Takoma Junction Community Consultation Advisory Committee Kickoff:

Hydrangea Room at the Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park, MD
August 22, 2016
**Purpose & Scope**

- Clarify with NDC the aspects of the project’s program and design for which community input is important for the project outcome.
- Identify the best means for community members to engage in the development process.
- Determine the details of meetings needed to ensure sufficient opportunity for community input such as number and frequency of meetings, locations, times, format.
- Assist with promotion and outreach regarding meetings.
- Provide opportunities for on-line community feedback for community members who are unable to attend meetings.
Members

- Tony Camilli - Ward 1
- Shera Higgs Thompson - Ward 2
- Deepak Marwah - Ward 2
- Laura Barclay - Ward 3
- Vineda Myers - Ward 4
- Amee Bearne - Ward 5
- Talisha Searcy - Ward 6
Meeting Locations & Times - Advisory Committee

Location

Takoma Park Community Center
Sam Abbott Citizens’ Center
7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

Time

Mondays at 7:30PM
Proposed Schedule of Community Meetings

● 4 meetings
● Starting in early October
● Every 2-3 weeks
● Days
● Times
● Locations

Definition

Community Planning = ‘Planning carried out with the active participation of the end users. Similarly community architecture, community design and so on.’

(Community Planning Handbook, 2000)
Where are we in the development process?

**Development Agreement & Ground Lease**
- City and NDC have signed Agreements

**Letter of Intent with TPSS Co-op**
- Identify Issues
- Find Congruence and Solve Issues
- Sign Agreement

**Community Consultation & Preliminary Site Planning**
- Finalize Process
- Community Advisory Committee Kickoff
- Community Consultation - Four Events
- Zoning, Architecture & Engineering
- Submit Preliminary Site Plan to City
- Real Estate Due Diligence
Project Milestones

10/2016 - 11/2016
Community Consultation Process

10/2016 - 1/2017
Entitlement Process with Mo. Co.

1/2017 - 12/2018
Mo. Co. Planning Board Approval (12/2017)

1/2018 - 4/2019
Pre-Construction Design, Permitting & Financing

1/2019 - 3/2020
Building Permit Approval (12/2018)
Certificate of Occupancy (3/2020)

Draft Site Plan Development
Council Approval of Draft Site Plan (12/2016)
## Community Planning

### Principles
- Involve all sections of the community
- Work on location
- Visualize
- Communicate
- Spend time and energy
- Spend money
- Local ownership
- Follow up

### Methods
- Public Meetings
- Questionnaires & surveys
- Suggestion boxes
- Interactive Displays
- Street Stalls
- Community Planning Website
- Evaluate & Improve

### Scenarios
- Broad community support
- Government support
- Developer support
- Financeable
- Actionable and real
Methods

Method: **Interactive displays**

People engaging in the issues and debate, on their own and in an enjoyable way, by making additions or alterations to pre-prepared exhibits.

Method: **Street stall**

Makes it possible to secure the views of larger numbers of people than is possible indoors. Particularly useful where the views of people using a particular street or public space are wanted.

Method: **Reconnaissance trip**

The inspection of the environment being dealt with by mixed teams of local people and technical experts. Used to familiarise everyone with the physical environment and key issues at the start of a project and to review progress at intervals.

Method: **Design workshop**

Hands-on sessions allowing small groups of professionals and non-professionals to work creatively together developing proposals.
Methods

Method: Planning days

- Introductions and briefings
- Briefing workshops
  issues and opportunities
- Plenary session
- Lunch and site walkabout
- Design workshops
  options and proposals
- Plenary session
- Next steps
- Presentation/reception

Method: Open house event

Presenting design ideas to the public and securing reactions in an informal manner.
Less structured than a workshop; more interactive than an exhibition.

Method: Architecture and planning centres

Places set up to help people understand, and engage in, the design of local buildings and the built environment.

Method: Community planning event

- Carefully structured collaborative event at which all stakeholders, including the local community, work closely with specialists from all relevant disciplines to make plans for the future of that community or some aspects of it.
Next Steps

- Renaming of Advisory Committee
- Identify 1st meeting location, time, format
- Online feedback