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WATKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MODERNIZATION PROJECT

Community Meeting

December 9th, 2014

Agenda

- ☐ Rules of The Road
- ☐ Introductions
- ☐ Who is DGS?
- ☐ What Does DGS Do?
- ☐ What is A S.I.T.?
- ☐ Proposed Project Timeline
- ☐ Next Steps
- ☐ Questions and Answers
- ☐ Contact Information

Guidelines for a Successful Meeting

- **Respect Each Other**
- **Cellphones Silent or on Vibrate**
- **Q&A Will be Taken at the End of the Presentation**

OVERVIEW OF SITE



DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES - WHO ARE WE?

CREATED IN OCTOBER OF 2011

From functions and responsibilities of various agencies and specific operational lines related to construction, maintenance, security and portfolio management -

The Department of General Services (DGS) is charged with creating, preserving and protecting the assets that are the very foundation of the District.

**THE WORK OF DGS SUPPORTS THE LIFEBLOOD OF THE CITY,
ITS RESIDENTS AND VISITORS.**

We BUILD, MAINTAIN, MANAGE, PRESERVE and PROTECT:

- District Government Facilities
- District Educational Facilities (DCPS)
- Recreational Facilities and Grounds (DPR)
- Public Safety Facilities (FEMS/MPD/DOC)

WHAT WE DO

BUILD

- Build and/or modernize schools, recreation centers, parks, fire and MPD stations and District government office buildings

MAINTAIN

- Make repairs and replace equipment at schools, recreation centers, parks, fire and MPD stations and District government buildings
- Cut grass, shovel snow and remove trash at District facilities that we manage

MANAGE

- Lease District-owned Property
- Provide Charter Schools the opportunity to lease closed schools
- Release solicitations for companies to bid on DGS projects

WHAT WE DO (CONTINUED)

PRESERVE

- Purchase utilities for the District government
- Manage conservation of energy, water and recycling in DC facilities

PROTECT

- Secure District government building facilities and perimeters

WHAT IS A SIT?

The School Improvement Team (SIT) process is a well-thought out and proven successful method of engaging with a community's core stakeholders that serves all parties and interests in the school modernization process most effectively.

- A SIT is a small group of no more than 15 members who meet regularly as a working group to address project related topics such as:
 - The Educational Specifications,
 - Building Concepts, and
 - To advise the DGS/DCPS teams of any community concerns.

While the meetings are closed to non-members of the SIT, the information shared at SIT meeting is public information, that is posted on our DGS website.

We encourage all residents to become involved with community projects; however, we must manage our time and resources wisely. To incorporate the larger audience, we have at a minimum, quarterly Community Meetings.

HOW IS THE WATKINS PROJECT DIFFERENT?

- **The S.I.T. Process**
- **Not Combining S.I.T. & Community Meetings**
- **DGS Updates the Watkins Project Page on the DGS Website Regularly**

Watkins Project Budget

☐ Current Project Budget FY15: \$14,276,000

☐ Phased Project

- CAN Include:
 - HVAC Upgrade
 - Window Replacement
 - Improve Bathrooms
 - Improve Hallways
 - Improve Academic Space
 - Improve Kitchen Area

CO-LOCATION

❑ DCPS/DPR Co-Location – How Does It Work?

- Ed Spec
- Funding
- Hours of Use
- Leadership of Facilities

PROPOSED PROJECT TIMELINE

- ☐ **December 2014 – Architect On Board (RFP Is Already Closed)**
- ☐ **February 2015 – Concept Design Completed**
- ☐ **March 2015 – Schematic Design**
- ☐ **Spring 2015 – Design Builder On Board**
- ☐ **June 2015 – Construction Begins**
- ☐ **August 2015 – Phase 1 Construction Complete**

NEXT STEPS

Meeting Types	FY2014/2015			FY2015		
	December	January	February	March	April	May
School or Site Improvement Team (SIT)	4th	15th	19th	19th	14th	21st
Community	9th	29th		26th		
Advisory Neighborhood Commission						
Project Email Update			Email Update		Email Update	Email Update

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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