

Note that answers are in blue and italics.

1. Is this meeting being recorded for those who could not attend this evening?
 - *Yes. Here's the meeting link:*
<https://dcnet.webex.com/recording/service/sites/dcnet/recording/playback/fa9f2e0f2d2e445db5a989feef94deed>
2. How do Jonquil Street residents hold accountable the operation of the soon to be open center when we see transgression?
 - *Residents are to work with Ms. Essie Bowman Settles who will be the site manager of the new facility. Ms. Bowman Settles and the leadership of the DC Department of Parks and Recreation will work to solve any problems that may arise. Ms. Bowman can be reached at (202) 340-2061 and her email address is: essie.bowman@dc.gov*
3. Will we get a copy of the presentation?
 - *Yes, a copy of the presentation has been posted to the project website:*
<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/shepherd-park-community-center>
4. Will the field adjacent to the new center be deep cleaned and updated i.e. trees trimmed, the fence repaired where needed and bushes trimmed in the far corner which are now over grown to the left of the steps that lead up to the school from the field?
 - *DPR is working with DC Department of General Services (DGS) to address the fence repairs and the overgrown bushes. The overgrowth has been submitted and the DGS Work Order number created for this issue is #654284. DPR has also submitted a 311 request to the District's Urban Forestry Division to assess the trees in this location for potential removal and pruning - the 311 service request number for this issue is # 20-00314886.*
5. What is the projects website for those who do not know please?
 - *Project Website: <https://dgs.dc.gov/page/shepherd-park-community-center>*
6. Will you have a contact person that can be reached if the alarms go off in the middle of the night again?
 - *No, if the alarms go off after business hours, please call MPD.*
7. If the fire alarm goes off again, who do we call?
 - *The fire alarm is now connected to the MPD / FEMS system. If the alarm goes off when the facility is not open, please contact MPD or 911 .*
8. So the alarms are not connected with MPD automatically?
 - *The alarms are now connected with MPD.*
9. Can the Jonquil community get a better idea when soccer groups have reserved the field so that we can brace for the increased number of people parking on the street?

- *Yes, DPR's Permit Division can provide a schedule of events to the ANC Commissioner, Mr. Stacey Lincoln, upon request.*
10. There is no enforcement of the current parking restrictions.
- *Parking enforcement for the District of Columbia residential streets is done by the DC Department of Public Works. For more information about this division of DC DPW please visit <https://dpw.dc.gov/page/parking-enforcement>*
11. Can we get street resident only parking?
- *Residential Permit Parking a jointly administered program provided by the District Departments of Transportation, Public Works, and Motor Vehicles. According to DDOT's website, below are the steps required to apply to RPP:*
 - i. *The ANC must pass a resolution indicating support for designating all or a portion of the RPP blocks within the ANC as resident-only and transmit that resolution to DDOT.*
 - ii. *The ANC identifies at least 5 sample blocks for DDOT to survey three times during weekdays between 7:00 a.m. and 8:30 p.m.*
 - iii. *Requested blocks are not required to be consecutive or adjacent to one another. The surveys must ensure that the following eligibility criteria are met:*
 1. *At least 85% of the on-street spaces are occupied at the time of the survey; and*
 2. *At least 50% of the parked vehicles are not registered in the RPP zone.*
 - *For more information, please visit: <https://ddot.dc.gov/service/residential-permit-parking>*
12. The field is used more and more by people who are not DC residents at nominal fee which encourages non-residents to use the facilities more than residents, they tend to not respect the neighborhood as much as DC residents for some reason. Can fees be increased or can there be some kind of overseer the day of events?
- *Non-residents are charged more than residents for permitted use of DPR athletic fields and those rates are currently set. There are intervals at which DPR examines its fee structure for resident and non-resident use. For additional information, please visit: www.dpr.dc.gov/page/fee-schedule or email DPRpermits@dc.gov should there be any questions or concerns.*
13. What role does the Shepherd Park Elementary School Principal play in the operation of the center during the day?
- *Shepherd ES will have full operational control over the center during the school day. The only two rooms not available to Shepherd ES are the fitness room and the small kitchenette.*
14. What about rodent control around the dumpsters as well?

