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Subject: Media inquiry: Walton Street Pool update

Hi David,

The City of Asheville Parks & Recreation Department is working with a representative group of Southside stakeholders to plan a public engagement process in order to develop and redevelop programs, services and facilities that meet the community recreational needs for residents in the Southside area.

The information gathered through the process will be used to design the new facilities for Walton Park and the second phase of the Grant Center. Community members of the team are providing process facilitation with the support of [Social Profit Strategies](#) using the [Circle Forward](#) model.

It has been the experience of City staff and community organizers that community members have the most knowledge and understanding of how to get their neighbors out to participate in the discussions that most impact their lives. The Southside stakeholders group is acting as a Community Engagement Team to plan and conduct a series of outreach events and other strategies to be implemented in October 2016. The Team will determine what the outreach strategies are, where and when they happen and what the format and message will be. They will participate in the implementation of all aspects of the plan and provide leadership during events. Some strategies that have been discussed so far are town hall-format meetings and developing and distributing information flyers. The group will have more information about the process in the next couple of weeks.

Best,

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Over the course of the summer I've received questions from various community members about where things are with the Walton Street pool, especially the schedule for the upcoming renovations. What's the timeline look like on those changes? Have any of the plans changed recently?

Best,

David