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City of Durham Purchases Property for Police HQ

April 16th Community Visioning Session Set

What: New Durham Police Headquarters Complex Community Visioning Session

Who: City of Durham General Services Department

When: Thursday, April 16, 2015 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Where: Durham Convention Center
301 W. Morgan St.
Durham, N.C. 27701

Fast Facts:

- The City of Durham has completed the purchase of two properties for the site of the new Durham Police Department Headquarters. Following the completion of environmental testing, the City paid \$5.49 million for a 4.5 acre block on East Main Street as well as an additional \$200,400 for a small parcel at the corner of Elizabeth and Hood Streets where the former Not Just Wings now sits.

- To prepare for building and site design, the City's General Services Department, which will oversee the overall construction process, is holding a Community Visioning Session to find out what's important to the community. Discussion may include topics such as:
 - Impact on Main Street
 - Pedestrian Experience

- Site and Neighborhood
 - Landscape and Open Space
 - Future Retail and Development
 - Connectivity to Downtown
 - Architectural Expression and Design
 - Security of the Facility
 - Parking
 - Site History
 - Other issues important to participants
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- The new Durham Police Headquarters Complex is necessary because the current headquarters no longer meets the critical needs of the Durham Police Department or the Durham Emergency Communications Center due to size, condition, configuration and operational needs of the current building.
 - The \$62 million project will consolidate police functions currently housed in multiple locations as well as provide a secure parking deck. The new complex will include all Police and Emergency 911 functions currently housed at the existing police headquarters as well as District 5, Forensics Services Unit, Property and Evidence, Domestic Violence Unit, and the Durham Emergency Communications Center. The project is anticipated to be under construction in early 2016, with completion in late 2017.
 - For residents and stakeholders unable to attend the community visioning session later this month, the meeting will be recorded and available on the [project website](#) and on the City's [YouTube](#) channel. Updates throughout the course of the project will also be available on the [project website](#) as well.
 - Questions and inquires about the project may be directed to General Services Assistant Director Jina Propst at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21284 or by [email](#), or to General Services Senior Construction Project Manager Trish Creta at (919) 560-4197, ext. 21258 or by [email](#).

About the General Services Department

The [City of Durham General Services Department](#) creates, manages and maintains City properties to provide best value to the Durham community. The core business functions include:

Administration/Business Services, Facilities Operations, Landscape Services, Urban Forestry, Real Estate, Project Management, Cemeteries, and Keep Durham Beautiful. As guided by the City's [Strategic Plan](#), General Services serves as a steward of the City's physical assets. Through annual and long-range facility planning activities, the department plans, provides, and maintains the City's facilities infrastructure, which supports the community's quality of life and serves as a foundation of a healthy economy.

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