

Stead Park Recreation Center Banner

Community Meeting No. 2 October 23, 2017 - Sli.do questions and responses

No.	Question	Question Upvotes	DPR response	FOSP response	Design Team response
1	Can we have a coffee shop or coffee cart or parking spaces for food trucks?	16	Food trucks are a public space issue and handled by DDOT. Food trucks are a public space issue and handled by DDOT.	A coffeehouse at Foundry UMC, which is adjacent to the park, is being planned.	Please see DPR and FOSP comments
2	Are you consulting the restaurants / businesses on 17th Street to consider what would maximize economic impact for the neighborhood?	9	DPR is working collaboratively with the ANC on outreach to nearby restaurants, business and organizations.	Preliminary outreach to businesses has occurred but more shall be conducted.	Please see DPR and FOSP comments
3	There is a lack of large gym space in the neighborhood. Is there any option for building a gym?	9	Having a full sized indoor basketball court is not an option given the site constraints. There are two full size gyms within one mile distance Marie Reed and Kennedy.		A full-size gym is not possible at this site unless one encroaches on the field.
4	Inside film screenings is good. Outdoor field film screening is better!	9	Both inside and outside film screenings are possible		
5	Will any current existing field space be lost?	9	Please see Design Team Comments	Please see Design Team Comments	In the current design, the existing field is not affected
6	Could the basketball court be enclosed for seasonal use?	7	If the court was enclosed the hours of operation would be different and would follow the Rec Center hours.	Please see DPR and Design Team Comments	The court could be enclosed but due to interior overrun area requirements the court size would be reduced
7	Are there considerations for bleachers (maybe a few rows) around the field or incorporated into the back facade?	7	Different seating options are being considered within the new design.		It is possible to replace some of the benches around the field with bleachers
8	Restroom on the rear side of the building?	7	There is bathroom on the front side of the building		This will be considered but there is a bathroom on the front side of the building
9	How can this project be used to support our unhoused neighbors?	6	DPR does not have any specific programs to support our unhoused neighbors.	FOSP is engaging in discussions with Foundry regarding their work in this area.	
10	Why stop at LEED Platinum? Can you make this carbon neutral?	6	Please see Design Team Comments	Please see Design Team Comments	Leed Platinum and Net Zero (carbon neutrality) are the goal.
11	Will the basketball court have lights to play at night?	6	The basketball court will continue to have lights at night	Please see DPR and Design Team comments	Lights will be shielded to not extend beyond the court area
12	What is the timeline for finalizing the plan? Who needs to approve it?	5	The plan will be reviewed with ANC 2B, with the Commission of Fine Arts and with the DC Historic Preservation Office.	Please see DPR and Design Team comments	Public review per DPR comments will continue over the next several months
13	Will the sensory landscaping be built to prevent rat infestations?	5	Yes, plants will be included that are known to repel rodents, including: mint, lavender, amaryllis, allium and daffodils.		
14	Can good public restrooms that can be accessed 24hrs a day be included?	5	24-hour restrooms are not feasible in DPR operated facilities.	Interested community members should contact the People for Fairness Coalition to learn about the Public Restroom Bill they are proposing to address this issue.	Please see DPR and FOSP comments
15	Coffee shop was not on the survey, contrary to what was said at the meeting. It may have come up as "other," but it was not available for everyone to consider.	5	We are looking into a partnership with the Jewish Community Center for shared use of a coffee cart.		
16	Fabulous! May we have coffee cart?	5	See details above.		
17	Why is the building so boxy and ugly? Can we have some attention to design and massing?	5	We have received many positive comments on the aesthetic of the proposed design and, as always, not everyone will agree on one aesthetic.		It is early in the design process and the focus has been on massing and access. As the process moves forward there will be more focus on the design of the exterior.
18	Any desire to landscape with native plant species?	4	Yes, this is a DPR requirement.		This is our objective
19	While the work is taking place, will there still be access to the field?	4	Yes, the intent is to keep the field open as long as possible.		We believe the field can be remain open throughout the construction process
20	Could the basketball court be enclosed seasonally? Like with large garage doors that are lifted during nice weather?	4	This is being considered as part of the design.		This will be considered
21	Will there be seating on either roof?	4	The intended uses of this space need to be determined but seating is possible.		This will be considered
22	Why Is there a demonstration kitchen when it was so low on the list in the survey. Who is pushing this?	4	This is a priority area for DPR.	A kitchen shall be included in the project but it may not necessarily be a demonstration kitchen. It could be a warming or catering kitchen for events.	Additional discussion with DPR Staff to occur on this matter.
23	have you spoken to people who actually play basketball how they feel about the solar panels. I bet they did not do your survey.	4	We have actually received positive feedback from those who use the basketball court as the solar panels will allow for play during inclement weather. There should be no negative impact from the use of solar panels.		We would welcome even more feedback from the users of the basketball court on this and other issues.

