

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES



**Friendship Recreation Center/Playground
Project Update – July 2014**

Project Description: This project includes the demolition of the existing recreation center and the construction of a new single story 5,200 square feet (sf) recreation center. The new recreation center will be designed and constructed to LEED Silver or LEED Gold. The new recreation center will include a community room, warming kitchen, arts and crafts room, office, storage, co-op area and restrooms that are accessible from inside and outside the building.

The existing tot lot, basketball courts and tennis courts will be renovated and/or reconstructed to provide the following amenities: new play lot (approximately 5000 sf), new tot lot (approximately 9500 sf), new splash pad, new/play courts (tennis and basketball), new landscaping, minor lighting upgrades, new benches, trash cans, signage and walkways.

Project Status: The project is in the final procurement stages. Bids have been received from nine (9) design/build contractors and are currently being reviewed by the DGS/DPR selection committee. The committee will complete its review and make a recommendation to the DGS Director no later than July 18, 2014. Upon selection of the contractor, DGS will proceed with contract execution.

Next Steps: After the contractor is selected and under contract with DGS, the Friendship Site Improvement Team (SIT) and community will be notified by DGS. The notification will include the name of the selected contractor and more detailed information on the next phase of the project, which is finalizing the designs for the new Recreation Center. The design will be broken up into three phases: schematic design, design development and construction documents. Developing schematic designs is the next step in the project.

During the schematic design phase, the selected design team will finalize the playground layout, interior building space and selection of the playground equipment. This phase will include meetings with the Site Improvement Team (SIT) and community.

Community Outreach: A revised schedule of SIT and community meeting dates will be developed and shared with the community after the design build contractor is on-board.

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