



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – September 20, 2023 Agenda Item 2

Presentation

Library Construction Update

Recommended Council Action

Receive presentation

Context with Key Issues

Construction on the Library and Community Center Redevelopment Project has been underway since September 2022 with a limited Notice to Proceed (NTP). Because the NTP has been limited in scope until all building permits are issued, the full NTP has been delayed up to this point. The City and our General Contractor, Doyle Construction, have completed the following work to date:

- Removal and storage of solar panels
- Disconnection of gas and water utilities at the construction site
- Hazardous materials abatement
- Interior demolition
- Mosaic removal/storage for preservation until reinstallation on the new building's façade
- Relocation of the Library and Computer Center to 7505 New Hampshire Avenue to provide continuity of service throughout the construction process

We are confident that the full NTP will be issued soon, as the permits are nearly in hand. We are currently using the following timetable:

- **September 18, 2023:** Community Center parking lot will be impacted as we prepare for Doyle Construction to mobilize for the full NTP
- **September 25, 2023:** Doyle Construction may begin mobilizing by this date, at which point residents may see more equipment being brought on site
- **September 25, 2023:** The Recreation Department staff offices are mostly being relocated to 7505 New Hampshire Avenue
- **Late September - October 2023:** Exterior demolition and tree removal will be the first major impacts that residents will see
- **November 2023 – Spring 2025:** Construction will be underway and will proceed with the new Library building and Computer Center, followed by the new meeting space, public restrooms, and Recreation staff offices at the end
- **Spring 2025:** 18 months from the start date, construction and renovation of the Library and Community Center spaces should be completed. This will be followed by relocation of Library and relevant Recreation Department equipment and services back to the site at Maple and Philadelphia Avenues, and then reopening to the public.

Council Priority

Advancing a Community of Belonging
Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Considerations

This project incorporates the sustainability values of Takoma Park and will be seeking LEED Gold certification.

Fiscal Considerations

This project is currently accounted for in the budget through FY25.

Racial Equity Considerations

The redeveloped Library and Community Center will be better equipped to serve the community more inclusively. Improvements include new HVAC systems to better circulate and clean the air, more flexible spaces to study and work with personal devices, a new Computer Center classroom, and new rooms specifically for Teens and programs in the Library. In the interim, the Library and Computer Center are temporarily relocated to a space in Ward 6 where we have closer proximity to residents who have historically had less access to Library services, especially residents who are culturally and linguistically Latino/a/x/e.

Attachments and Links

PowerPoint Slides