

**ANC 3/4G October 20, 2022 Special Public Meeting
“Reimagined Civic Core”
w/District Agencies (DMPED, DPR, DCPL)**

Q&A and Chat Log

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jerry malitz 7:22 PM

Is this project 100% certain going to be a combined effort using a campus-like setting with the library and community center being worked on in a unified project?

This question has been answered live

RONALD EICHNER 7:23 PM

@DMPED: will there be community input to the RFP, especially to the design requirements and the mix of affordable

This question has been answered live

Ellen McCarthy 7:27 PM

We understand that DCPL and DPR have some fundamentally different policies -- for example, DPR requiring people to sign in, whereas the Library is generally open to all without requiring ID, sign-in, etc. How will differences such as that be resolved? Who will have the management responsibility for the building, in terms of things like setting hours, controlling reservations of meeting rooms, etc.

Richard Reyes-Gavilan (DCPL) 8:00 PM

Hey Ellen — In case we don't get to it during the meeting I've had some conversations with Director Hunter about this. We will need to hammer out how to reconcile our policies if for example we are sharing a community room or something similar. Looking forward to making it easy and seamless for community to use both facilities in the same way. That's the goal at least.

Jeffrey Norman 7:47 PM

It seems likely that both the Community Center and the Library will be torn down and rebuilt, regardless of whether they are stand alone or integrated with the housing. Both of them serve the community now. Do you or will you have plans to serve the community and the library with services during the time after the 2 older buildings are closed and before the new buildings are opened? How long do you expect that the community will be totally without community or library services at that site? And where will the substitute community or library be located?

Richard Reyes-Gavilan (DCPL) 8:09 PM

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Hi Jeffrey — It's early for us to tell you how we will approach interim library services. In some cases we can find a storefront. For example, when we closed Cleveland Park we found a tiny storefront in Van Ness at UDC. In other instances we work with partners in the community to deliver library services more creatively. The interim services are funded from the project itself — there's no separate budget — so we need to keep in mind that however much we invest in an interim facility we cannot invest in the actual project.

Michele Wolin 7:51 PM

The Racism Task Force housing report does not reflect public input! You did not get input from the public in creating that, other than your task force. You had an ANC meeting announcing the report which had a significant amount of unhappiness from the community with what you were proposing. To say that you've done your duty to get public input with respect to that task force report is disingenuous at best. Putting it on your website does not make it public, nor indicate that the public has had sufficient input. Here we go again with this ANC.

This question has been answered live

Jeffrey Norman 7:51 PM

By the way, the Chat on my screen is shown in writing to be disabled. So I can't put anything in the Chat unless the questions posed under Question and Answer automatically go in the Chat? Jeff Norman, former ANC Commissioner

This question has been answered live

Priscilla Wallace 7:57 PM

Parking is a major concern because when going to CCCC or the library there is very little parking now not to think of with housing added!

This question has been answered live

RONALD EICHNER 7:58 PM

Mr Caldwell, excuse me

Charles Cadwell ANC 3/4G-07 8:01 PM

Private answer

I've been called worse. Happy to be confused w John.

Joan Countryman 7:58 PM

Will there any preservation of green space require?

This question has been answered live

Michele Wolin 8:04 PM

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I hope there will be consideration of not necessarily putting the library right next to the sidewalk. Right now, there are two mature oak trees between the sidewalk and the library, and green space. Although some want the "urban" look with the building up to the sidewalk, I think there is value in maintaining the green space buffer and the trees, which have enormous environmental benefits (immense carbon capture, cleaning pollutants from the air, absorbing groundwater) and provide much-needed shade in the summer. I would also think that, with housing on the site, it will be much more pleasant for those living there to have a buffer from the street. I'd much rather see a tree outside my window than Connecticut Avenue traffic, and have shade, birds, etc.

This question has been answered live

RONALD EICHNER 7:50 PM

@DMPED: what will be included in the RFP in terms of design guidelines, etc and how will the SAP guidelines be incorporated if the zoning changes have not yet been put into effect?

Lisa Gore, ANC 3/4G-01 is typing an answer...

Karin Perkins 7:51 PM

Are the specifics of surplussing different if the housing is in a stand-alone building on the site versus floors on top of public-use buildings?

jerry malitz 7:53 PM

3 of the current 7 ANC Commissioners are retiring and another is in a competitive race. so, as many as 4 new commissioners who have not been part of any of this discussion will be serving come jan 1. Which commission will have input into the development of the rfp?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

Michele Wolin 8:05 PM

My chat is still disabled.

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

RONALD EICHNER 8:10 PM

@DMPED: please clarify that when you refer to 'private' developers, that might mean for-profit market rate and it might mean non-profit affordable housing developers or both.

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

jerry malitz 8:20 PM

given the ddot project with conn ave and concerns people have about parking can underground public parking be included in the rfp for this project?

Randy Speck is going to answer this question live.

jerry malitz 8:23 PM
whats thwe answer

Chat Log

20:01:11 From Lisa Gore, ANC 3/4G-01 to Everyone:
All, the chat was just fixed to all general comments. Thanks,

20:06:51 From Randy Speck to Everyone:
I think I've fixed the chat.

20:07:16 From Michele Wolin to Everyone:
Please remember how completely unsatisfactory OP's so-called outreach to the community was with the SAP.

20:12:17 From Michele Wolin to Everyone:
There were complaints on the Cleveland Park listserv about there not being enough books in their new library.

20:18:23 From Lisa Gore, ANC 3/4G-01 to Everyone:
Please read the letter here: <https://anc3g.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/Civic-Core-Proposal-Ward3Vision-WIN-Coalition-for-Smarter-Growth.pdf>

20:21:52 From RONALD EICHNER to Everyone:
I am concerned that DMPED is not serious about including community desires up front before the competitors do their design work. We need to find ways to be pro-actie, not just reactive to the submissions

20:22:09 From Michele Wolin to Everyone:
Those groups (Ward3 Vision, CSG, WIN) are not the ANC, nor do they represent the rest of the community. So already, before the rest of the public has any input, there's lobbying going on. You (the ANC) have never asked the community how they feel about the mix of affordable housing, either; the ANC has decided that one their own. The one survey that touched on it, the old one regarding the Community Center, did not indicate that the community's vision necessarily aligned with yours.

20:31:03 From Barbara Kraft to Everyone:
Lisa, thank you for sharing the W3V/WIN/CSG proposal. I work closely with Jamie Butler and the WIN Ward 3 & upper NW congregations that co-wrote it. Jamie and I will be happy to answer questions about it and its development at the appropriate point. Barbara Kraft

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20:31:37 From Connie K. N. Chang, ANC 3/4G-05 to Everyone:

Michele, there are local organizations that work on their mission, who work on their members' interests, and who want to share what they think just like you are here in the public meetings sharing what you think. We do listen. We have public meetings where those who attend share their concerns, we have constituents tell us what [they] think, we organized ANC 3/4G hosted information exchange series webinars where speakers and others directly said they wanted to see much more affordable housing and what better place than District owned land?

20:33:24 From Michele Wolin to Everyone:

Those information exchanges were not to solicit public input, and no one thought of them as such. They were mostly on intricacies of providing affordable housing, so of course those participating wanted affordable housing and were focused on that. They were also very poorly attended, from what I saw. .

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