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ANC 3/4G Resolution
Concerning DMPED Proposed Chevy Chase Civic Core
Community Disposition Meeting
September 23, 2024

WHEREAS:

1. The Commission has sought to actively collaborate with both the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development (DMPED) and the Office of Planning (OP) and, in doing so, to emphasize the importance of robust community input early in the Chevy Chase Civic Core redevelopment process.
2. The Commission has participated in extensive engagement efforts, submitting testimony and adopting resolutions that advocate for increased public involvement.
3. On January 23, 2023, the ANC called for DMPED to engage the community meaningfully before surplussing the civic core site.
4. On May 8, 2023, a subsequent resolution expressed frustration over the lack of public engagement regarding the Chevy Chase Civic Core redevelopment.

5. Recent updates from DMPED at the ANC's September 9, 2024 Regular Public Meeting, highlighted plans for a community Disposition meeting, but the ANC urges greater access and transparency.
6. ANC 3/4G recognizes that the recent discussion was only preliminary; however, we strongly urge DMPED to prioritize community engagement in the developer selection process. It is crucial that community members have direct access to development teams and project materials to fully understand the implications of these decisions. We are deeply concerned that without extended engagement, the community's preferences and needs may be overlooked, jeopardizing the success of the civic core project. We reiterate the necessity for robust interaction and transparent communication throughout this process to ensure that community voices are heard and valued.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

1. ANC 3/4G calls on DMPED to prioritize thorough community engagement regarding the Disposition process. The ANC emphasizes that communication initiatives should not be limited in scope; they should provide comprehensive information and opportunities for feedback, allowing the community to fully understand the implications and details of the Disposition process and the development proposals.
2. As part of its prioritization, the ANC calls on DMPED to ensure that the Commission and the community has adequate time to receive, digest and respond to development proposals. The ANC will have more to say in the future about what it considers adequate.
3. The ANC strongly urges DMPED to fully fund the necessary tools and resources to facilitate these extensive community engagement initiatives, ensuring there is clear prior notice of events and that all voices are heard and considered.
4. Prior to selecting a developer, DMPED should host multiple community meetings in various formats, such as in-person, hybrid, and Zoom, at different

times, with development teams and the community to discuss proposals and gather community insights, fostering a collaborative approach aligned with best practices in urban development. The ANC strongly encourages developers to provide extensive, easy-to-understand visual presentations, including use of ArcGIS software, to allow viewers to understand the scale and look of the proposed development from various vantage points, including Connecticut Avenue, McKinley Street and Northampton Street, as well as from the proposed open spaces. This approach will ensure broader participation and input.

5. DMPED must immediately provide a timeline for any additional presentations and the community Disposition meeting(s) to allow sufficient preparation. The Commission has three remaining meetings for 2024.¹ Thus, advance notice is crucial to the Commission's schedule and ability to be prepared.
6. DMPED should collaborate with the ANC to determine the appropriate format and number of development team meetings, ensuring community members and the ANC can evaluate development team responses thoroughly.
7. The community should have multiple opportunities to ask questions and give feedback on presentations before DMPED selects its development team. Residents who oppose all development options presented should have a clearly delineated means of registering their views.
8. Development team responses must be publicly posted promptly, and DMPED should establish a public feedback mechanism to facilitate community input to on each proposal².

¹ Remaining Commission meetings for 2024: October 21st; November 25th; and December 9th.

² For the [Parcel42](#) project, DMPED provided members of the public online access to presentations and an online forum where community members could ask additional questions and submit comments.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED

1. That the Commission understands the Civic Core redevelopment is an issue of importance to the entire ANC. Thus, the Commission urges DMPED to include all seven (7) Commissioners on all communications pertaining to these issues, including this resolution.
2. The Commission designates the Commission Chair, Lisa R. Gore, ANC 3/4G-01, Commissioner Peter Lynch, ANC 3/4G-05, and Commissioner Peter Gosselin, ANC 3/4G-06 to represent the Commission in all matters relating to this resolution.

APPROVED at a regular public meeting notice of which was properly given, and at which a quorum of four (4) of seven (7) members was present on September 23, 2024, by a vote of 6 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.



Lisa R. Gore, Chair



Peter Gosselin, Vice Chair