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Leggett, StonebridgeCarras, and Police Chief Manger Join Other Officials for New 2nd District Police Station Groundbreaking Ceremony

Montgomery County Executive Isiah Leggett today participated in a groundbreaking ceremony for the new 2nd District Police Station. This project results from a public-private partnership between Montgomery County and StonebridgeCarras, LLC, who is constructing the new facility at 4823 Rugby Avenue in Bethesda.

“The building of the much-needed new 2nd District Police Station represents a close working relationship between the needs of the County and the reality of the value of commercial property in Bethesda,” said Leggett. “This project is a win for everyone and it illustrates our continued commitment to smart growth policies by making the most of how we use our publicly-owned land.”

Joining Leggett at the ceremony were: County Council President Nancy Floreen, County Councilmember Sidney Katz, Police Chief J. Thomas Manger and Director of the Department of General Services David Dise.

Montgomery County and StonebridgeCarras, LLC, a Bethesda-based real estate firm, developed the public-private partnership following a public solicitation through which the County sought to leverage the value of the current station site, located in a prime commercial location in the heart of downtown Bethesda, for a new facility at a different location in Bethesda.

Under the terms of the public-private partnership, StonebridgeCarras will design and construct the new, state-of-the-art facility and in return, the County will transfer the current site on Wisconsin Avenue to StonebridgeCarras, who will redevelop that property, contributing to the vibrant downtown Bethesda business district.

“StonebridgeCarras is very excited to be developing the new, state of the art, 2nd District Police Station in Bethesda,” said Douglas M. Firstenberg, Principal of StonebridgeCarras. “We are pleased to have been selected for this most important public-private partnership and it is another wonderful example of a successful development partnership with Montgomery County. As we complete the 2nd District Station for the police next year, StonebridgeCarras is also looking forward to the redevelopment of the current station, bringing an exciting new addition to such an important corner in Bethesda, Maryland.”

The original 2nd District station, located at 7359 Wisconsin Avenue, built in 1961, no longer meets modern law

enforcement operational requirements. The cost and effort to renovate the existing facility are extensive and would not ultimately contribute to the economy of the Bethesda central business district.

“Our current 2nd District station has been in use for 55 years,” said Chief Manger. “It is functionally obsolete in just about every way one can think of. This new 2nd District will retain the only positive attribute that is still present at our current building, and that is its location in downtown Bethesda.”

The new station will be built on a vacant lot and will utilize existing parking at the adjacent Woodmont-Rugby Garage (County Garage #35). The new facility will be a four-story, 38,000-square foot structure meeting green building and sustainability goals, energy guidelines, and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project will comply with Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) guidelines for LEED Silver certification.

Designed by the firm of Michael Baker International and to be constructed by Smoot Construction Company, the new 2nd District Station is projected to open in the spring of 2017.

The 2nd District Police Station serves areas of Bethesda, Potomac, Pike District/White Flint, Somerset, Chevy Chase, Kensington, Garrett Park and parts of Silver Spring.

The current command staff of the 2nd District Station includes: Commander David Falcinelli and Deputy Commanders Lieutenant Thomas Jacocks, Lieutenant Jonathan Heiderich and Lieutenant Oneil Ormsby.

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