IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WHEATLANDS METRO DISTRICT APRIL 2014 UPDATE REGARDING THE PARCEL OF UNDEVELOPED LAND

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Dear Wheatlands community neighbors:

The March update reported that the YMCA leadership is continuing their due-diligence on the parcel of land on which the recreation center is planned. There is much engineering, architectural, and other planning work, as well as negotiations with the City of Aurora, that has yet to be completed before the YMCA will have a prospective design plan that isn't changing weekly or daily.

When the process gets to the point where the design is stable, the Metro District Board and the YMCA will jointly sponsor a meeting with the Wheatlands community to share the design plan. The Board anticipates that the next public information meeting regarding the recreation center will be scheduled late this summer.

The Park and Recreation Advisory Committee, where Director Jenkins will represent the Wheatlands Metro District Board, will have its organizational meeting later this month.

In related news, the *Recreation Center* page on the *WheatlandsMetro.org* web site is being updated with the accumulated reports from the Board for the last few months. Among the updates is a copy of the final amendment to the City of Aurora zoning ordinance which enables organizations such as the YMCA to apply for a building permit to *construct and operate a recreational facility in residential neighborhoods in certain parts of Aurora*. The negotiations to bring this amendment before the City Council was mentioned in the November 2013 update.

That amendment (Ordinance 2013-50, amending various parts of Section 146 of the City Code) was passed by the Aurora City Council on 18 November; however, it was not until very recently that the Board received a copy of the amendment as signed by the Mayor and other City officials. With that document in hand, the Board will post to the web site the updates which have been read into the record of the District Board meetings since November, but which were held pending confirmation that the City had completed its administrative steps to fully enact the amendment.

Please visit the recreation center page to read the updates. Here's the address: http://www.WheatlandsMetro.org/news-projects/recreation-center

As additional definitive information becomes available, additional update documents such as this one will be presented for inclusion in the minutes at subsequent public meetings of the District Board.

Respectfully yours,

Board of Directors Wheatlands Metropolitan District