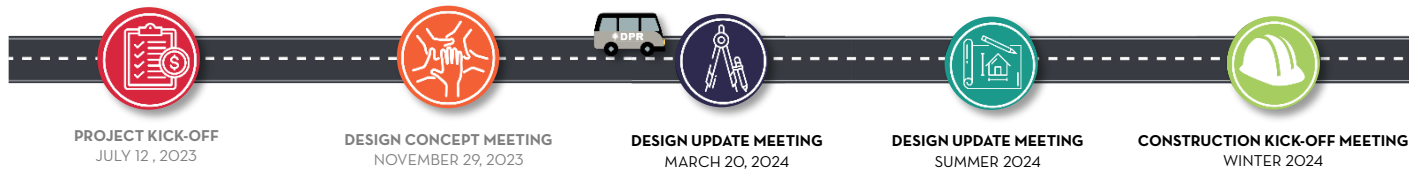


# CRUMMELL COMMUNITY CENTER

COMMUNITY MEETING Q&A  
MARCH 20, 2024

## Estimated Community Engagement Timeline:



## CONSTRUCTION

### 1. How long will the construction process take?

Due to the amount of restoration/repair work needed along with new construction and sitework, we anticipate construction to kick-off at the beginning of next year and to be completed in 2027.

### 2. Is there a rough estimate for Substantial Completion?

We will have a better estimate of the length of construction once the contractor is on board, but we estimate Substantial Completion to take place in the beginning of 2027.

### 3. Will we be able to have a groundbreaking ceremony this year?

We still need to work through the final design of the building and site components along with navigating the permitting process before we can schedule the groundbreaking ceremony. Due to these factors, the ceremony will likely take place early next year.

### 4. What's the process for bringing on a contractor?

DGS releases a Request for Proposals for DPR projects, and construction teams prepare responses to show their qualifications for the project. These include: including relevant work experience, letters of recommendation, team members, etc. We use these prepared documents to select a General Contractor and DGS works to get them under contract to officially be a part of the project team.

### 5. Will there be job opportunities for the community during construction?

Yes, there is a 35% CBE requirement, and we encourage our contractors to hire community members in close proximity to our facilities. We can have the General Contractor discuss more about these opportunities at the Construction Kick-Off meeting.

**6. Can we tour the existing building once it's safe to enter?**

Due to the condition of the building, we would need to make significant progress before we would consider hosting a tour of the school.

## DESIGN

**7. Will the amount of glazing affect the indoor temperature of the community center?**

The Community Center will be designed as a Net-Zero Ready facility. As part of this, we comply with strict energy standards to and have utilized exterior shading elements on multiple facades of the proposed addition and will be using specific glazing to minimize the solar heat gain within the building.

**8. Will there be a designated shaded area where people can sit while children are on the playground or splash pad?**

We will investigate including a shaded area adjacent to the proposed splash pad/playground to accommodate this request.

**9. Can we include netting around the multipurpose field to prevent balls from flying into the building?**

We will investigate adding these elements around the field to protect the surrounding structures.

**10. How large is the splash pad compared to other DPR facilities?**

The current splash pad is comparable to the size of the one located at Kennedy Recreation Center.

## GENERAL

**11. Where can we see the results of the initial Phase 1 Assessment?**

The initial Phase 1 testing of the soil was performed as part of the RFP. The results of this test determined that we would need a Phase 2 Assessment. We are currently going through the process to have this next assessment approved and will provide the results of the report on the project website once available.

**12. Are there concerns about future deterioration of the existing building?**

One of the first tasks for the General Contractor outlined in the RFP is to stabilize the existing Crummell School to prevent further deterioration. Due to the roof being in total disrepair, the interior of the building has suffered significant wear and water damage.

**13. Will there be job opportunities for the community at the new community center?**

Yes, we are aware that many Ivy City residents would love to work at the center once it's complete. We will discuss more about possible job opportunities at our next community meeting.

**14. Are there opportunities for a walking path through/around the site?**

Yes, there are sidewalks along the perimeter of the site as well as numerous walks that traverse through the site. We have included markers at other locations to signify the length of the walking paths and can explore incorporating this is the community is interested.

**15. When will the site go offline?**

The site will go offline after our Construction Kick-Off meeting. This will most likely occur at the beginning of next year.

**16. Will there be soccer goals on the multipurpose field?**

We can provide mobile soccer goals that can be placed on the site when needed.

## LANDSCAPING

**17. Who will be maintaining the proposed plantings/landscaping on site?**

The Urban Forestry Division of DDOT handles maintenance and upkeep of landscaping on DPR properties.

**18. Are we keeping the ivy on the façade of Crummell School?**

The ivy will be removed from the of the school since it is negatively impacting the historic brick façade. We will be repointing the brick as part of the restoration process to repair mortar loss around the facades of the building. To maintain the porous, historic brick, we will not be replacing the ivy, since it will continue to adversely impact the structure.

**19. How many years will it take for the proposed trees to reach maturity?**

It will take a few years for the trees to reach maturity. We plant trees that are around 2” because they have the best chance of long-term survival. We will continue to look at different tree species to select ones that will provide adequate canopy on the site in a decent timeframe.

**20. Are any of the proposed trees flowering trees?**

Yes, the Eastern Redbud, Southern Magnolia, Serviceberry, and Sweetbay Magnolia are flowering trees that flower at different times in the year. The proposed selection will provide a wide variety of plantings across the site. We are designing the landscape to ensure survivability and long term growth for the plantings.

**21. What is the surface material of the field?**

This site will have a synthetic turf multipurpose field.

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