

# OUR CITY HAS A HOUSING AFFORDABILITY CRISIS

One out of every four renting households in the District spends more than half its income on rent. Rock Creek West, including Chevy Chase, has the fewest dedicated affordable units in the District -- less than 1 percent of the total. How can we help?

## BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

Chevy Chase DC can't solve the problem alone, but we can be part of the solution! Our well-used, but well-worn, Community Center/Library site is up for redevelopment, to include a new state-of-the-art community center and library, better and more accessible outdoor recreation/relaxation areas, and a significant amount of housing that would welcome a greater range of incomes, ages, and racial diversity to our neighborhood.



Just one option for a new state-of-the-art Library and Community Center on Connecticut Avenue with affordable housing above in new mid-rise 5-6 story buildings designed to fit the neighborhood. There are, of course, many other options. From the ChChDC SAP.

## COMMONS OR CORE, OUR PUBLIC SPACES CAN USE A REFRESH FOR THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

What kind of improvements can we expect?



Regardless of style, new DC libraries are light, welcoming, and attractive, and can even be combined with other uses such as cafes. Latte and a novel, anyone? That's the new Cleveland Park Library on the left and the new West End Library and cafe on the right.



These character studies for the District's recent proposal for the **open spaces** adjacent to the new DC Archives planned for Van Ness would be a definite upgrade for our Civic Core, complementing new up-to-date recreation and play spaces.

# CHEVY CHASE DC CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION

With a redeveloped Community Center/Library site, *we can be part of the solution. And do all these things:*

A secure, light-filled, and accessible *new library and community center* related directly to Connecticut Ave. and the Avalon across the street, right-sized and designed to fit and enhance the neighborhood.

Open space for recreation, conversation, and public gathering that is at least as much as we have now, but *more supportive of a range of activities, more welcoming and accessible, and more attractive.*

Underground parking for cars that leaves the *outdoor public spaces and gardens for people and activities*, not vehicles.

And new apartment homes that will likely bring our neighborhood *increased diversity and inclusion*, while we make *an important contribution to easing the District's housing crisis.*

This won't happen by itself, and it won't be easy. Decision-makers need to hear from YOU that *our community wants the full package: Library/Community Center, AND affordable housing.*

## HOW YOU CAN SHOW SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN CHEVY CHASE

### ANC Survey

A community survey will soon be circulated. Take a few minutes to fill out the survey and tell the ANC and the District that you want it all:

- new state-of-the-art community facilities;
- improved outdoor recreation space;
- and housing, including as much affordable housing as possible

### 'Our RFP'

The city is preparing a Request for Proposals to redevelop the Civic Core site. It wants your views at two "Our RFP" events -- Oct. 14 and 18 at the Chevy Chase Presbyterian Church. Come to both, learn about the possibilities, and be a part of shaping Chevy Chase's future.

This is the chance to *tell the city we want it all – a great community core and affordable housing.* BE A PART OF THE SOLUTION!

### Who we are, and other FAQs

We are neighbors who believe in a vital and inclusive Chevy Chase and an equitable DC, including members of Washington Interfaith Network (WIN) Ward 3, and Ward3Vision. Find out more here:

