Short-term Family Housing in Ward 1
2500 14th Street, NW

Advisory Team Launch Meeting
March 28, 2018
Meeting Objectives

• Share background on the Homeward DC Plan and Short-term Family Housing

• Learn about the roles and responsibilities of the Advisory Team

• Share information about the Ward 1 project site
Agenda

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Ward 1 Advisory Team Members

**Co-Chairs**
- Kristy Greenwalt, Director, Interagency Council on Homelessness, EOM
- Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner, ANC 1B

**Community, ANC and Council Representatives**
- Jessica Smith (1B07)
- Joshua Mater (1B08)
- Erica Wissolik (Community representative)
- Jessica Venegas (Community representative)
- Yuri Blazar (Aria Development)

**Ward Councilmember**
- Councilmember Nadeau or designee
- Sara Akbar (Community representative)
- Ethan Ngo (Community representative)

**School Representative**
- Ivelina Benitez

**Homeless Services Stakeholders**
- Ivelina Benitez (LAYC)
- Tim Fretz (N Street Village)

**DC Executive Government Representatives**
- Department of General Services, Project Manager (Brian Butler)
- Department of Human Services (Darrell Cason)
- Department of Parks and Recreation (Nick Kushner)
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Making Homelessness Rare, Brief & Nonrecurring

Prevent homelessness by providing robust services

Offer safe and dignified short-term housing to people who experience homelessness

Help people transition into housing ASAP
Homeward DC: Strategic Plan 2015-2020

Vision: By 2020, homelessness in the District will be a rare, brief, and non-recurring experience.

Objectives:
1. Develop a more effective crisis response system
2. Increase the supply of affordable and supportive housing
3. Remove barriers to affordable and supportive housing
4. Increase the economic security of households in our system
5. Increase prevention efforts to stabilize households before housing loss occurs

Replacing DC General with smaller, more dignified Short-term Family Housing sites is a critical part of the homeless system reform underway in the District. For more information: [http://ich.dc.gov/](http://ich.dc.gov/)
## Current State with DC General

- **Far Too Big and Institutional:**
  - Old Hospital that houses 260 families each night, 50 plus families on each floor

- **Poor Conditions:**
  - Old, outdated building that is beyond its useful life

- **Inadequate Programming Space:**
  - Not enough space for children and families to receive needed services

- **The Wrong Environment that can be a Barrier to Better Outcomes**
  - Large, institutional setting dilutes effective service delivery is not the right environment for families

## Future State with Short-term Family Housing

- **Small, Residential Setting**
  - No more than 50 families per site

- **New, Dignified and Modern**
  - New, beautiful facilities, designed specifically to meet the needs of families

- **Programming Space**
  - Designed to provide children and families with the supports and services they need.

- **A Supportive Environment that Helps Families Achieve Stable Housing, Quickly**
  - Warm, residential setting that supports families quickly through the immediate crisis of homelessness back to more stability in housing.
Short-term Family Housing Services & Supports

Wrap-around Services
- Connections to permanent housing programs
- Housing search assistance
- Case management
- Early childhood screenings & school liaisons
- Education, training, & employment services
- Health care
- Financial & budget management counseling

Partnerships with Community Service Organizations
- Health & wellness
- Mentoring & tutoring
- Programming & activities for children

24 Hour Staffing & Security
# Short-term Family Housing Units by Ward

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<td>2500 14th Street, NW</td>
<td>35</td>
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<td>2</td>
<td>810 Fifth Street, NW</td>
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<td>The Patricia Handy Place for Women opened in early 2016, and serves more than 200 women per night.</td>
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### Purpose of the Advisory Team

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<td>1. Gather feedback from neighbors and constituent groups, and disseminate information to neighbors and constituent groups.</td>
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<td>2. Review and provide input into project exterior design and landscaping.</td>
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<td>3. Provide feedback related to quality of life during construction, and work with the District to develop Construction Management Guidelines for the project.</td>
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<td>4. Work with the partners to develop a Good Neighbor Agreement.</td>
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**In Scope**
- Gathering input and providing feedback on exterior design, construction processes, and how the program operates in the community
- Assisting with engaging neighbors and residents about the project

**Out of Scope**
- Interior building design and programming requirements relating to Short-Term Family Housing.
- Legislative or judicial processes relating to the Short-Term Family Housing.
How Does the Advisory Team Help?

Advisory Team members contribute to the success of the project by:

• Attending monthly Advisory Team meetings
• Reviewing written updates and project documents
• Sharing input on community preferences and concerns
• Sharing updates with community members over email, list serves, and at community meetings as the project progresses
• Collecting feedback from neighbors about the project and sharing with District officials
• Providing expertise about how to engage Ward 1 community organizations and residents during and after construction
## Advisory Team Milestones

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<td>Provide input on facility design</td>
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Site Selection Criteria

• Enough units to close DC General Family Shelter and meet the legislative mandate of 121 apartment-style units
• District owned property
• Roughly 30,000 square feet
• Residential Setting
• Access to services and transportation
• Economically feasible
• 24-30 month development timeline
Ward 1 Site Plan
Short-term Family Housing
2500 14th Street, NW

• 35 Apartment Style **Short-term Family Housing Units** and associated services

• 15 Apartment Style **Senior Permanent Supportive Housing Units** and associated services

• Improvements at the **Rita Bright Family and Youth Center**

• **Feasibility Study** outlining potential master planning for the site
Preliminary Artist’s Impression / Massing Diagram
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# Ward 1 Short-term Family Housing Projected Milestones

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<td><strong>Feasibility study begins</strong></td>
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<td>• Outline building/construction options for the site</td>
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<td>• Outline parking options during construction and final design</td>
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<td>• Outline potential upgrades to Rita Bright Community Center</td>
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<td><strong>Legislative Process</strong></td>
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<td>• Passed as emergency on December 19, 2017</td>
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<td>• Passed as temporary on January 6, 2018</td>
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<td>• Permanent legislation under Council review</td>
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<td><strong>Design Build Procurement</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Foundation to Grade Permit Approval</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Building Permit Approval</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Start Construction</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Substantial Completion</strong></td>
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Community Engagement

Engagement to date

- **December 7th**: Mayor Bowser announced Ward 1 site selection
- **December 7th**: Presentation made at ANC 1B Monthly Meeting
- **December 7th**: ANC 1B unanimously approved resolution in support of the Short-term Family Housing program at 2500 14th St NW
- **December 8th**: Meeting with Rita Bright leadership
- **December 14th**: Presentation made at ANC 1B public committee meeting
- **January 13th**: Meeting with the Rita Bright leadership
- **January 18th**: Town Hall held with ANC 1B, Councilmember’s Office, and District agencies
- **March 12th**: Advisory Team is formed
- **March 28th**: Advisory Team launch meeting
Next Steps for the Advisory Team

Monthly Advisory Team Meetings

Over the next few months, our monthly meetings will cover:

- The results of the feasibility study on the Ward 1 site
- Updates on the status of the RFP for a design/build team
- Presentation by the design/build team on the site
Community Engagement

Engagement moving forward

• Monthly Advisory Team meetings
• Updates to Homeward DC website: mayor.dc.gov/HomewardDC
• Notification to ANC 1B around project milestones

Questions for the Advisory Team

• How do your neighbors share information?
• How should the District share project updates with the community?
A FRESH START TO ENDING FAMILY HOMELESSNESS

Questions & Discussion
Contact

Visit [mayor.dc.gov/HomewardDC](http://mayor.dc.gov/HomewardDC) for more information about the Ward 1 site and Short-term Family Housing.

Questions? Email [dmhhs@dc.gov](mailto:dmhhs@dc.gov).