



Government of the District of Columbia

ADVISORY NEIGHBORHOOD COMMISSION 5C

RESOLUTION

Resolved, the Advisory Neighborhood Commission of 5C has the authority to exercise great weight on the decisions of government agencies, specifically with regards to Parks & Recreation as well as traffic laws and regulations; and therefore shall inform the Office of the Mayor to provide the necessary resources to conduct a feasibility study for the major conversion of the vacant & blighted Thurgood Marshall Elementary School; tentatively named the First Lady Michelle Obama Sustainable Communities Center.

Whereas, the idea to update the school in honor of First Lady Obama was conceived by ANC Commissioner Robert Looper III and was introduced to the community on February 11, 2016 at the Single member District Meeting and was unanimously supported by the community.

Whereas, this school will serve as a full service community educational, professional cultural, health & Wellness Hub for Fort Lincoln and the surrounding communities.

Whereas, The current school has reached a state of blight which includes graffiti, vandalism, water damage, and degradation to major mechanical systems. In addition, the school continues to sit empty and has been a draw for crime, homeless squatting, loitering and devaluing of property in the community.

Whereas, architecturally, the proposed concept will provide a cutting edge design of the façade which would involve glass enclosed atriums with state of the art kinetic building materials that will provide synergy between the proposed conversion of the adjacent park as it relates to the level of artistic influence.

Whereas, operationally, the proposed concept involves breaking out the school into an Educational HUB, Community & Arts HUB and Health & Wellness HUB. More specifically the Education hub could involve the addition of an early childhood charter school partnered with a certificate program to train Early Childhood Professionals, the Community & Arts HUB could involve converting the current multi-purpose room into a studio black box performing arts theater, as well as the addition of a fitness & wellness operator such as YMCA, community meeting rooms revitalization of the indoor pool use of the expansive roof top as a community garden and operational space for Parks & Recreation. The Health & Wellness hub could provide Geriatrics & Urgent Care services as well as potentially offering certificate programs to train students and adults in Healthcare.

Whereas, the concept for the sustainable communities center would require participation from both public and private partners.



Whereas, this commission is requesting the initiation of a feasibility study take place no later than June of 2016, which will help determine the cost, planning, and construction of the project. In addition, involve the ANC in the development of the feasibility study to ensure community input.

Therefore, ANC 5C shall petition the Office of the Mayor, the United States White House, Ward 5 City Council, The City Council of the District of Columbia, District of Columbia Public Schools, Department of Parks & Recreation, Department of Energy & Environment, Department of Housing and Urban Development and the Arts Commission to support the feasibility study and to support the conversion of the school for the aforementioned reuse.

This resolution was presented and approved at a properly noticed meeting of the 5C Commission on the date of _____ at which a majority of () members voted.

Attested by: Robert Looper III, Commissioner, 5C03 *Date*

ANC 5C Chair, Jacqueline Manning Commissioner 5C04 *Date*

ANC 5C Secretary, Gail Brevard, Commissioner 5C01 *Date*

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Attachments:
Appendix A – Proposal Diagram