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Invitation to the Community To Provide Recommendations in Selection of a

Building Elevation/Design for the Children's Resource Center

January 15, 2014

7:00 - 8:30 p.m.

Mayor and Council Chamber, City of Rockville
111 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, MD 20850



PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The project provides for design and construction of a new Children's Resource Center (CRC), a 41,000 gross square foot building and a 95 space surface parking, at the Broome School site. The Health and Human Services (HHS) CRC must be relocated to the Broome School site because MCPS plans to build a new elementary school at the current site, 332 West Edmonston Drive, which is a former elementary school. The Center will house Early Childhood Services, the Infants and Toddlers Program (staffed by MCPS employees) and Parent Resources Center.

In response to comments received at our last community meeting, on January 15th the project architect will present design alternates for review and comment. Residents stated that any building constructed should have "curb appeal" and be compatible with the neighborhood. In addition, the design should complement future plans for the renovated Broome School as anticipated by MC Public Schools. Community feedback is important and appreciated.

The Children's Resource Center (CRC) is operated by the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) in collaboration with Montgomery County Public Schools (MCPS) and includes:

Early Childhood Services: Provides training, technical assistance, mentoring and onsite consultation for licensed child care programs serving children from birth to age five. This includes administration of the Infants and Toddlers Program.

Infants and Toddlers: Assists families with child developmental and special needs; works with children aged birth to five-years-old and families that reside in Montgomery County, and; provides early intervention services for developmental delays.

Parent Resource Center: Provides preschool opportunities for parents and children from birth to age five on a drop-in basis; and the center promotes school readiness through play and learning activities

COMMUNITY INPUT

In response to previous public comments to following actions have already been taken:

Design: Height and compatibility with Broome School and neighborhood – While the building is three stories, only two stories will be visible from Twinbrook Parkway and existing trees, together with additional evergreen plantings, will screen the rear of the building from Linthicum Street.

Service Drive from Linthicum Street: All access from Linthicum Street was eliminated.

Environmental Features: The majority of existing forested areas will remain undisturbed. Further, more trees will be planted to expand and fill in existing voids in the existing tree line along Linthicum Street.

Tennis Courts, Ball Fields and Playground: The site design will improve access for after-hours use of tennis courts and athletic fields via improved parking and pedestrian sidewalks and ramps.

Traffic: To minimize impact on the community during construction, Montgomery County will include contract requirements and work with the community and the General Contractor to minimize construction activities impact to neighbors and traffic.

Parking: to prevent the potential for on-street parking, site parking was increased from 56 to 95 parking spaces.

County Programs at Broome: Current HHS programs at Broome will be terminated by end of 2015.

For more information, visit the Montgomery County Department of General Services website:
<http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/neighborhoodprojects> and select the link for the Children's Resource Center project, or contact Mr. Kassa Seyoum at kassa.seyoum@montgomerycountymd.gov or 240-777-6114.



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