Congress Heights Recreation Center
Community Meeting

Virtual Meeting
Tuesday, June 23, 2020
6:30 – 8:00 PM
Welcome! Thank you for your participation.

- Please keep your microphone on mute.
- Please use the chat feature to ask questions or provide comments which will be read during the “Question Breaks”.
- The chat function is located beside your name in the Participant Panel – looks like a cloud symbol. Be sure to submit your question / comment to “Everyone” so the design team can see them.
- We’ll do the best we can to answer all questions, but if your question is not answered, DPR is tracking all questions and will create a Q/A document that will be shared after the meeting.
AGENDA

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview
   a. Questions: Break 1
3. Project Program
4. Project Site and Site Analysis
5. Project Design
   a. Evolution of Concept Design
   b. Concept Design
   c. Concept Design Renderings
6. Next Steps
7. Contact Information
8. Questions: Break 2
Congress Heights Recreation Center
DC Government Presenters

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Congress Heights Recreation Center

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Landscape Architect
This project includes:

1. Redesign and reconfiguration of the existing Congress Heights Recreation Center.
2. Construction of a new recreation center to accommodate an expanded program of interior and exterior activities.
3. Park improvements: Include installation of neighborhood requested park amenities, improved pedestrian and vehicular access, and coordination with MLK School activities.
4. Community trails and gardens.
PROJECT OVERVIEW – Site Overview

Congress Heights Recreation Center
Funding Overview:

- **Original Budget:** $18,000,000
- **Additional:** $3,000,000
- **Total Project Budget:** $21,000,000

Milestone Schedule Overview:

- **Construction Start:** Summer 2021
- **Project Completion:** Summer 2022
How We Got Here

- Updated the concept plans based on community feedback from the online survey and community meetings
  
  - Previous Community Meetings
  - March 26, 2019
  - January 23, 2020
  - February 13, 2020

- Reviewed and updated the plans based on feedback from:
  
  - DPR, DGS, DC Dept. Of Energy & Environment, Urban Forestry Division, DC Public Schools, Historic Preservation Office, Commission of Fine Arts, DC Water, and other government agencies
Questions: Break 1

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Program Includes:

• Youth football and artificial multi-purpose sports field
• Splash pad
• Walking track and nature trail
• Multi-use room
• Indoor basketball gym
• Fitness center
• Outdoor basketball court
• Bowling alley (2-lanes)
• Music room
• Community gardens
• Incubation kitchen
• Community store

Wish List:

• Full-sized football field
• Pool
• BMX pump track
• On-site equine therapy (although visits may be an alternative)
CONGRESS HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD
RECREATION CENTERS AND AMENITIES

WITHIN 1 MILE RADIUS

- INDOOR POOL
- OUTDOOR POOL
- OPPORTUNITY CENTER
- SPECIALTY TENNIS CENTER

1 CONGRESS HEIGHTS

6 FEREEBEE HOPE RECREATION & INDOOR POOL

9 MALCOLM X OPPORTUNITY CENTER

11 SE TENNIS CENTER SPECIALTY RECREATION CENTER

10 OXON RUN OUTDOOR POOL

1 MILE RADIUS
REVISED SITE PLAN CONCEPT

THE UNIQUE FEATURE OF THE PARK IS THE NATURAL EDGE LOCATED AT SOUTH OF THE PROPERTY. AS THIS AREA GET REFORESTED AND MATURES, THIS SMALL ENCLAVE HAS A POTENTIAL TO BE A NEIGHBORHOOD NATURAL REFUGE FROM THE URBAN LIFE AND A NATURALIST EDUCATIONAL TOOL FOR THE YOUNG. THE REVISED SITE LAYOUT PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING:

- Creates a stronger relationship between the new park amenities (recreation building, playground/splash park areas & trails) with the natural park edge on the south of the site.

- Provides access both vehicular and pedestrian from Alabama Avenue and Savannah Street. The new drive and pedestrian esplanade will establish a new front of the park/rec facility and enhance its presence.

- Enhances the views of the building’s community spaces to the park.

- Consolidates the building service and field emergency access to the north and adjacent to the church property service area.

- Preserves the specimen trees in the site.

CONGRESS HEIGHTS RECREATION CENTER
WASHINGTON, DC
REVISED SITE PLAN
1. ENTRY DRIVE
2. ESPALANADE
3. RECREATION BUILDING
4. PARKING (13 SPACES)
5. SERVICE/EMERGENCY DRIVE
6. PLAYGROUND (6,500 SF)
7. PLAYGROUND (5,500 SF)
8. SPLASH PARK (5,800 SF)
9. OUTDOOR COURT
10. MULTIPURPOSE FIELD
11. SOUTH WALK
12. EAST PLAZA
13. NATURE TRAIL (BOARD WALK WITH OVERLOOK)
14. FITNESS LOOP
15. PICNIC AREA
16. COMMUNITY GARDEN
17. ACCESS RAMP
18. SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS
19. EAST NEIGHBORHOOD ACCESS
20. SPECIMEN TREE (TO REMAIN)
PROJECT DESIGN – Concept Design

SITE CROSS SECTION

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PROJECT DESIGN – Concept Renderings

EAST AERIAL VIEW

MULTIPURPOSE FIELD

PLAYGROUND

SPASH PARK

OUTDOOR COURT

SERVICE

COMMUNITY GARDEN
PROJECT DESIGN – Concept Renderings

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PROJECT DESIGN – Concept Design

FLOOR PLAN

1 COMMUNITY ATRIUM
2 CONTROL DESK/ ADMIN
3 GYMNASIUM
4 FITNESS CENTER
5 ACTIVITY ROOM # 1
6 INCUBATOR KITCHEN
7 TECHNOLOGY LOUNGE
8 2-LANE BOWLING ALLEY
9 ACTIVITY ROOM # 2
10 TEEN LOUNGE
11 MUSIC ROOM
12 TOILET/LOCKERS
13 UNIVERSAL CHANGING
14 BUILDING SUPPORT
15 COMMUNITY STORE

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PROJECT DESIGN – Concept Renderings

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BOWLING ALLEY

FITNESS ROOM
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TEEN LOUNGE

GYMNASIUM

ACTIVITY ROOM # 1
1. Continue to develop concept plans based on community feedback
2. Host future community meetings
3. Begin permit process
4. Hire a contractor
Points of Contact

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**Project Website**
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