



ST ELIZABETHS EAST ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MARCH 4, 2015

LOCATION: R.I.S.E. DEMONSTRATION CENTER (2730 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR., AVE., SE)

TIME: 1-3PM

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MINUTES

1. General Project Update

[The District held the first ever East of the River Innovators Awards honoring eight visionaries and their innovative work in Wards 7 and 8. The Award ceremony was held in partnership with the Washington Informer and was a great success! The mission of the awards is to recognize, encourage and celebrate innovators in a variety of industries who are making an impact in communities East of the River in the District of Columbia. The St. Elizabeths East team hopes to hold the award ceremony in years to come.

2. Upcoming Major Events

- Broccoli City Festival- April 25, 2015
- Congress Heights Day- May 2, 2015

3. West Campus Update



The Advisory Board received a presentation by Shapour Ebadi, director of the General Services Administration's Office of Infrastructure and Campus Development, and Lajuan Stevens, General Services Administration's Office of Design and Construction for the St. Elizabeths West Campus. They provided the following update on the St. Elizabeths West Campus:

- GSA has \$155 million for FY14 for an access road along 295 (Sheppard Parkway and Malcom X Interchange). GSA is currently working with the D.C. Department of Transportation (DDOT) and the Federal Highway Administration on the infrastructure improvements. DDOT will be responsible for maintaining the roads. The infrastructure improvements must be complete for the Center Building to be opened.
- GSA also budgeted \$144 million for FY15 to be used to renovate the Center Building on the West campus that will house the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The Center Building is scheduled for completion in May 2017.
- GSA is also working to allocate future funding for the project. The goal is to complete West campus build-out by 2021.
- GSA confirmed that the new DHS facility utilization plan, a cost savings effort, could result in moving FEMA to the West campus instead of the planned FEMA building on the east campus. GSA indicated, however, that it is looking at other federal users to occupy the federal use parcel on the east campus.
- President Obama's budget also calls for \$227 million for a proposed cyber campus. The budget request would cover site acquisition and partial construction and help the federal government expand its cybersecurity efforts. A specific location has not been identified for the center – meaning the center could be located on the East campus. GSA confirmed that no location has been identified for the center.

