

District Seeks Community Input on Future of RFK Stadium Area

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Capitol Hill area residents will get a chance to weigh in on the future uses of the RFK stadium campus at a community meeting next week.

Events DC, which manages the property, is holding the meeting to give residents a better understanding of the redevelopment process and give them a chance to voice their preferences for the campus, which includes the stadium, the Armory and the surrounding lot. The meeting will be held at 6 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 16 at St. Coletta of Greater Washington (1901 Independence Ave. SE).



Officials from Brailsford & Dunlavey, a property management company hired to help plan future redevelopments at the stadium will also be at the meeting. Pete Kirschner, a spokesperson for Events DC says that Brailsford & Dunlavey are tasked with coming up with short and long-term plans for the future of the site.

“We’ve tasked them with getting a better understanding of what this community wants and what this market can bear,” he said.

Representatives from Events DC say they hope to use the meeting to give community members a better understanding of the redevelopment and planning process, which is limited by restrictions on the property’s lease. The property, which is owned by the National Parks Service, is under a 50-year lease to the District which requires that the land be used for public spaces.

However, Kirschner also stressed that the event is not only an informative meeting for community members, but also a chance for community members to voice their wishes directly to the company in charge of future plans for the site.

“We’ve always had an ongoing conversation with the neighbors and we definitely have an open-door policy with them,” he said. “We’re more than willing to take their suggestions because they’re the ones that are actually in this area.”

In the past, [neighborhood groups](#) have voiced support for putting sports fields at the property or using some of the parking lot space to set up a weekend market. Pete Kirschner, a spokesperson for Events DC, says that they hope to find a balance between these smaller projects and larger, more long-term plans for the site.

Next week’s meeting will be the first of two meetings to discuss the future of the stadium area. Those interested in attending the event are asked to [RSVP online](#).

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