

1. What street will the entrance of the building face?

RESPONSE: Main entrance for the facility is currently being studied and will most likely be located near the 15<sup>th</sup> and U Street intersection.

2. We may need additional traffic calming measures based on the entrance. Speed bumps were installed fairly recently but they aren't large enough to slow traffic down for individuals who may be walking to the rec/school.

RESPONSE: A traffic consultant has been obtained as part of the design team to provide a traffic assessment that will evaluate current traffic conditions and future impacts. The project team will also engage with DDOT regarding traffic calming measures.

3. Is the leadership of Ketcham supportive of this project? I remember hearing that the students raised money to have that space become an outdoor track and field

RESPONSE: DPR and DGS have been working directly with Ketcham's leadership throughout the design process. An outdoor track, playing field, and indoor basketball court are currently included in the project.

4. I appreciate the councilmember for acknowledging pets, many neighbors frequently use the current green space to exercise their pets. Where would space for pets fall into the images?

RESPONSE: Per DC Health guidelines, pets are not allowed on athletic fields, sport courts, community gardens, or playgrounds. New dog parks can be requested through an application process maintained by DPR. Although the current program does not specifically include an area for pets, community groups can submit their proposal via this DPR link:

<https://dpr.dc.gov/page/dog-parks-00>

5. Is Ketcham's current outdoor pavilion preserved?

RESPONSE: Yes, the pavilion will remain. Further development of this area, which may include modest upgrades, will be reviewed with continuing input from the Principal and school.

6. Design should encourage youth engagement.

RESPONSE: DPR is happy to work with local youth, including students at Ketcham ES, to further encourage our youth in the development of programming for this project. Space requirements based on anticipated program activities are being reviewed. The design will include flexible spaces for a variety of programs serving all ages.

7. Would there be two separate playgrounds? One for the school and the other one DPR? Seems like a lot of playground equipment.

RESPONSE: Yes, the new recreation center will have a separate playground from Ketcham Elementary School.

8. Is there any plan for the alley off of 14th street next to and behind Ketcham?

RESPONSE: There are currently no plans to modify the alley way off of 14<sup>th</sup> Street. We do plan to allow pedestrian access from that location during non-school hours.

9. How will outreach be done to seniors in the neighborhood who may not have access to the meeting but have expressed interest in a senior space?

RESPONSE: We plan to have a senior focus group in the future to help further the design and programming goals for the new facility.

10. Where will there be an opportunity for the community to express what they want?

RESPONSE: An online survey was released immediately following the last community meeting to receive feedback. We will continue to engage with the community throughout the design and construction process.

11. Is there a traffic plan?

RESPONSE: The design team has obtained a traffic consultant to evaluate current traffic conditions and assess future impacts with the new facility. DDOT will be engaged for review.

12. Will Ketcham students get priority usage during the school day/after school. And if not are there additional funds to improve the school facilities indoors? Such as the multipurpose room and cafeteria.

RESPONSE: DPR will work DCPS to memorialize usage of the new facility in a way that provides safe and equitable access to all members of the community. We are currently

discussing the possibility of Ketcham usage of the gymnasium during school hours – a final determination of usage will be made as the project progresses. The project scope does not include improvements to the Ketcham Elementary School building. The outdoor classroom and garden area will receive some upgrades.

13. Since it's crucial to keep this a drug-free zone, is there a plan to address the open drug market at 16th and Good Hope before this opens?

RESPONSE: The Project Team will continue to work with the community, MPD, and other stakeholders to explore how best the new facility can enhance the surrounding neighborhood and provide a welcoming and secure destination for the public.

14. What about the short alley behind the school on both sides?

RESPONSE: The alley from 14<sup>th</sup> will have a gate to the recreation center to provide pedestrian access. The gate may be locked during some school hours.

15. There is a cut through the community uses between the school between 15th and U that many neighbors use...is that something that the school prefers to maintain?

RESPONSE: The current design includes a promenade that connects U Street to 15<sup>th</sup>. The project team is working with Ketcham ES to determine the hours the connection will be open to the public.

16. Is the team considering existing resources/spaces already available in the community? Many of the images look a lot like the Anacostia Public Library, just ~3 blocks away from the site. I would love to see new types of spaces that are not currently available.

RESPONSE: The design team will review the public spaces already available in the community in order to provide spaces not currently available.

17. Are there plans to have a section for swings for the children?

RESPONSE: Playgrounds are included in the project scope. Proposed equipment will be selected during later design phases.

18. Will there be an opportunity for parents of Ketchum scholars to also join in on these plans? What do the families want that attend Ketchum?

RESPONSE: The design team is conducting regular meetings with Ketcham ES to provide amenities for both the school and the community. The entire community, including the

parents of Ketcham scholars, are welcome to review the design plans and provide feedback.

19. This should be a safe space for the neighborhood youth to come and feel safe. We need activities that [youth] are interested in. Music studio that can double as a film studio. Possibly mentoring programs as well.

RESPONSE: The preliminary design includes 2 multi-purpose rooms and a tech lounge that will allow for flexible and innovative programming.

20. How have you incorporated at-risk youth engagement into your design thinking?

RESPONSE: At-risk youth engagement opportunities will be considered as the programming is further developed.

21. What are the security plans - night and day and during and after the project? And will that security cost be part of the 16M budget?

RESPONSE: The security plan is under development. It will include both interior and exterior security cameras, secure fencing, and lighting. The design team will be coordinating with MPD and the Protective Service Division within the Department of General Services to provide a plan that allows for 24/7 security of the site.