

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
Executive Office of Mayor Muriel Bowser



Office of the Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services

**Ward 8 Advisory Team Meeting**

July 23, 2018  
7:00pm – 8:30pm

**AGENDA**

1. Welcome
2. Construction progress updates
3. Service provider RFP
4. Good Neighbor Agreement
5. Future meetings and communication

**MINUTES**

**1. Welcome**

Director Rahman Branch led introductions and shared that the purpose of the meeting is to share an update on the construction process, provide an update on the service provider RFP, and discuss future meetings where the service provider for this program will be introduced.

**2. Construction progress update**

DGS Project Manager Marcus Brummer shared updates on the construction progress on site, and thanked the team for their cooperation and support throughout the construction process. He shared that the last construction module will be delivered on July 31<sup>st</sup>. Beginning this week, their delivery schedule will step up to 5 modular deliveries per day, but the process should continue to move efficiently on the block and on the site. Marcus shared that the team has strived to minimize the traffic impacts during delivery by keeping deliveries limited to one side of the street.

The exterior sheathing of the building is being installed, and the exterior façade and brick masonry are coming along on the side of the building. On the inside of the building, elevator shaft walls are being installed.

Over the next few months, modular units will continue to be delivered. Then mechanical fits will commence, and the roof will be installed. DGS shared a list of the projected construction activities for August, September, and October.

DGS also shared an update on community engagement on the construction progress. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, there will be a sidewalk talk at 6:30pm so that community members can come ask the project managers questions about the site and can see a preview of the site.

DGS also shared that the agency applied for an afterhours work permit to allow for additional construction. Letters were delivered to neighbors in a two block radius of the site with information about this timeline. DGS is working with their contractors to ensure that construction activities are sequenced to ensure that noisier construction activities take place earlier in the day.

Question: Will there be a wall or barrier between Southeast Children’s Fund’s building and the Short-term Family Housing building?

Answer: There will be a fence installed around the perimeter of the building.

Question: What will this fence look like?

Answer: DGS will share images of the fence with the Advisory Team. It is a decorative fence made out of wrought iron.

Question: Is Hendley Elementary School receiving abatement to prevent rodent or pests during construction?

Answer: Director Gillis shared that as teachers return at the end of the summer, if they are seeing evidence of increased activity, DGS will take care of abatement.

Question: If families are using rapid re-housing, could they be cycled back through the homeless services system?

Answer: DHS has recently begun paying the entire subsidy for the first year of rapid rehousing, and we anticipate that this change will do even more to support families as they exit homelessness. DHS is also stepping up their monitoring of case management to ensure that families receive the wrap around support they need to be self-sufficient.

### **3. Service provider RFP**

Director Branch shared that the Office of Contracting and Procurement is finalizing their selection of a qualified provider for the site, and a provider will be announced soon.

Question: What coordination has there been with public schools?

Answer: There has been significant coordination between DHS and DCPS to plan for this transition, and DHS can connect offline with Hendley Elementary School if there are additional questions.

#### **4. Good Neighbor Agreement**

DHS shared an update on the GNA. DHS's General Counsel has reviewed the draft, and provided some non-substantive to the language. The service provider that is selected will have 30 days after their contract award to finalize the language of the GNA, and this will be the final period of review. During that period, that version of the GNA will be posted on the DHS website so that the Advisory Team can review the language. The most recent draft of the GNA was shared, which includes the feedback previously received by the Advisory Team.

#### **5. Future meetings and communication**

DMHHS shared that the next Advisory Team meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 20<sup>th</sup> when the Advisory Team will have the opportunity to meet the new service provider, and share ideas about how to welcome families into the Short-term Family Housing program and into the community.

Commissioner Henderson closed the meeting by sharing her appreciation for the work that the District is doing to share information.