- *DCPS and DPR both have contracted integrated pest management services through the Department of General Services (DGS) in coordination with the District Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). For additional information on this program, please visit: <https://doee.dc.gov/service/integrated-pest-management>*
15. When did the entrance get so big?
- *The plans and dimensions of the facility have not changed since the final plans were presented at the last community meeting before construction began on August 1, 2019. Here's a link to that presentation: <https://dgs.dc.gov/page/shepherd-park-community-meeting-presentation-august-1-2019>*
16. An aside: Which Agency is in charge of maintaining the hillside behind the school playground and along Kalmia? And why is there not a regular schedule of mowing and maintenance taking place? I have been asking for this for years. The Invasive English Ivy needs to be remediated on either side of the chain link fence. It is killing old, established trees that are hundreds of years old and extremely costly to remove, once the Ivy kills them.
- *The DC Department of General Services (DGS) is the agency responsible for mowing and maintenance. DPR is working with DGS as well as the Urban Forestry Division on these issues.*
17. I realize this is temporary but can the workers be mandated to use a mask. Most do but several do not.
- *All construction workers are required to wear masks while on the job site. The project team does their best to remind workers that masks are mandated and will continue to monitor this mandate to ensure 100% compliance.*
18. What about the traffic during the night when events are taking place? How will we know about the weekly schedule of events? We do not want people hanging out.
- *DPR facilities typically have the weekly schedule of events posted within the center. Unless the parking is residential permit parking, it is possible that visitors to the Shepherd Park Community Center will have access to street parking. For any traffic or parking violations, please contact 311.*
19. Will they walk the neighborhood and introduce themselves at some time as you have done John? They are unknowns to the community at this time?
- *This request has been forwarded to Ms. Bowman Settles and her supervisor for awareness.*
20. Who will manage the users of the field? I believe it is for DC residents.
- *The DPR Park Rangers can be notified if should issues arise. They can be contacted at (202) 441-2605.*
21. Can I walk the field with the site manager to bring her attention to it so it can be discussed and focused?

- *Sure – please reach out to the site manager to schedule a visit. Ms. Essie Bowman Settles' phone number is (202) 340-2061 and her email address is: essie.bowman@dc.gov*
22. Management of the soccer field needs to be transparent to the community.
23. How do we get street resident only parking?
- *Please see answer to Question 11.*
24. If there is an issue with a group, who do we contact in real time (day of event)?
- *For any issues regarding unpermitted events or misuse of DPR property, please contact the DPR Park Rangers at (202) 441-2605.*
25. Yes, I agree with the commissioner!
26. Yes, yes, yes!!
27. Can you please compare your field fees with the ones charged my Montgomery County?
I believe the fees are significantly lower in DC which encourages Montgomery County residents to permit themselves to play in DC.
- *Please see answer to Question 12.*
28. As a concerned citizen, how do I support the enforcement, monitoring, etc. to keep this a great neighborhood for all?
- *Please call MPD in case of any illegal activity. For non-emergency issues related to parking, please call 311. For issues related to permit issues or athletic field enforcement, please contact the DPR Park Rangers at (202) 441-2605.*
29. It is generally fairly standard for organizations that get permits from DPR for events to have to agree to rule and policies of DPR such as being orderly and cleaning up the event ends.
30. Vandalism of the cars with feces was not addressed in my opinion.
31. Accountability is key.
32. Why can't the Agencies collaborate?
33. Agree with Fabienne - there needs to be a point-person. Otherwise, we are getting the runaround.
34. Can we have another zoom call 30 days after the opening of the new facility?
- *Since we're not sure when the facility will open, we can certainly monitor this request and assess at that time.*
35. Can the workers be mandated to wear masks at all times when working?
- *Please see answer to Question 17.*
36. Will there be a director of the center who can be the go to person?
- *Yes, Ms. Essie Bowman Settles will be the site manager. Her phone number is (202) 340-2061 and her email address is: essie.bowman@dc.gov*
37. One of things I will like to ask is how to get involved with the community events taking place at the Shepherd Park Recreation Center primarily related to community health, wellness, fitness, and nutrition programs and services? I founded and own a health and wellness company, Physical Perfection Incorporated and interested in offering exercise,

fitness, health, and wellness services to the community in collaboration with DPR. My contact information is as follows: Michael Bennett {Phone Number Redacted}

38. Can someone address how we get parking restrictions on this street?

- *Please see the answer to Question 11.*

39. Will we get a tour of the center prior to the grand opening?

- *DPR is working with the Executive Office of the Mayor and the DC Department of Health to see what's possible given the current restrictions in place due to Covid-19. As soon as we receive guidance back from the Executive Office of the Mayor and the DC Department of Health, we will update the ANC and Civic Association leadership.*

40. Only, the kitchen for the kids?

- *Please see the answer to Question 41 below.*

41. How will the kitchen be managed between the two organizations (DCPS and DPR)?

- *The large cooking kitchen belongs to DCPS and is not available for community or DPR use. The small kitchenette is available to DPR and the community for events.*

42. Parties are not allowed here at night correct?

- *Birthday parties and similar events are allowed by permit at DPR facilities. Please note that the facility will close at 9:00 PM.*

43. What activities will the site be used for outside of the school. We hope there will not be organized basketball leagues using the facility. We have to suffer with soccer leagues already and any others would become a nuisance. In addition to the commercial activity of the synagogues, Ethical society and field we cannot take on more in our residential neighborhood.

