Congress Heights Recreation Center
Community Meeting

Virtual Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
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. Introduction
2. Project Overview
3. Project Program
4. Project Site and Site Analysis
5. Concept Design
   a. Concept Site Plan
   b. Concept Floor Plan & Layouts
   c. Concept Design Renderings
6. Next Steps
7. Contact Information
8. Questions
Congress Heights Recreation Center
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Civil Engineer

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Landscape Architect
What we have heard so far...

- Request for an indoor pool
- Incubator kitchen for small businesses
- Community garden / farm-to-table
- Multipurpose field with athletic lighting
- Safety concerns/request for increased lighting and better sight lines.
- Improved access to the Recreation Center
- Teens programming / first E-gaming center with a fully interactive simulator

Please see how these concerns have been addressed in the following presentation.
Congress Heights Recreation Center
Budget Allotments:

- $18 M - Original Budget
- $3M - Added by Council

$21 M - Previous Total
$1M - Added
$13M - Added By Council

Total Budget = $35 M

Milestone Schedule Overview:

- Construction Start: Summer 2023
- Project Completion: Fall 2024
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
    - June 23, 2020
    - February 1, 2021

- 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
Program Includes:

- Youth football and multi-purpose sports field
- Community gardens
- Outdoor Fitness Trail
- Outdoor basketball court
- Playgrounds
- Indoor Pool
- Indoor basketball gym
- Multi-use room
- E-Gaming Center with Simulator (DPR’s First)
- Fitness center
- Program Flex Room
- Incubation kitchen (DPR’s First)
- Community store (DPR’s First)
PROJECT SITE AND SITE ACCESS
CONCEPT DESIGN – Site Plan (June 23, 2020)

REVISED SITE PLAN

1. ENTRY DRIVE
2. ESPALANADE
3. RECREATION BUILDING
4. PARKING
5. SERVICE/EMERGENCY DRIVE
6. PLAYGROUND
7. PLAYGROUND
8. SPLASH PARK
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)
CONCEPT DESIGN: Site Plan

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15. SPECIMEN TREE (TO REMAIN)
CONCEPT DESIGN: Site Amenities

1. Outdoor Court
2. Community Garden
3. Recreation Center
4. Picnic Shelter

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CONCEPT DESIGN: Site Amenities

5 Multipurpose Field

6 Fitness Trail

7 Natural Park Area

Recreation Center
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CONCEPT DESIGN: Floor Plan

1. LOBBY
2. CONTROL DESK
3. COMMUNITY STORE
4. INCUBATOR KITCHEN
5. MULTIPURPOSE ROOM
6. E-GAMING CENTER
7. PROGRAM FLEX ROOM
8. FITNESS CENTER
9. INDOOR AQUATIC CENTER
10. GYMNASIUM
11. M. LOCKER ROOM/TOILETS/SHOWERS
12. W. LOCKER ROOM/TOILETS/SHOWERS
13. UNIVERSAL LOCKER ROOM
14. UNIVERSAL TOILET
15. SAFETY CENTER
16. CIRCULATION SPINE
17. POOL FILTER ROOM
18. POOL STORAGE
19. GYM STORAGE
20. MECHANICAL
21. ELECTRICAL
22. DATA/IT
23. STORAGE
24. JANITOR CLOSET

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CONCEPT DESIGN: Community Spaces

Incubator Kitchen

Multipurpose Room

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CONCEPT DESIGN: Community Spaces

Activities:
- Daily Programming
- Quarterly Tournaments
- Partner with Professional and Community Based Esports Organizations
- Potential to Collaborate with National Leagues
CONCEPT DESIGN: Community Spaces

Program Flex Room

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CONCEPT DESIGN: Gymnasium

Activities:
- Basketball
- Pickleball
- Volleyball
- Group Exercise
- Special Events

50-ft X 84-ft Court
CONCEPT DESIGN: Aquatic Center

6-Lane X 25-Yard Lap Pool

Splash Park

ADA Lift

Safety Center

6-Lane X 25-Yard Lap Pool

Splash Park

Universal Locker Room

W. Locker Room

M. Locker Room

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CONCEPT DESIGN: Aquatic Center

Play Features:
- Ground Water Geysers
- Interactive Water Sprays
- Tumble Buckets
- Small Slide

4 ft H. Fencing with Gates

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CONCEPT DESIGN: Aquatic Center

DPR Aquatics Programs Include:
- Public Lifeguard Training
- Learn to Swim for Infants, Children, Adults, and Seniors
- Swim Team Prep Program
- Summer Swim League
- Water Aerobics
- Hydro-Spin

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Next Steps

1. Continue to develop drawings based upon the current design
2. Host final presentation to the community
3. Begin permit process
4. Hire a contractor
Points of Contact

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Questions

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