



Short-term Family Housing in Ward 1

Town Hall Forum Meeting Summary

January 18th, 2018

On January 18th, 2018, ANC 1B, the Mayor's Office, the Department of General Services (DGS), the Department of Human Services (DHS), and Councilmember Nadeau's office hosted a community Town Hall to discuss the plan to develop a Short-term Family Housing program at 14th St NW and Clifton St NW.

AGENDA

The Town Hall agenda is below. For details on this presentation, please find the slide deck available at mayor.dc.gov/HomewardDC.

- Welcome and Remarks
 - James Turner, Chairman, ANC 1B
 - Brianne K. Nadeau, Ward 1 Councilmember
 - Jennifer Bristol, Commissioner, ANC 1B06
- Setting the Stage: The Homeward DC Plan and the Role of Short-term Family Housing
- Short-term Family Housing Program Operations and Services
- Ward 1 Site Plan
- Community Engagement Process
- Questions and Discussion
- Adjournment

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

Community feedback has been provided to the District from residents who were present at the Town Hall and in subsequent written communication from community members.

- The planned development for the 14th St NW and Clifton St NW site should be designed with the Rita Bright Family and Youth Center, which is located next door, in mind.
- Neighbors expressed concerns that operations at Rita Bright could be impacted during construction or by the operation of the Short-term Family Housing program next door.

- The Rita Bright Family and Youth Center is an extremely valued community asset which should be preserved and improved.
- Improvements to the Rita Bright Recreation Center campus are welcome, but must reflect community feedback and priorities.
- Neighbors expressed concerns about the individuals who will be served in the housing programs at 14th St NW and Clifton St NW.
- Prioritizing safety and security on the 14th St NW and Clifton St NW site are important to many community members.
- Many neighbors support increasing the socio-economic diversity of the neighborhood, and support developing more affordable housing.
- Neighbors support the plan to close the DC General Family Shelter, and support Ward 1 playing its part in ending homelessness across the District.
- Residents and neighbors would like more details about how the District selected the 14th St NW and Clifton St NW site for Short-term Family Housing.
- The District should maximize the proximity to public transit options when planning for how to serve residents in Short-term Family Housing.

COMMUNITY QUESTIONS

Questions raised by community members can be found below. For answers to these and additional questions, please find an FAQ about the Ward 1 site at mayor.dc.gov/HomewardDC.

- Who will be served in Short-term Family Housing? What will our new neighbors be like?
- What other sites were considered for this project? How did the District select the 14th St NW and Clifton St NW parcel for development?
- What types of services will be available inside this program?
- What types of safety and security measures will be put in place once the site is operational?
- How will development at 14th St NW and Clifton St NW impact the Rita Bright Family and Youth Center? Will the Rita Bright Family and Youth Center close during construction?
- What new improvements will the District be making to the Rita Bright Recreation Center? How can community members provide feedback on what types of improvements they want to see?