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## Department of Parks and Recreation



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### Business Operations Division

Friendship Community Meeting  
Wilson Aquatic Center; 4551  
July 26, 2016  
6:30 – 8:00 pm

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#### Friendship Project Team and Presenters:

- Chris Swanson, Tompkins
- Tim Shull, Tompkins
- Jackie Stanley, DGS
- Tom Lovetere, DGS
- Brent Sisco, DPR

#### Attendees

- Dee Smith, Deputy Chief of Staff for CM Mary Cheh
- Jonathan McHugh, ANC3E05 Commissioner
- Friendship Residents

#### Meeting Notes



- Friendship Project Team presented revised playground designs based on previously received community feedback.
- Friendship Project Team advised residents that the new building has to shift ten feet to the north to ensure compliance with Army Corps of Engineer utility line easement requirements.
- Friendship Project Team advised residents that the building shift requires the removal of up to four trees. Two trees (2) must be removed due to the shifting of the building and Two (2) additional (2) trees were also recommended for removal due to major deadwood and health decline (the Project Team will work to save one of the dying trees with root pruning and other remedies – leaving three (3) trees that will be removed – pictures of the effected trees are included in community presentation.)
- Friendship Project Team noted that each of the trees were examined by both a contracted certified arborist and DDOT's Urban Forestry Department.
- Friendship Project Team advised residents that the required shift in building location will not result in any changes to the building size, layout or programmable space.
- Friendship Project Team provided an update on the above referenced arborist reports, an update on the memorial bricks, an update on the construction status of the project and an update on the project timeline moving forward.

#### Community comments

- Community requested to replace two (2) of the bucket seats with belt seats in the tot lot.
  - Community requested to see if it's possible to add more height / adventure to the climber in the 5-12 play area.
  - Community requested to add picnic tables in the park.
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- Community requested to add some simple adult fitness equipment in the park (pull up bars, dips, etc.)
- Community requested more shade on the playground and splash pad due to loss of tree shade.
- Since building is shifting 10' to the north, community asked if it is possible to do something with the space on the southern end, like expanding the deck.
- Community has requested more frequent project updates.
- ANC Commissioner Jonathan McHugh requested a copy of the SWM / Drainage plan.
- Community asked if it's possible to phase the work so that the playground could open first.
- Community requested to replace each removed tree with a tree of same species.
- Community asked if additional (new) dedicated bricks could be purchased. Brent will provide Commissioner McHugh with DPR's partnership office contact information to discuss the process for the bricks. The General Contractor will work with DPR and the project team to identify potential locations for the new (if approved) and old bricks.

#### Next Steps

- DGS Communications will distribute project updates monthly until construction begins, and then update the community bi-weekly after construction starts. Updates will be sent electronically.
- DGS/DPR to notify community when permit is received allowing construction to begin again.
- Design team to verify if "Kid Koaster" in 5-12 play area is a single or double track feature (*Note that design team has verified that the Kid Koaster is a **single track** feature*).
- The project team committed to reviewing each of the community requests.

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