

Entertainment and Sports Arena Introductory Meeting

10/26/15

R.I.S.E. Demonstration Center
2730 Martin Luther King Jr Ave SE
Washington, DC 20032

Questions (asked during session)

Note: The questions and answers appearing here are a synopsis of those presented during the community meeting. Please feel free to watch the video of the meeting if you wish to hear the questions and answers verbatim. If a question was not answered by Events DC personnel, the respondent of the question is noted (DMPED, Monumental Sports & Entertainment).

- 1. There is a history, when other stadiums have been built, of people being moved out of the neighborhood and schools shutting down, resulting in overcrowded schools. Is that something that will happen here as well?**

DMPED: Our focus is on enhancing this site, which has been mostly vacant for a long time. Through the development efforts that are underway both on this site and throughout the campus, our expectation is that the area, inclusive of schools, will be improved.

- 2. I'm thrilled about the arena and ask that you give presentations to schools so that our students can be educated about what is happening in our neighborhood.**

That is a great idea...consider it done!

- 3. Are you working on the Federal or State side?**

State.

How will you stay inside the gate?

DMPED: The gate will eventually go away and the entire campus will be redeveloped so that there is a natural extension of the neighborhood.

- 4. I would suggest you consider having a walking tour.**

We agree – walking tours are something that DMPED has done and that will continue moving forward.

What will happen to the homeless who are housed here?

DMPED: The Mayor's homeless strategy will discuss and address the homeless that are housed on this campus.

- 5. I'm an 80 year resident of Kingman Park. When sports teams come to town, it is important to engage with the surrounding community, unlike what is being done at RFK. How will this site be different?**

Events DC will own and operate the venue, which is different from other deals where cities construct the building for the team and then walk away. In this deal, we will continue to own the building and Monumental Sports and Entertainment (MSE) will lease the space. It is also worth noting that MSE paid for the Verizon Center; and they will be contributing financially to this deal as well.

- 6. Please provide information about your jobs training program plans. This is a very important issue for this community.**

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We will be engaging in an extensive jobs training program modeled after the program that was implemented at the Marriott Marquis, where we are very proud of our hiring record.

7. What is in it for the community – is there a community benefits program?

A Community Benefits Agreement (CBA) is an important component of this overall effort and we are working on a process to develop one.

8. I'm excited about the stadium and looking forward to the investment being made in this community. I do have concerns about transportation and want to know how you will address the increase in all types of congestion.

This is something that we will look at as well. Transportation related concerns are an important part of the overall St. Elizabeths project, including the Entertainment and Sports Arena. We will be looking at transportation needs and issues as the design process for this stadium unfolds.

9. There has to be a new set of rules for East of the River. We want a displacement free zone for our community.

We appreciate the comment and will ask DMPED to engage in further discussions about the concept.

10. Will there be opportunities for small businesses in this deal?

Yes – absolutely. We plan to exceed the 35% small business contracting requirements.

11. Comment: I recommend that the community put together a memorandum of understanding to outline what it is that we want. We will need to negotiate an agreement and identify the elements of that agreement that are non-negotiable for us.

12. Comment: Please invest in schools so that we continuously enhance and grow the generations that come after us.

13. Comment: Please consider utilizing Project Empowerment and/or graduates of UDC when looking to hire people for this project. The people involved in the Project Empowerment program are hungry and many of them are interested in the types of jobs that will be available as a result of this project.

14. Comment: I started a creative enterprise incubator for media arts, AV production, etc. and welcome anyone who is interested in learning more to contact me at: w8acc.org

15. Comment: I represent ANC 8E. From a CBA perspective, we want a 10 year moratorium on tax increases.

16. How will the money from MSE be spent and how will this benefit the community?

Monumental Sports & Entertainment: We will have an advisory board from Ward 8 who helps us to determine where the \$10 million dollars in community investment should be allocated.

We will also have a higher than 35% subcontracting set aside.

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17. Comment: I recommend that you consider including an early Child Development Center in the plans for the campus.

This is something that will be looked at as it pertains to the other parcels on the campus, but is not something that is included in the Entertainment and Sports Arena effort.

18. You keep saying “proposed” arena. What will it take to move it from proposed to actual?

This will move past the “proposed” state as we undergo the design process and the zoning/regulatory process. Once we have the go ahead and the necessary approvals, we will be able to move to construction. We are still over a year away from that step, however.

19. Are we using the same EIS and traffic study that was done in 2009?

DMPED: The EIS was done for the Master Plan and will not need to be redone. A Traffic Management Plan will be part of the process associated with the proposed arena, and will be specific to that project, while also considering the other development efforts that will take place on the campus.

20. Comment: I recommend that the community develop a CBA that includes the ability for the community to issue an injunction if the District/Events DC/MSE don’t do what they agreed to do as part of the CBA. I also recommend an independent economic evaluation.

21. Comment: I would encourage Events DC to produce a list of upcoming jobs/trades that will be needed as a part of the project so that the jobs training efforts can be tailored to the actual services that are needed.

22. Comment: Please provide a list of procurements when available.