EFTF Meeting 4/20/2023, 8pm

Attendees:

- City of Hyattsville (Jim)
- o Dan Broder
- o Sam Denes
- o Amy Parker
- Claire Tombes
- o Scott Wilson
- Kat Schooley
- o John Imahori
- Joanne Waszczak
- Previous meeting minutes approved

Hyattsville Elementary updates:

- House bill 458 purpose was to provide PGCPS additional funding from the state for the P3 package to include 2 additional elementary schools. They are not in Hyattsville and have been added to the package.
 - Ancillary benefit: state funding is dependent upon having contractor team in place by July 2024. Political opposition that was previously opposed to the P3 Phase 2 package (and eventually backed down after public pressure) and have completely changed course. If the P3 does not move forward, county could lose \$850M in funding.
- Timeline does shift a little Jason Washington will provide update at September 2023 meeting.
 - He has been in touch with principals of all impacted elementary schools.
 - Beginning in September 2023, plan and schematics will be released for Hyattsville (including swing space, bussing plan, construction timeline)
- PGCPS is planning on doing a series of town halls and will reach out to staff to get feedback and to communicate information about the process
 - RFP is dropping in the summer and will include 8 schools
- Swing space plan
 - EFTF will stay on top of coordination and announcement of PGCPS' swing space plan and ensure it gets spread widely
 - Unknown if swing space coordinator has been hired yet Dan will inquire at next meeting with Jason Washington
 - Will invite Jason to May/June EFTF meeting to answer questions from committee directly
 - Potential future ask fund a permanent swing space??
 - Very concerned about geographical location of swing space due to young age of students/developmental issues. Age x geography and age x commute time should be incorporated into the swing space decision matrix/formula
 - What do trailers look like for little kids? i.e. getting coats and outerwear off and on to go outside without interior hallways, adjacent bathrooms for primary and younger grades?

- Groupings of trailers are possible with those amenities it depends on what is purchased or available – would be good to bring this up with next meeting with Jason Washington
- Is there capacity at neighboring schools?

Hyattsville Middle School updates:

- Dan is receiving a lot of complaints from the community about increased truck traffic going to and from HVL HMS.
 - Project is in final stages but trucks are still hauling dirt (fields are being regraded and will continue for a little while) and making deliveries
- Any problems with water runoff?
 - One problem reported last year silt was dumped onto 42nd ave. Problem was remediated and second silt fence was installed.
 - Neighbor mentioned some basement flooding Dan has info on how to submit claims about damage to personal property from construction
 - Scott noticed that the rain gardens seemed to meet capacity (three on the upper west side) with a little bit of hose flushing – concerned about their effectiveness. Dan will check it out and make sure they don't overflow into the street and neighboring homes.
 - North side drainage was removed and curb is higher than the road being replaced concerned about where that water is going
 - Sidewalk is missing on the north
- Are there any ways to celebrate and show gratitude to the neighbors who have endured construction?
 - Cookout party at HMS when the grounds are open? Date should be figured out and announced early so people can plan around it
 - 10-20k of discretionary funds for community needs. Maybe \$500-1k could go towards a cookout?

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- Jim Chandler resigning May 2, joining Alsobrooks development team. Have not figured out who is taking over liaison role for committee meetings but will be communicated soon.

Action Items:

- Ask about swing space plan
- Ask to see stormwater management plan
- Ask about money from discretionary fund to throw a part for neighbors who have dealt with HMS construction
 - Question for council members: are there any discretionary funds that they can contribute to this cause too? Each ward has discretionary funds and decision goes through council
- Ask about viable swing space options that triangulate geographic closeness and accommodate the needs of younger students
- Ask if current operational elementary schools are an option for swing space
- Set up meeting with HES PTA

- Ask about a timeline for swing space coordinator
- Should lay out a timeline for both projects would be good to see a month by month breakdown and share with the City Council could run by Jason and Pam to get feedback