

**OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY MAYOR FOR
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

PUBLIC MEETING REGARDING
SURPLUS RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO D.C. OFFICIAL CODE §10-801
FOR 1300 H STREET, NE
PARCELS 0097, 0098, 0099, 0100, 0101, 0102, 0103 IN SQUARE 1026
OCTOBER 24, 2013, 6:30 P.M.
SHERWOOD RECREATION CENTER
640 10TH STREET NE
WASHINGTON, DC

PUBLIC COMMENTS

David Holmes:

I am ANC 6A Chair, David Holmes. We did feel we were fully involved in this process. The ANC fought hard not to have the library surplused. We spoke to Council. We wrote letters. We wished that it was library, but that's not going to be the case. The [DC Public] Library doesn't want it, won't stock it with books or personnel. The Deputy Mayor allowed us to sort through, in this room, the various choices, in the public meeting, and the ANC's Committee on Economic Development and Zoning helped choose the final two to submit to DMPED for their choice. I just want to assure you that there has been a public process and the elected officials in the community were involved all the way through. That's all I have to say.

One comment was submitted by e-mail after the public meeting was held:

Victor McKoy:

Thank you for your timely response. It is greatly appreciated.

The site at the corner of 13th and H Street NE and the location of the R.L. Christian Library is a public site that provided an irreplaceable public service to our neighborhood. It provided educational services to a neighborhood with many poor and low income children. Many of the children that utilized this facility do not have access to books or the internet in their homes. The public service provided by this public site will not be replaced in our neighborhood.

Taking into consideration, the possibility of a total loss of public service, deriving from the redevelopment of this site. At this point in the process, neighbors and I ask the city of Washington, DC to allow this site to provide some form of valuable public service to our neighborhood.

Allowing this site to provide a public service, will not prevent the redevelopment of this site at all. It will allow the city to continue to provide a public service and obtain economical growth that benefits everyone in the community. Therefore, we are asking the city to request the developer to consider donating a appreciate area for public service performed by the police department. Please see our suggestion below:

Please have this location redeveloped to have a noncommercial amenity that would cost very little but also attract more police presence. Examples are an area designed for the convenience and security of a police substation or full time bike cop unit. It could include things like secured bike racks, maybe a small room with lockers, etc. This area has late night alcohol sales, high pedestrian traffic, and high automobile traffic. In addition, it will provide a needed visible police presence that will hopefully deter the large number of burglaries to the homes within the area. We think it could also deter the large number of muggings that residents and patrons have experienced in the neighborhood. This will be a valued public service to our neighborhood throughout the future revitalization of H Street.

Please consider our sincere request, forward it to management, and share your thoughts with us.