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Dear Wheatlands community neighbors:

The April *community update* reported that the YMCA leadership is continuing their due-diligence on the parcel of land on which the Recreation Center is planned. It also reported that the Recreation Center page on the Wheatlands web site would be updated with the accumulated updates which were pending.

The web site now includes all the *community update* documents through April. The address to that page is: <u>www.WheatlandsMetro.org/news-projects/recreation-center</u>

The organizational meeting of the *Park and Recreation Advisory Committee* was held as planned on April 24. Director Tashma attended on behalf of Director Jenkins, who was unable to attend. Of the six *geographic working areas* that were identified by the Board at the September 2013 meeting, residents from three of the *areas* attended the meeting and expressed their desire to serve the community. The committee will meet next at a time which is yet to be determined.

Ms. Armitage from the YMCA provided the representatives in attendance with an overview of the project as it was anticipated at the time of that meeting. Ms. Armitage also explained that the committee will be valued for, among other topics, surveying the Wheatlands community residents for input on specific recreational programming and other considerations identified by the YMCA. A future *community update* will provide more information about the survey.

The three residents who attended that meeting are enthusiastic and interested in serving the Wheatlands community and in providing useful feedback to the YMCA. The District Board encourages other residents who have expressed their interest to serve on this committee, to please contact the office of Ms. Armitage to confirm which of the three remaining *areas* have yet to be represented. The contact information for the YMCA administrative office at the Southshore Lakehouse can be found on the <u>clubhouse</u> page.

Regarding the actual planning and continuing due-diligence for the Rec Center, the architect is working with the engineering company and the City of Aurora to determine the appropriate placement of the building on the parcel, the size and configuration of the building "envelope," and the external considerations regarding parking, landscaping, and so on.

In time, this due-diligence work will result in a set of documents which are referred to as a *Site Plan*. The process of creating the Site Plan includes sharing information with and soliciting input from the Wheatlands community at two public meetings. The YMCA and the Metro District will jointly sponsor these meetings in the upcoming months. Please watch for information regarding the first of these public meetings.

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