



Community Notice

King Open and Cambridge Street Upper School & Community Complex Update

Dear Neighbor,

The relocation of the Cambridge Public Schools District Administration Offices from Thorndike Street to the project site was considered as part of the feasibility study for the King Open and Cambridge Street Upper Schools & Community Complex.

The inclusion of the CPS Administration Offices has been considered as a programming and design element through Schematic Design, and after a detailed review of cost, zoning, net zero, community feedback, and other related issues, the final determination by the City has been made to include CPS Administration Offices on the site. The project includes the complete demolition of all existing structures on the northern side of the site at 850 Cambridge St and the construction of a new facility. The project boundary is approximately the walking path between the existing school building and Donnelly Field. In addition, the basketball courts, seating area, and play area at the Frisoli Youth Center will be redesigned and rebuilt as part of the project. All programs currently on the site will be incorporated into the new building, including King Open School, Cambridge Street Upper School, Human Services Preschool, Extended Day and Community School programs, Valente Library, and Gold Star Pool. The district offices for Cambridge Public Schools will also be added to the program on the site.

The addition of the CPS Administration Offices to the site is not anticipated to impact open space, function of the school buildings or community areas, or overall timeline of the project. A separate entrance and exit for the offices will be located on Berkshire Street as to not interfere with students or overall function of the site programming.

As parking was a top concern for residents in the area, the decision to include the CPS Administration Offices on site took into account the addition of the underground parking garage and other accommodations that will be made for teacher and administration staff as to not significantly burden already constricted parking in the area. Additional traffic and impact study information will be shared at the next Community Meeting on Thursday, May 26th.

The City is pleased to be able to incorporate the CPS Administration Offices into the site and solve a long-standing need for school department employees.

Information and Assistance

To receive future updates via email regarding this project, please contact Dan Riviello at driviello@cambridgema.gov or 617.349.4825. To view more information on this project such as updates, documents, etc., please visit www.cambridgema.gov/KOCUS.

Regards,

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