



Title: St. Elizabeths East Redevelopment Initiative (SERI) Advisory Board Report

Date: November 4, 2015, 1:00p.m.

Attendees: Lars Erkson (SERI); Brig Owens (SERI); Corey Griffin (SERI); Kimberly Black-King (SERI); Catherine Buell (DMPED); James Parks (DMPED) By Phone - Telaekah Brooks (SERI);

1. Phase One Update

The St. Elizabeths East team provided an update on the redevelopment effort (see presentation). DMPED has negotiated a draft Land Disposition Agreement (LDA) with Redbrick LMD for the first phase of development on the St. Elizabeths East campus. The project team submitted the Surplus and Disposition Resolutions to the D.C. Council at the Committee of the Whole legislative meeting.

The project team also noted that DMPED is working with Events DC and Monumental on the Entertainment and Sports Arena (ESA). For both the Phase One and the ESA, the infrastructure improvements will be crucial for future development. DMPED is working with DGS and DDOT, along with Monumental and Redbrick to begin the Stage One so that the new construction remains on schedule.

The project team has been reaching out to Ward 8 ANCs and the Congress Heights Civic Association in order to give updates and collect comments about the Phase One Surplus and Disposition. ANC 8C has the most weight, in terms of their comments and concerns, so the project team has remained committed to give the most details about the project during those meetings. The project team is also working with Events DC and Monumental on community outreach to provide assistance.

2. Major Event Update

The City First Foundation is hosting a one day Community Development Finance Conference at the R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center November 5, 2015 from 8AM-5PM. Mayor Bowser and Deputy Mayor Snowden will speak, as well as other notable panelists.

The Black Upstart Bootcamp will begin with its November cohort on November 12th. Each Bootcamp convenes a small cohort of competitively selected aspiring African-American entrepreneurs and innovators. The Bootcamp assists them in (a) brainstorming a viable business idea, (b) validating their business idea, (c) building a minimum viable product and (d) testing that product with customers.

3. Feedback/Comments

The advisory board members noted that they are interested in changing the time of the meeting to evenings and adjusting the format to include more community/public engagement.

The advisory board members also expressed interest in bridging the significant resources of private entities to Mayor Bowser's initiatives to help build capacity in the Middle Class.