks:**

Stephen thanked all participants for their engagement and valuable input and expressed appreciation for the collective effort in finding a suitable solution for the Homewood ELC. He encouraged ongoing feedback through email ([childcare@jhu.edu](mailto:childcare@jhu.edu)) and the online form on the JHU HR childcare website.