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24	Are there any examples of a covered basketball court being actively used?	3	No, this would be DPR's first outdoor covered basketball court.		
25	Is there a concern about glass windows being located behind one of the basketball hoops?	3	Yes, the windows will be designed in such a way to minimize the possibility of any glass breaking.		
26	Are the picnic areas behind the rec center being removed? The area in front of the rec center is far too noisy.	3	This is being considered as part of the design.	FOSP has received numerous complaints about this area.	There may be enough space for tables between the center portion building and the field. This will be considered
27	Where will the mechanical equipment go on the roof? Are we overstating the amount of garden/green roof space?	3	Please see Design Team Comments		The geothermal wells will be located under the building. Aside from exhaust fans there should not be any equipment on the roof.
28	How many staff will be needed to supervise this enormous space. Where will they be based in the building	3	Staffing for the new facility will be determined near completion of the project and will be based on the size and programmatic offerings of the facility.		
29	Can you not put the adult exercise area out the back. Make the building smaller and this can fit.	3	We can accommodate having adult exercise equipment without making the building smaller. Designs will be presented to the community in upcoming meetings for feedback.		
30	How long will construction take and will you put a limit on the hours? What will you do to mitigate the impact on neighbors of Stead Park?	3	We believe the construction work will take approximately 12 months, weather permitting. Work will not begin before 7am and we will work with the General Contractor on strategic ideas for mitigating the impact of construction on the community.		Construction work in DC is limited by law to 7:00 am to 7:00 pm, Monday -Saturday. It is unlikely that there will be much work on Saturdays.
31	Would it be possible to have adult pick-up and drop-off for Library services for Dupont?	3	This is a DPR facility and not a DCPL facility. No funding from DCPL is available.	Creating a book nook, Little Free Library and other models are being explored.	The interior designer shall investigate possibilities.
32	How is feedback from these meetings being collected and used?	2	All notes and feedback from the community (including the survey) is being consolidated and will be placed on the project website. The consolidated data will also be driving the final design of the new facility.		
33	What are the demographics of current park use -- numbers of users of which services and which facilities, when do they use them, what are their ages, etc.	2	Please see the Survey Results on the project website.		
34	What additional programs beyond the current offerings are available to Stead from DPR?	2	DPR can provide a list of its current offerings to the public.		
35	How would you make the roof garden safe for children -- so they don't fall off.	2	Please see Design Team Comments		There will be a non-climbable railing approximately 42" - 48" high.
36	Can the color of the addition match or coordinate with the exterior of the old (brick) building?	2	Please see Design Team Comments		As the process moves forward there will be more focus on the design of the exterior. This will be considered.
37	Are you aware that the automatic gates don't currently work? They are constantly broken.	2	We are aware that there have been issues with the gates and will be further investigating as part of the construction process.	No, we were not aware of this issue. Thank you for letting FOSP know.	
38	Accessible public showers and restrooms	2	All public amenities will be ADA accessible.		
39	Can the rear and side addition be given more thought for its massing. They seem too big.	2	Please see Design Team Comments		The massing is respectful of the historic building and received positive feedback from the Commission of Fine Arts staff and the DC Historic Preservation Office staff
40	Can we make the entire back wall of the west addition a climbing wall?	2	Please see Design Team Comments		This will be considered
41	Will there be storage offered for sport leagues who play at Stead	2	This is being considered as part of the design.		This will be considered
42	Can you make public the Terms of Reference that engaged the architect firm?	2	Please see FOSP Comments	FOSP underwent a competitive bidding process to select the architect.	
43	Any thoughts on changing from the red color on the brick? Or even removing the paint for a more reclaimed/rustic look?	2	The design team is working with the Office of Historic Preservation and the Commission of Fine Arts for feedback on the recommended color of the brick facade.		
44	Does the "overall site" wkg cmt include historic preservation and architectural concerns?	1	Please see Design Team Comments		The architect is well versed in historic preservation issues; please also see answer to no. 39 above

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45	Why does the playing field have to be closed at night?	1	Field can stay open until 9pm until lights are turned off. We limit any activities beyond this time as a courtesy to park neighbors that could suffer from light and noise pollution.		
46	can you use one of the fields for a staging area for the construction to limit the noise and disturbance on residents surrounding the park?	1	Construction work can occur between 7am-7pm. We will work with the General Contractor on strategies to minimize any construction noise and disturbance so as to limit the construction impact on the community.		The construction entrance will most likely be off of P Street in the center of the site opposite the commercial office building.
47	Is it possible to have part of the fields used for adult exercise equipment without removing benches?	1	No, this would be a safety issue as exercise equipment requires safety zones.		
48	I'm in favor of the coffee cart, if the proceeds really will benefit the homeless - medical and mental health tx, not cardboard encampments along 17th Street.	1	Department of Human Services addressed the needs of the homeless in DC.	Other nonprofit organizations and government agencies address this issue.	
49	Need senior center like services in the neighborhood. There are a lot of us oldies around and nobody pays us any attention.	1	We are actively listening and looking to add increased programming to all ages at the new facility.		
50	Let's get bleachers for spectators and for players to wait their turn on the field	1	This will be considered.		It is possible to replace some of the benches around the field with bleachers
51	What programs and services are currently available at Stead?	1	Four programs are currently offered at Stead: Tiny Tot Soccer, Chess Club, Arts & Crafts, Board Games.	Limited programming occurs in the building because it is not ADA-accessible.	
52	How will gardening space be allocated to the community?	1	The garden is intended to be used as an education and programming space.		
53	Whats the timeline to complete this? Will it be done in phases or one complete go?	0	The construction phase will likely take 9 to 12 months.		
54	Is the whole site historic or just the building?	0	The building is the only historic structure.		The small red brick building is considered an historic structure.
55	How many seats would bleachers accommodate?	0	Please see Design Team Comments		Bleachers with three seat levels may be possible
56	When will Oct 23 presentation be available online?	0	Yes, pending.		
57	Nothing substitutes for beautiful architecture. Can the new structure behind the old extend on each end equally and even above to enhance and frame the old?	0	Please see Design Team Comments		The size of the new building is appropriate for the needs of the community. The splash park on the east side is to be retained so the addition cannot be placed there. Please see also answer to no. 39