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Village Center Projects: FAQ's

Project Information

What projects are being proposed?

The City's Village Center area will be redeveloped to include:

- Construction of a new City Hall and demolition of the existing building.
- Relocating the Public Works facilities to 2101 W. Quincy Avenue in the City of Sheridan (about 10 minutes away). At the new site, several existing buildings will be used and a new office/garage will also be constructed. The current Public Works facilities will be removed.
- Construction of park improvements for John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons.

What is the approximate timeline?

Public Works: Spring 2017 – Winter 2017

City Hall: Summer 2017 – Summer 2018

John Meade Park: Winter 2017 – Summer 2018

Why are these projects necessary?

City Hall: Retrofitting the existing facility is not financially viable. It is nearly 60 years old and lacks standard elements required for a public building. Safety and accessibility are of particular concern, as the current building lacks ADA accessibility, fire sprinklers, and important public safety and security features. It also does not have adequate space for meeting rooms and records storage. A new building will meet the needs of our City and provide accessible community gathering spaces and safety features to protect residents and staff for years to come.

Public Works: The existing Public Works facilities are within the floodplain and lack adequate space to function safely and effectively. The new Sheridan location has sufficient room to house the equipment and personnel needed to maintain our streets and parks for the foreseeable future. Moreover, it is in an industrial zone, a more appropriate setting for these functions. Staff will make operational adjustments to ensure our high level of service continues.

John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons: John Meade Park will be regraded to improve drainage flows and reduce flooding. In addition, wildlife and plant habitats will be improved, and wetland areas will be restored. New facilities will

include a restroom, picnic area, an ADA-accessible playground, and a community performance area.

What benefits will be received by reconstructing the Village Center area?

In addition to the benefits associated with new, modern facilities, building structures will be removed and reconstructed above the 100-year floodplain in compliance with FEMA regulations. Water conveyance will be enhanced to help improve water quality and reduce flooding. Contaminated soils from old underground tanks will be mitigated. Ponds will be dredged to restore wetlands and revitalize habitats. Community open space will be enhanced to provide more opportunities for community events, children to play, and for all visitors to explore natural habitats.

Financial Information

What is the total cost of the projects?

The total cost of the projects is \$11.8M: \$4.7M to acquire and develop the Public Works facility, \$4.5M to construct a new City Hall, and \$2.6M to improve John Meade Park and Alan Hutto Memorial Commons.

How will the projects be funded?

The projects will be funded using Certificates of Participation (COPs). COPs are similar to bond financing and commonly used by municipalities to finance capital projects. The COPs will be paid back over a 25-year period. The City will apply for grants to offset costs as well.

Will my taxes be raised?

No. The City will not be increasing taxes to pay for the improvements.

Getting Involved

Can I participate in the process?

Yes! The City will be hosting a series of public meetings. Notice of these meetings will be posted in advance on the website, in front of City Hall, and in the Village Crier. You can also contact Laura Smith, City Clerk, at lsmith@cherryhillsvillage.com or (303) 783-2732 to find out when the next meeting will be.