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Stead Park Recreation Center Community Meeting Overview

Meeting Details

September 23, 2017

10:30 AM – 12:30 PM

Fellowship Hall – Foundry United Methodist Church

1500 16th Street, NW

Overview of the Meeting

Approximately 30 attendees attended the first community input session on the modernization and expansion of the recreation center at Stead Park. This group was comprised of young professionals, parents, leaders from community organizations and a small business owner, among others.

Participants listened to a brief presentation by DPR and FOSP and then were able to conduct a gallery walk through where they provided feedback on the following topics: proposed design, desired programs and amenities, selection of playground equipment, and general concerns related to this project.

Key Themes

A few recurring overarching themes that surfaced during the meeting include:

- A desire for increased shaded areas
- Ability to make the roof a functional and accessible space
- Increasing rat mitigation elements into the physical design
- Desire for community space(s) designed for both children and adults

Clarification on Public Restrooms

There was some concern raised related to access to public bathrooms. PLEASE NOTE: There are public bathrooms accessible on the exterior of the carriage house off of P Street entrance between the hours of 8:00am to 8:30pm daily. These bathrooms automatically lock at 8:30pm and DGS cleans them on a daily basis. Out of an abundance of caution, DPR Staff request that adults accompany the youngest users of the park into the bathroom as they are frequented by a host of park users and others from in and around the neighborhood. Should you have an issue while using the public bathrooms, please contact the Department of General Services (DGS) at (202) 727-2800.

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Desired Amenities and Programs for the Expanded and Modernized Recreation Center

The desired programs and amenities mentioned during this session have been incorporated into the community survey DPR is distributing. Community members shall vote on their top priorities as part of the survey process and DPR officials shall reconvene the community during sessions #2 (October 23, 2017) and #3 (November 16, 2017) to discuss the findings and further refine them so as to meet the needs of the Dupont/Logan community to the largest extent possible.

Outstanding Questions DPR/DGS/DCPL

- Timeframe for construction
- Staging area for construction
- Impacts on the playing field during construction
- DGS resources that shall be dedicated to maintenance of the facility
- Interest in library/reading room for the recreation center
- Feasibility of removing concrete benches on the playing field

Next Steps

- DPR to distribute community survey (specific dates TBD).
- Community Meeting #2: October 23, 6:30pm to 8:30pm, Foundry United Methodist Church
- Community Meeting #3: TBD, Foundry United Methodist Church
- Quarterly public meetings to follow until groundbreaking in Fall 2018