Agenda

- Welcome and introductions – 5 minutes
- Purpose of the community surplus & disposition hearing – 2 min
- Site background and intended purpose – 3 min
- DC Prep Academy presentation – 12 minutes
- Public comment period – 35 minutes
- Conclusion – 3 minutes
Welcome and Introductions

District agencies, government representatives and school leaders in attendance

– Jenn Comey, Director of Planning and Analysis at the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education
– Tiwana Hicks, Interim Director of the Portfolio Division at the Department of General Services
– Wayne Gore, Community Outreach Coordinator at the Department of General Services
– Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio, Chief of External Affairs for DC Preparatory Academy Public Charter School

Special thank you to the ANC commissioners, in particular:

– Commissioner Coleman from 8B04
– Commissioner Steven Tiller from 8A07

Feel free to drop your name and affiliated organization in the chat! Please send to the EVERYONE option, and not All Attendees.

Tonight’s hearing is being recorded and will be included as part of the public record and submitted to DC Council.
Purpose of the Community Surplus & Disposition Hearing

- Purpose of tonight’s hearing is to receive community comments on the proposed surplus & disposition of the former Wilkinson Elementary School, located at 2330 Pomeroy Road SE.

- Designating a property as “surplus” means that the government no longer requires the property for District-operated public uses, including DCPS schools, fire stations, police stations, and District agency office space, etc.

- In 2020, the Mayor introduced the Wilkinson School Disposition Process Amendment Act of 2020. This allows the Mayor to give the right of first offer to purchase, lease, or use the former Wilkinson Elementary School building to a charter school facility incubator or a public charter school that occupied the former Birney Elementary School, in whole or in part, as of October 1, 2020; and allows the Mayor to hold a combined surplus and disposition public hearing instead of two separate hearings.

- Tonight's surplus & disposition hearing is the first step in the process of designating the site as surplus and eventually disposing of the property.
Site Background and Intended Purpose

• According to the 2010 Master Facilities Plan, the Wilkinson building was initially built in 1976 in Ward 8 (see map).

• Wilkinson Elementary School was closed at the end of SY2008-09 and last served grades PK-5 with approximately 440 students. Students were redistricted to Moten Elementary School.

• Per the Wilkinson School Disposition Process Amendment Act of 2020, the District proposes that the Wilkinson building should be designated as a surplus government property and disposed of to either a charter school facility incubator or DC Preparatory Academy, both of whom occupied the former Birney Elementary School, in whole or in part, as of October 1, 2020.
DC Preparatory Academy will share the school’s history and intended use for the site.

Please welcome Neils Ribeiro-Yemofio, Chief of External Affairs for DC Preparatory Academy.
Public Comment

• We would like your thoughts around Wilkinson being designated surplus and disposed of.

• Ways to share your feedback
  > Please share your thoughts in the chat so it can be included in the public record.
  > If you would like to share your thoughts verbally, please raise your hand to be unmuted to share.
    – When you introduce yourself, please clearly state your first and last name and state the organization you represent, if any.
    – Each person will have a total of 3 minutes to deliver their comments. If commentary exceeds 3 minutes, we kindly request that a written draft be submitted so we can fully capture the remarks.

• All comments may be emailed to anc.comments@dc.gov and will be accepted until April 16, 2021.
Conclusion

• Reminder to send any other feedback to anc.comments@dc.gov by April 16, 2021.

Thank you for attending tonight’s meeting!