Congress Heights Recreation Center
Community Meeting

Martin Luther King Jr Elementary School
Thursday, February 13, 2020
6:30 – 8:00 PM
DPR Masterplan

HELP PLAN THE FUTURE OF DC’S PARKS AND RECREATION!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
Kick-Off Meeting
11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
Edgewood Recreation Center
300 Evarts Street, NE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18
2nd Community Meeting
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
Barry Farm Recreation Center
1230 Sumner Road, SE

TUESDAY, MARCH 24
3rd Community Meeting
6:30 PM – 8:30 PM
King Greenleaf Recreation Center
201 N Sreet, SW

SATURDAY, MARCH 28
4th Community Meeting
10:00 AM–12:00 PM
Glover Park Recreation Center
4100 Calvert Street, NW
Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Project Overview
3. Funding Overview
4. Projected Timeline
5. Demographics
6. Similar Recent Recreation Projects
7. Site Overview
8. Interactive Feedback
9. Community Engagement Process
10. Next Steps
11. Points of Contact
12. Q & A / Discussion
R. McGhee & Associates
Architect of Record

- Extensive DGS/DPR Project Experience
- Successful completion of 2014 Congress Heights Field House and site renovation project
- Recent recipient of AIA Award for DGS' Murch Elementary School Building and Site Design
- $250M in DGS/DPR projects in the past 5 years
- Multiple LEED Gold and Silver project certifications
- All projects delivered on-time and on-budget

Capitol View Library
Hughes Group Architects
Recreation Architect

- 40 years of demonstrated Recreation and Well-Being Facility design
- Locally Based National Practice, 40+ Recreation Facilities in over 17 states
- Over 2.5M SF and $850M of Recreation construction in the past 12 years
- Recipient of over a dozen Recreation Center/Facility design awards since 2010
- Innovative, functional, and energy efficient facilities that meet the desires of the clients and the cultural context.
- 10 DGS/DPR projects (including Feasibility Studies)
- Successful completion of Martin Luther King Jr. Elementary School (adjacent to Congress Heights Recreation Center)
- All projects delivered on-time and on-budget
This project includes:

1. Demolition of the existing Congress Heights Recreation Center
2. The new facility will include programmatic elements that cannot fit in the existing center
3. Park improvements.
4. Community trails and gardens
Funding Overview:

- Original Budget: $18,000,000
- Additional: $3,000,000
- Total Project Budget: $21,000,000
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Demographic Information
(1 mile walkshed)

6,701 total population
496 population under 4
888 age 65+

2,684 total households
60% family households
35% HH w/ at least 1 person < 18
21% HHs w/ at least 1 person > 65
35% HHs w/ person w/ disability
34/66 owner/renter
Edgewood Recreation Center (Ward 5)

• Opening: Summer 2019
• Budget: $17,000,000
• Square Feet: 19,000

• Spaces:
  - Full Size Gym
  - Lounge and Lobby
  - Kitchen
  - Classrooms / Multi-purpose
  - Fitness Gym
  - Rooftop Urban Farm
  - Water Feature & Playground
  - Fitness Trail and Field
  - Tennis and Basketball
Kenilworth Recreation Center (Ward 7)

- Opened: Summer 2017
- Budget: $18,000,000
- Square Feet: 35,000

- Spaces:
  - Full gymnasium
  - Fitness Room
  - Boxing Room
  - Teen Room
  - Kitchen
  - Computer Lounge
  - Senior Room
  - Pool & Poolhouse
Community Engagement Overview:

- Stakeholder Gatherings
- Defining Goals / Priorities
- Surveys (Online & Paper)
- Design Workshops
- Achieving Majority Consensus
“Bottom to Top” Exercise (25 Minutes)

“Traffic Light” Exercise (25 Minutes)

Championship Round (5 Minutes)

Conversation (25 Minutes)
Community Engagement

“Bottom to Top” Exercise:
As it is today...

What is the **single** WORST thing about Congress Heights Recreation Center and Park?
As it is today...

What is the single BEST thing about Congress Heights Recreation Center and Park?
Congress Heights Recreation Center

Project Overview – Park Access

- PLAYGROUND
- PICNIC AREAS
- BALL FIELDS
- CULTURAL CENTER
- BB COURTS
- MARSHALL SCHOOL

Map areas:

A - Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School
B - Congress Heights Recreation
C - Rehoboth Baptist Church
D - Savannah St SE
"Traffic Light" Exercise: Indoor Spaces

Top Priority
“Must have, Gotta have…”

Second Priority
“Should have…”

Third Priority
“Would be nice…”

Ground Rules:
- Only one “traffic light” per community member
- Select a different picture for each of your stickers
Community Kitchen

- 1000-2000 sq ft commercial grade kitchen

- Possible shared usages
  - Teaching kitchen
    - Youth and Adult education
    - Ie. Kenilworth Rec Teaching Kitchen
  - Community events
    - DPR and community events
    - Ie. Deanwood Rec kitchen
  - Kitchen business incubator
    - Host and train local food businesses
    - Ie. Takoma Park Silver Spring (TPSS) Community Kitchen
Community Grocery Store

- **500 sq ft nonprofit grocery store**
  - Managed by local community partners

- **Possible food co-op model**
  - Community members receive discount for volunteering
  - Due to low admin costs
    - Co-ops offer healthy food at affordable rates
  - Food offered is chosen by community members
  - Prioritize locally made products
    - Ie. Glut Co-op, TPSS Food Co-op

- **Work with, not compete with, existing markets**

Fresh Food Factory
Retail Market at 1231 Good Hope Rd SE in Anacostia
500 sq ft
Community Engagement

"Traffic Light" Exercise: Indoor Spaces

#1 Top Priority
"Must have, Gotta have…"

#2 Second Priority
"Should have…”

#3 Third Priority
"Would be nice…”

Ground Rules:
- Only one “traffic light” per community member
- Select a different picture for each of your stickers
Community Engagement

**“Traffic Light” Exercise: Outdoor Spaces**

**#1 Top Priority**
*“Must have, Gotta have…”*

**#2 Second Priority**
*“Should have…”*

**#3 Third Priority**
*“Would be nice…”*

**Ground Rules:**
- Only one “traffic light” per community member
- Select a different picture for each of your stickers

(12 Minutes)
Championship Round

Single space (indoor or outdoor) that absolutely should be considered for this project

Ground Rules:

- One gold sticker each
- Select only one picture, indoor or outdoor, for your gold sticker
Next Steps

1. DGS/DPR to continue to gather stakeholder information.

2. Survey Distribution- **We need your help!**

3. DGS/DPR to schedule focus group meetings
Points of Contact

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Project Website
https://dgs.dc.gov/page/congress-heights-recreation-center-0