- *Thank you for this comment. DPR is committed to working with residents of the Shepherd Park community on programming and outdoor activities. As mentioned in our presentation, a survey will be produced for residents to provide comments and suggestions to DPR on recreational programs and activities.*

44. When are we getting the survey about Programming options? We are working with our program staff to put together a programming options survey.

- *We anticipate having that survey available in the coming weeks.*

45. What are the hours of operation for the center seven days a week please?

- *Hours of operation are being finalized between DCPS and DPR.*

46. When will the community meet Essie Bowman ?

- *A virtual meeting is forthcoming with Ms. Bowman. DPR will notify the ANC and Civic Association leadership when a date is set.*

47. How will the facility be staffed and what we Security will not onsite at all times?

- *Ms. Essie Bowman Settles will be the site manager. DPR is still working on Ms. Settle's support staff assignments. DPR is also still considering whether or not*

there will be a physical security guard on the premises but regardless, there is a security system in place that is connected directly to MPD should a security issue arise.

48. What will be the role of the center for the presidential election this year? Will it be an election location?
- *Voting will take place in the Shepherd ES Auditorium. For additional information, please visit: <https://www.dcboe.org/Voters/Where-to-Vote/Election-Day-Vote-Centers>*
49. There are a number of young children in this area and I would love to see programming geared toward that demographic.
50. Can we do a zoom call with you Essie?
- *Yes, see response from Question 46.*
51. Please close on Sundays. Everything people and buildings need a day I'd rest!
52. Will anyone answer the question about construction workers and masks?
- *Please see the answer to Question 17.*
53. I would like to see something geared towards 0-6 age group
54. So are you competing with the Shepherd Aftercare program?
- *No, DPR programming will not be competing with Shepherd ES aftercare program.*
55. I agree with Kristin we need something for younger kids. 0-6 programming would be wonderful.
56. Please consider the huge volume of families with younger children.
57. So beyond open gym, yoga, and zumba, there is nothing for tweens/teens?
- *DPR will soon send out a programming options survey for the community to help DPR determine the best programming for the new center.*
58. I I third Kristin but how would this work with the aftercare program? DPR activities will have no affect on the Shepherd ES aftercare program.
59. Why was there no community poll done to assess what kind of programming the community would like?
- *A programming options survey is forthcoming.*
60. Will security will be with Ms. Bowman?
- *Please see answer to Question 47.*
61. Boilerplate programming is not a good use of taxpayer money. This has come out at several DPR oversight hearings!
62. Will it be mailed to each house hold to make it fair?
- *DPR does not currently have the ability to generate mass mailings. We can work with the ANC Commissioner and others to hand out and collect paper surveys within the surrounding community.*

63. Before you end the call - can you please identify which agency manages the soccer field and grounds. Will Ms. Bowman be managing this as well? We need a point-person here.

- *DPR manages the soccer field and Ms. Bowman would be the first point of contact. Her contact information is listed above.*

64. We want it to be a model for the city.

65. Mr. Jones and Mr. Snowden had committed to providing a document to the community for open/closing processes regarding the field and grounds.

66. That's a good point. For example the Shepherd library had yoga in the evenings pre-COVID

67. Another call like this for the community for programming would be great for inclusiveness

68. I would say no security which means the MPD will have to be involved.

69. Hello everyone, my name is Michael Bennett, and I founded and own Physical Perfection, Incorporated a Health and Wellness company based in Washington, DC and the Shepherd Park Community. My best contact information is phone: {Phone Number Redacted}, email: {Email Redacted}, and website: www.physicalperfection.fit, I am interested in offering health, wellness, fitness, and nutrition services and programming in partnership with DPR for local community.

- *If you are interested in forming a partnership with DPR, please send your request to Jerome.Johnson3@dc.gov and tommie.jones@c.gov - they will be able to help you navigate the DPR partnership process. Thank you.*

70. Construction workers are not wearing masks and it is not being enforced which came from the Mayor. Do we need to take pictures?

- *All construction workers are required to wear masks while on the job site. The project team does their best to remind workers that masks are mandated and will continue to monitor this mandate to ensure 100% compliance.*

71. The programs offered by Physical Perfection, Incorporated will be of great benefit to the local community as a community health program with exercise, fitness, health, wellness, and nutrition as a basis to improve the health and wellness of the community residents.

72. When is the next meeting?

- *There are no future meetings scheduled at this time. We will be working to schedule a Zoom call with Ms. Bowman in the future.*

73. Sure, great job by you all. thanks again. Team work makes the dream work!

74. Thank you for taking the time to talk.

75. Parking parking parking. Who is the point for getting us resident only parking on Southside during open times?

- *Please see the answer to Question 11.*

76. Virtual tour of the new facility can be done to introduce the center?

Yes, DPR and DGS are into the feasibility of putting together a virtual tour. More information is forthcoming.

77. Let's not advertise too much as we already have and Ava folks daily on the field from Md and VA.