



# SHEPHERD PARK COMMUNITY CENTER DISCUSSION AUGUST 20, 2020



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- We’ll do the best we can to answer all questions / comments, 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



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- Introductions
- Welcome Remarks
  - Office of Ward 4 Councilmember Brandon Todd
  - ANC 4A02 Stacey Lincoln
- New Center Information
  - Lighting
  - Parking (residential and center parking)
  - Security
  - Senior programming
- Discussion around Shepherd Park Field (opening & closing procedure, future construction, etc.)
- Questions and Community Concerns

# DISTRICT EMPLOYEES ON CALL

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- **EOM**- Gabrielle Priest
- **DPR**- Brent Sisco, Tommie Jones, Marcus Coates, Otis Grandson, and Essie Bowman
- **DGS**- Cassidy Mullen, John Stokes, and Michael Etherton

# FIRE ALARM INCIDENT UPDATE

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- The fire alarm issue has been corrected.
- A faulty sprinkler sensor in the existing Elementary School was found to be causing the issues. It has been repaired.
- All other devices have been checked and are in excellent working condition.

# ONGOING ISSUES

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- **Parking** - often for extended periods of time - has been an issue ever since the children's playground/sports field opened a few years ago. It is frequently difficult to find parking any place near one's own home. We expect that this problem will expand once the Center is opened, attracting visitors from outside our area. Several residents living on our block are over 80 years old; carrying groceries will be a special burden on those citizens.
- **Response:** DPR and DGS are committed to working with its sister agency DDOT and the ANC on this issue to ascertain whether there are any additional parking solutions to further alleviate these concerns.

# ONGOING ISSUES

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- **Closing Times.** The Center is planned to be open for public use after the end of each school day and over the weekends. This means that activities will take place at night. The neighbors will inevitably hear loud talking and perhaps music from this use.
- **Response:** The recreation center will close at 9 pm and no activities take place after closure.

# ONGOING ISSUES

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- **Enforcement of Parking Regulations and Closing Times.**  
Any regulations put in place will be meaningless unless they are regularly and consistently enforced. Users of the Center need to know that their activities must be balanced against the rights of the neighbors to live harmoniously with a large facility.
- **Response:** DC DPR are committed to working with members of the Metropolitan Police Department to address any illegal activities. Residents are encouraged to contact MPD immediately when unlawful arise.



# ONGOING ISSUES

- **Rigorous Trash Prevention and Cleanup.** Several years spent picking up trash from our front yards by users of the recreation fields has left residents concerned about how much more daily cleanup will fall on our shoulders once the Center is opened. Experience before and during the construction period has demonstrated that users are thoughtless; the situation is worse because the City is inattentive to emptying trash receptacles.
- **Response:** DC DPR will work with its sister agency the DC Department of Public Works to manage trash receptacles. Organized groups of the center as part of their permit requirements are mandated to dispose of their trash at that conclusion of their event..

# ONGOING ISSUES

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- **Lighting Restrictions.** An unexpected feature of the Center's design is the huge windows that face Jonquil Street. Leaving lighting on - whether inside or outside the building - makes sleeping difficult for several houses on the block. A photo posted recently on the neighborhood listserv dramatically illustrates the size and brightness of the Center's interior lights; any exterior lighting will simply make the issue worse.
- **Response:** The new facility lights will go off **as quickly as possible** once the facility closes at 9pm. Please note, however, two downward pointed lights are on the facility for security purposes. Additionally, shades will also be installed to help with any light pollution.

# ONGOING ISSUES

- **Landscaping.** The size of the Center, sitting as it does on elevated property, is overwhelming visually. At the moment, no plantings are in place to soften the bulk of the building. Walking on the sidewalk on the south side of Jonquil Street from 16th Street to 14th Street illustrates the important role that trees and bushes can have on the streetscape. When shielded by curb trees, the Center is less imposing, but as one walks toward 14th Street, the size is overwhelming.
- **Response:** There is a plan for planting and maintaining plantings that will help decrease the visual bulk of the building and provide visual buffering.

# ONGOING ISSUES

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- **A Single Point of Contact with Authority to Act.** All of the promises and verbal commitments made with regard to the operation and maintenance of the Center will be useless unless the City provides residents with the phone number - answered 24/7 - of a person or office with authority to correct violations affecting the neighbors swiftly.
- **Resolution:** Please see the contact information sheet at the end of the presentation.

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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## **Sequencing of demobilization:**

- Construction trailer was removed on Tuesday, August 18, 2020
- Large machines are leaving on Friday, August 28, 2020
- All portable toilets will be removed by Friday, August 28, 2020
- The construction completion date is Friday, August 28, 2020
- Construction punch list items will be completed by September 18, 2020.
- Artwork will be completed by the end of September 2020.

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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School Kitchen

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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Cafeteria Serving Line

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New Multipurpose Room / Dining Area



# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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New Gymnasium

# CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

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DPR Kitchenette

# CBE & DIVERSITY INCLUSION REPORTING

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- **50%** CBE, SBE, DBE subcontractor participation (minimum 35% participation per District regulations).
- **55** District residents worked as laborers, mechanics or apprentices (25% of total workforce)
- **17** workers in zip codes 20010, 20011 and 20017
- Ward 4 Businesses
  - Washington Door and Hardware
  - Justin Company
  - Allstate Floors

# DPR SITE MANAGEMENT / OPERATION HOURS

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- DPR is pleased to partner with the Shepherd Park community to provide programming and education opportunities for all District residents. Please find information on the new Shepherd Park Community Center below.
- ***Please note that a programming survey will be distributed for feedback on desired programs.***
- Site Manager- Essie Bowman
- Site Hours of Operation (***Proposed***)
  - Monday- Friday: 6:00 PM- 9:00 PM
  - Saturday: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
  - Sunday- Closed

# Planned Program for the Shepherd Park Community Center

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Classes	Day	Time	Age
Afternoon Access (DCPS)	Monday - Friday	3:30 – 5:00 PM	6 - 11
Young Ladies on The Rise	Tuesday & Thursday	6:00 – 7:00 PM	6 - 12
Young Men Future Leaders	Monday & Wednesday	6:00 – 7:00 PM	6 - 12
Yoga	Saturday	1:00 – 2:00 PM	All Ages
Creative Arts	Wednesday & Friday	6:00 – 7:00 PM	6 - 12
Zumba	Tuesday & Thursday	7:00 – 8:00 PM	All Ages
Senior Day	Saturday	9:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Seniors
Open Gym	Monday, Wednesday, Friday	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM	All Ages

# SHEPHERD PARK FIELD

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- DPR is pleased to continue its partnership with the residents of Shepherd Park to maintain early access in accessing the open field for leisure and light exercise.
- The field will be closed for renovations this winter for a reopening in Spring 2021. The field replacement was originally scheduled to occur concurrent with the Shepherd project, but was delayed to allow for school usage.

# CONTACT INFORMATION



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