

Envision Adams Morgan Survey Comments for Marie Reed

Comments specific to Marie Reed

- Now that Marie Reed Elementary School is in the motion for school renovation, it is the time to collect all community efforts to keep Marie Reed Community Center Services united and improved. It would be a devastating blow to Adams Morgan Community to let this chance pass.
- More nightlighting, and more consistent schedule for nightlighting at Marie Reed soccer field.
- Renovate Marie Reed, Bring more programs to Reed for afterschool- partner with DPR to give Reed students swim lessons; have local musicians help form a school band; etc. Have DPR offer a GOOD summer camp at Reed - especially the VERANO Spanish camp since Reed is a Spanish bilingual school
- Offer more adult recreation classes at Marie Reed Center, similar to other centers in the city, for instance pottery, painting, yoga, crafts, etc.
- Build a new Marie Reed School and Community Services Center that are net-zero buildings, creating through renewable energy sources, including ground-source (geothermal) heating and cooling, as much energy as they consume, and recycle the buildings' graywater to use for toilets and irrigation. Integrate information on healthy food and a healthy planet into PreK-5 education in our two elementary schools. Provide 'wrap-around' social services to families of H.D. Cooke and Marie Reed students to help them support their schoolchildren's' education.
- Marie Reed needs to be rebuilt as a welcoming community amenity for people of all ages. Right now it's just shabby, and as a result has few in-boundary students.
- Fix the Marie Reed site to promote a full stretch of continuous life and retail along 18th street.
- Add the missing community facilities (e.g., library, senior citizens center) to the modernized Marie Reed.
- Include ample green space in Marie Reed's modernization. Huge area goes unused for most of the day, and kids may benefit from more green space rather than concrete and asphalt. Move the play areas inside with open roof areas, and let the community enjoy Marie Reed as well. The jungle gym area is an inefficient use of space.
- Improve the Marie Reed center outdoor facilities for young children play. Offer more young child educational and play activities on the weekends at Marie Reed and neighborhood parks (e.g., Kick Are For Kids youth soccer at Pierce Park Sunday mornings).
- The full updating of Marie Reed Center to make the aquatic facility (while smaller) to be the same caliber as the one at Wilson HS run by the city.
- Marie Reed should have been redone to be rid of the outdated open pan concept that is disliked and discredited in favor of a multi story school with a public library on the corner and some storefront retail. Newer pool and other facilities are needed there were there is ample space -- and multi story would better match the surrounding 3 story row house image.
- Better use and advertisement and improvement of Marie Reed Rec Center and pool.
- Regular maintenance of tennis courts and other parks/fields.
- Open the Marie Reed pool on the weekends for lap swimming.

- Light the soccer field, and tennis and basketball courts - love having people around and playing
- I primarily use the swimming pool at Marie Reed - overall the facility is well maintained and staffed.
- The improvement of the Marie Reed soccer field has been great!
- The Marie Reed center could use some clean up and general care. It is quite run down and often very dirty. Also, the workers there (especially indoor pool) just generally seem not to care.
- Replace Marie Reed with a modern building and upgraded pool facilities.
- I wish the pool was outside and more accessible. The blacktop on the basketball courts could use some updating.
- I'd love to see a public library in AM, and there's still work to do to improve Marie Reed.
- Would be nice to have a library as part of a mixed use redevelopment of the Marie Reed Center, with market rate, senior and affordable housing as well as shops and underground parking. There's no library anywhere close by. Such a redevelopment would be great to rejuvenate the neighborhood.
- Marie Reed should be renovated to reflect the prosperity of the city - the pool and facilities would provide a huge service to the neighborhood. Also, Marie Reed needs to catch up to Ross development wise. There are many young families that would like to stay in the area and send their children to public school but can't because we are zoned for Marie Reed and its just not there yet
- Overhaul of Marie Reed center to incorporate all of the above with some stunning green/urban architecture that dc currently has very little of. A larger building set back from street. Park space facing 18th. Keeping new soccer field that was installed. Incorporate non profit space. Day care. A large library/Hacker space with nice views of the city and perhaps dc's first library with a cafe incorporated into the space would be nice. Also can adams morgan pull of free neighborhood wifi?
- Renovate the Marie Reed School and Playground
- Rebuild Marie Reed with a new pool that has proper drainage in locker rooms and other sanitary amenities, shower curtains and stalls, a bigger pool if possible; consider co-locating an Adams Morgan branch of the DC library at the new community center that is rebuilt. A nice center to look at for multi-purposes is Raymond, they have nice classroom for exercise and educational classes. Especially consider improving and expanding the swimming pool.
- Recycling center by Mary Reed would also be appreciated.

