

This email is in response Cleveland Park Citizen Associations' February 28, 2017, resolution on the proposed Hearst Park and Pool Improvement Project.

Please see below responses to each of the resolutions' requests:

Requests the City Council and the Mayor direct DGS and DPR, before any budgeted funds are spent on pool construction, to complete thorough analysis of the concerns detailed above to assess whether the Hearst Park and Pool Improvement Project will have any negative impact on the environment and whether the site will support a pool, pool deck and pool house without compromising existing recreational functions;

The existing Hearst Pool and Park Project budget allows for funding for civil and structural engineering studies, environmental impact studies, tree assessments, traffic studies, etc.

The selected Architects, Cox Graae + Spack (CGS) for the Hearst Park and Pool project have the experience, expertise, and knowledge necessary for the development of preliminary concepts that are not likely to significantly impact Hearst's trees. To identify specific tree impacts related to each of the three concepts, detailed civil and structural engineering drawings would be required for each concept; such detail will be completed when a concept is chosen.

An arborist, working under the auspices of Cox Graae + Spack, CGS, has surveyed and evaluated trees located within Hearst Park. Additionally, DDOT's Urban Forestry has also completed a preliminary review of the trees. UFA's review provides an added layer of review and transparency for this project.

All of the tree reports are on DGS' website:

<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/hearst-park-and-pool-improvement-project>

The DGS and DPR project team has engaged our partners at the District's Department of Energy and Environment (DOEE). DGS and DPR work closely with DOEE especially when there are concerns about stormwater management. This project will meet all of DOEE's requirements and concerns about stormwater on the Hearst Park.

Based on the concerns we have heard from residents DGS and DPR are investigating the existing stormwater runoff concerns at Hearst Park to determine if there are any short solutions that can be implemented before the project construction commences.

Requests that such analyses and findings be presented to affected ANC's, CPCA, and other relevant neighborhood organizations, and to community residents.

All appropriate reports related to the Hearst Park and Pool project will be posted on the Hearst Page of the DGS website and shared with the community.

Below is a link to the DGS Hearst webpage:

<https://dgs.dc.gov/page/hearst-park-and-pool-improvement-project>

Requests that, in the event these analyses indicate that construction of a pool and attendant facilities at Hearst Park would have an unacceptable negative impact on the environment, or on existing functions and/or the immediate neighborhood, that the current budget appropriation for a Ward 3 pool remain intact, but without specific references to Hearst Park; and that DGS and DPR move with haste to identify an alternate Ward 3 site through a transparent and participatory process.

DPR and DGS will only move forward with the pool project in Hearst Park after extensive studies, as appropriate, are done including: soil studies, arborists' studies, stormwater studies and other analyses.

If the District agencies are not able to obtain permits from DCRA for any of these studies not passing DCRA or DOEE regulations the pool would not be built in Hearst Park.

Requests community input including placing at least two community residents on the planning and design team

The community has and will continue to have adequate opportunities to provide their comments and input on the design for Hearst Park and Pool.