



ANC 3/4G Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee

To: Commissioners, ANC 3/4G

From: Members, Racial and Social Equity Standing Committee

Date: January 23, 2023

Re: Recommendation on the Chevy Chase Civic Core Site

In preparation for the redevelopment of the Chevy Chase Community Center and Library (Civic Core Site), the Chevy Chase Racial and Social Equity (RASE) Standing Committee would like to contribute information to the community. RASE is excited about prospects for greater utilization of the Civic Core space and believes it can play a central role in enriching our community by furthering diversity, equity and inclusion in our neighborhood.

RASE is working to advance items that were proposed by the ANC in its Resolution on the Comprehensive Plan and approved on February 10, 2020, as well as items recommended by the Task Force on Racism in its Work Report presented on November 12, 2020 and subsequently approved by the ANC.

As the surplus process for the Civic Core moves forward, it is essential that time and attention be given in order for DMPED and the ANC to engage the community. We feel that it would benefit our committee to study:

- 1) opportunities for maximizing affordable housing at the site;
- 2) opportunities for Black homeownership; and

3) opportunities for minority participation in development.

Recommendation:

At this time, RASE is not taking a position on the surplussing of the site. However, we are recommending that the ANC urge DMPED to create a more robust community engagement process. This would support our efforts in studying ways to ensure that affordable housing on the civic core site provides opportunities for minority homeownership, development participation, and rental opportunities.