Comments on Community Services that could be considered for Marie Reed

Community Spaces

- Use school spaces for community events during non school hours.
- Need more large community meeting facilities.
- Allow schools to be used for non-profit and community facilities,

Library

- Is there a library in Adams Morgan?
- I feel like it'd be nice to have a library closer than the Mount Pleasant and Cleveland Park branches.
- We need a library!
- Local library.
- It would be nice to have a local library but Cleveland Park and Columbia Heights aren't too far.
- Add a library to the community
- Building a local library in AdMo would be a wonderful anchor for our neighborhood.
- I would also advocate for a library to be dedicated in the Adams Morgan area that is a central gathering point for many community activities as it is Tenley, Petworth, Georgetown, etc.
- Would really appreciate a community library in the area as well, and care for the parks and green spaces
- Library: Have at least a satellite library with vol. reading to children and w computer access for poor.
- Adams Morgan could use a mobile library in the immediate neighborhood
- Does Adams Morgan have a local library? I'm not aware of one. The closest one to me is Cleveland Park, but it's not convenient enough so I do not go.
- Adams Morgan should have its own branch library which can also serve as a community space.
- Would be great to get a library
- We don't have a library in Adams Morgan so it would be great to have a satellite library of some kind.
- Regarding a local library, repurpose and rehabilitate an existing space like the police and sun trust building on the corner of Columbia and 18th.
- A library would be great
- Bring a library to adams morgan.
- We need a library in Adams Morgan, so an improvement would be the creation of one, maybe in the old Payless Shoes space on Columbia Rd.
- More libraries and community spaces.
- Would love to see a library
- The closest library is in Mt Pleasant. If there were one closer (even a storefront library in the old Old Jerusalem spot, for example) would be amazing.
- Establish a library in adams morgan that would also have community programs (eg storytime, visits by school children). The building could be used for non-profit and community programs as well as the usual library programs (speakers, movies etc).
- I wish there were a library in Adams Morgan proper! Mt. Pleasant and Cleveland Park are a tad far away if I just want to drop off a book quickly.
- build a library in Adams Morgan

- It would be great to have a library in the neighborhood.
- Having a public library branch that is in Adams Morgan or walking distance would be fantastic.
- Would be nice to have a library
- It would be wonderful to have an AM library branch.

Community Composting / Recycling

- Support a real recycling program in the schools that also reaches out to families and the larger community.
- Create a multi-purpose center for recycling/reuse re reclaimed wood, bricks, other building supplies.
- Local sites where recycling is accessible and that the waste is actually recycled.
- Create more special recycling opportunities.
- We definitely need free neighborhood composting and recycling facilities/drop offs.
- I live in a rowhouse without a yard and would love to have someplace in the neighborhood to drop off food scraps, etc. for composting.
- Public composting boxes or bins (many apartment dwellers can't contain compost), work with local/city farmers to utilize the waste.
- Recycling is not encourage as much as it should be in DC in general. People still laugh at the idea. Educational pubic displays and outreach when possible (in spanish and english) could happen more often and regularly. This could include local school kids. A public exhibit of children presenting benefits and facts on waste/recycling. Education has always been important in changing the habits of a community.
- Easier access to recycling venues, cans, compactors.
- The ANC had been hosting electronics and household hazardous waste recycling days a few years back but I hadn't heard anything else about it. Those are really helpful if you don't have a car but need to get rid of that stuff.
- Better options for recycling/composting
- Make composting easy for us. Would love to try it but don't know of any decent/affordable options.
- Composting - there should be city-wide, free composting
- Also, the District really needs a community composting pickup service
- Better education about recycling and composting options and processes.
- I believe the city should have a residential compost program akin to that in other major cities, for instance San Francisco.
- A voluntary community composting initiative could be started if land were available to do it.
- Neighborhood composting program
- I'd like a place to bring compost
- A bigger community garden or composting programs would be nice.
- Introduce/lobby for composting bins alongside city trash removal.
- A public accessible compost drop-off option would be fantastic.

