



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – May 8, 2019 Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Washington Adventist Hospital Update by President Erik Wangsness

Recommended Council Action

Hear presentation

Context with Key Issues

Washington Adventist Hospital President Erik Wangsness will provide an update on the move of the hospital to its new White Oak campus. Acute care patients, the Emergency Department and a number of other hospital services will be moved to the new location on August 25, 2019. Other patients and services will be moved to the new location over subsequent months, with the exception of a 24 hour urgent care facility that will remain on the Takoma Park campus.

Council Priority

- A Livable Community for All
- Community Development for an Improved and Equitable Quality of Life

Environmental Considerations

The hospital site is adjacent to Sligo Creek. The existing buildings are not designed to current sustainable environmental standards and there is little stormwater infrastructure on site. Redevelopment of the site would involve requirements to meet current environmental sustainability standards.

Fiscal Considerations

Loss of the hospital represents the loss of the City's largest employer, and reduces the number of employees available to patronize City businesses. Independent City businesses that serve the hospital will be economically affected as well. The site is largely tax exempt and may be added to the tax rolls by FY21, depending on future ownership and use.

Racial Equity Considerations

Loss of the hospital will be particularly difficult for Takoma Park's residents of color and poorer residents. The hospital provided primary, emergency and other care that was easily accessible by bus, walking or car. Takoma Park's senior population, who are more likely to use health care services, is approximately 54% people of color.

Attachments and Links

None.