

City Council Update - October 23, 2018

Thank you for providing us with an opportunity to update you on our activities since August regarding the proposed Ambulatory Surgical Center on the Lawrence Memorial Hospital Campus and to respond to the matters included in the City Council's September 11, 2018 Resolve.

We would like you to know we have been working closely with the City of Medford and local residents to address questions raised by the community. Specifically, we would like to update you on the following:

1. We are committed to hosting large public forums to present comprehensive information in response to the questions raised by the community, the City Council and city officials.
 - These meetings will be widely publicized in coordination with the Mayor's Office and promoted through our project website, automated community calls, and emails to the email distribution list of nearly 200 residents.
 - The schedule will take into account the ability to provide a detailed analysis on traffic, parking and building location as requested by the City Council and the community. It will also take into account our ability to meet with the newly created community advisory group to help advise us on properly addressing the issues of most importance to the community. We hope to share soon when we anticipate the next community meeting.
 - In addition to the public forums, we are happy to present resulting information from the traffic, parking and building analysis to the city council at an agreed upon date, and of course, with the Mayor's office, with whom we are working collaboratively on the study.
2. As stated above, we have created a community advisory group with the goal of having diverse community representation at the table when planning communications and engagement for these meetings to ensure community questions and concerns are properly addressed in these public forums. The community advisory group does not replace community-wide meetings.
3. We are working with the City of Medford and a third-party traffic engineering firm on a Transportation Access and Impact Study. The study will evaluate the surrounding transportation infrastructure in connection with the proposed Ambulatory Surgical Center and other future Lawrence Memorial Hospital services. We have posted this information on our project website and the results will be shared in a public community meeting.
4. Analysis continues on the possible on-campus location of the Ambulatory Surgery Center. We hope to share an update with you and the community soon.
5. We have created a project website to share relevant announcements with the community at large. The website, which has received more than 700 unique page views to-date, is located at www.MelroseWakefield.org/VisionLMH. All currently available information about the proposed Ambulatory Surgery Center project is posted on the website and regularly updated.
6. We have an email list of nearly 200 residents who have requested to be kept informed about the project. Since August (a period of 10 weeks), 11 emails have been sent out about project-related announcements. Additionally, we respond to all follow-up questions raised by residents. Anyone interested in signing up for our email list can do so by visiting www.melrosewakefieldhealth.org/VisionLMH or emailing community@melrosewakefield.org.
7. An engagement plan outlining these efforts has been submitted to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and shared with the coordinator of the Ten Taxpayers Group of abutters. It can also be found DPH website.