- Have a community composting group,
- Community composting.
- More sites to give gently used items; the only one I know of is the drop off at 18th and California, but that is only meant for clothes.

Recreation / Facilities

- And indoor play spaces for kids - either DPR or commercial like the Playseum in Eastern Market.
- Better playgrounds.
- Improve parks, playgrounds, and fitness facilities so that people can enjoy the neighborhood without paying \$200/month to go to one of the many gyms in the area.
- Open a public gym with workout equipment.
- The playgrounds need to be renovated.
- More infrastructure for children. Better hours for recreation services.
- I would love an outdoor pool closer to Adams Morgan.
- Offer more young child educational and play activities on the weekends at Marie Reed and neighborhood parks (e.g., Kick Are For Kids youth soccer at Pierce Park Sunday mornings).
- More Programming at Parks
- More live music at 18th and Columbia with green space added.
- More fun opportunities to be a community--jazz in a park, outdoor movie screenings, etc.
- Parks and rec needs more community involvement and programs. The parks in Adams Morgan should have more events and programs for people of all ages.
- I would like to see more community events in the park, plazas and at the school in our community. Health organizations, entertainment, participatory creative arts, etc.
- Update play equipment and play spaces at neighborhood playgrounds.
- Improve parks, playgrounds, and fitness facilities so that people can enjoy the neighborhood without paying \$200/month to go to one of the many gyms in the area.
- The playgrounds need to be renovated.
- Regular maintenance of tennis courts and other parks/fields.
- I would love access to a public space where residents could use small portable grills or installed public grills for picnicking.
- Allow boot camps to operate in the city parks

Community Gardens

- The addition of a community garden would be wonderful, but the question is, "where"?
- Help make community gardening and healthy food options available (or if they are available, make the community aware of them.)
- Community garden. bring back the one at Walter Pierce Park. Work with Park Service/Zoo to take over land on Adams Mill Road for community gardens
- Community garden program needed
- A bigger community garden or composting programs would be nice.

- More community garden space, larger farmers market.
- Start a community garden in the heart of Adams Morgan.
- I don't know if Adams Morgan has a community garden, but I would love to be a part of one if I could find one in the neighborhood.
- More community gardens
- Would like to see more community gardens and the poor water quality improved on
- Facilitate more community gardens with low fees to encourage apartment dwellers with little to no outdoor space to grow their own food, and keep parks clean.
- Would love a bigger community garden;

Education

- Create a magnet program at the local elementary school that kids who are prepared to learn are able to learn.
- More outdoor, active, nature related time for early childhood education. More art, music, and sports time for all kids.
- Now that the new school boundaries are being implemented, it would be great to have more of a community presence at the new IB schools to ensure they are providing quality options for the neighborhood's kids.
- It would be neat if there were a tutoring center, so folks from the community could come and help kids with their homework.
- More community programs at local Recreation Centers. They can be a paid service but at a minimal cost.
- We should strive to make our two elementary schools the best possible.

Senior Services

- Make the Ward 1 Senior Service Centers fully wheelchair-accessible. Why does DC Office on Aging contract for inaccessible brownstones that people cannot use?
- Have senior programs at the DPW facilities. We used to have a senior exercise class at Girard Street, but the money dried up.
- We need an Adams Morgan Seniors' "Village" established, if it hasn't already.
- Create an Adams Morgan Village (independent living)
- Perhaps a "Village" such as the ones in Dupont Circle and Glover Park to assist Seniors
- Add the missing community facilities (e.g., library, senior citizens center) to the modernized Marie Reed.
- Senior Services: Work with the new renovated Potters House to have groups for seniors, children, mothers with infants, toddlers for them to share together and let seniors be in-place grand parents. Start organizing for an "Aging in Place" community like these in Dupont Circle, Cleveland Park, Capital Hill and Arlington, Va. I'll help work on it as a volunteer and I have three other vol who want to work right now on it.