



**Benning Stoddert Recreation Center Modernization
Project Status Meeting with ANC Commissioners
10/21/2014**

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Item No.	Project / Issue under discussion	Discussion/Action
Section A: GENERAL NOTES		
1	Communication	Moving forward, DGS Communications will use the personal emails of the ANC Commissioners for project correspondence. ANC Commissioners will address all concerns to DGS Communications; possibly with a copy to the DGS PM team.
2	Project Budget	The history of the project budget was discussed. K H and DPR reminded the group that this project will be a building modernization, as was always the intent. The project budget is \$6.2 million, including hard and soft costs. Per the ANC Commissioners, the Tennis Center adjacent to Benning Stoddert Rec committed to providing money for a new playground and exterior improvements to the Rec Center when they underwent construction. The ANC Commissioners will look for and forward any documentation from that time.
3	Program Comments	- Teen / Senior Lounge: DPR Leadership wants to ensure that this will be an intergenerational design. - May need to revisit space for a co-operative child watch / 'Tiny Tot' room depending on the demographics of the community using the Center. More research needed; input at next community meeting.
4	Existing Conditions	- Site lighting is critical. The area is poorly lit and deemed unsafe by residents of all ages. - Light pole at field is not working properly. DGS Communications will address. - Plumbing issues: Odor at certain times. - Other Facility Concerns: ANC Commissioner Settle will forward a list of urgent facility concerns to be addressed. DGS / DPR will review and advise which items will be addressed prior to building renovation.
5	Plan Comments (ANC)	- Include a portable stage for use in the gym. Also include a divider in the gym (net or partition). - Provide a public restroom near the community use rooms (possibly where the Janitor closet, etc. are shown) - Security: Will need to work through security concerns if outside access to restrooms is included. Possibly keep doors to interior locked when outside doors to restroom are open (only during off-hours). - Possibly include a staff restroom adjacent to Staff Office. - Occupancy: K H to forward current occupancy numbers to Commissioner Settles. - Eliminate existing tree at front of building. Possibly extend building toward front to capture additional space for programs (preferred by ANCs). - Provide a space for an adult game area. - Provide better acoustics than current building. - Gymnastics equipment (operational budget - will not impact this project). - Parking: Possibly extend into NPS land in front of the building. DPR to investigate who owns this property; work toward an MOU. - Playground: All ages (2-5, 5-12); accommodate special needs / autistic play; larger than shown on concept; theme (to be addressed in a future community meeting); input from children of the community.
6	Next Steps	- Next Community Meeting: Target Tuesday, November 18th. ANC Commissioner Carson-Carr to confirm. - DPR to investigate who owns property in front of the rec center. - DPR / DGS / ANCs to investigate what the Tennis Center 'owes' for this project (playground, exterior improvements) and whether additional money can be found. - K H to investigate Tennis Center occupancy; determine number of parking spaces required. - Occupancy: K H to forward current occupancy numbers to Commissioner Settles. - DPR will investigate whether there is a way for DPR programs to continue during construction.

END OF MEETING